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## **Forestry machinery — Portable chain-saws — Engine performance and fuel consumption**

*Machines forestières — Scies à chaîne portatives — Puissance et  
consommation de carburant du moteur*



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## Introduction

The first edition of ISO 7293 was elaborated from 1979 to 1980 according to the special conditions of chain-saws at that time. Extensive measurement experiences not only at manufacturers but also at test stations revealed that the test procedure given in ISO 7293:1983 is no longer appropriate due to advanced developments.

The test procedure given in ISO 7293:1983 required an intermittent test run repeated over a specified range of rotational frequency. Within this range, one data print had to be recorded at every  $10 \text{ s}^{-1}$  increment. The necessary reading had to be recorded within 50 s to 60 s after the application of full load. This sequence was then followed by 1 min of running with idling.

According to gathered experiences, this intermittent procedure has several disadvantages:

- the repeatability is poor due to the unstable test conditions: the temperature, and therefore the performance, is not steady within the defined time frame in which the test data have to be recorded;
- some machines have problems during idling due to the coupled masses of the dynamometer;
- the measuring time is lengthened due to the additional idling modes.

In the steady-state procedure given in this International Standard, the power curve is measured over the same range of rotational frequency. After the torque and temperature have stabilized, all necessary data for the performance and the fuel consumption measurement have to be taken.

After recording the data, the next point on the power curve has to be measured without returning to idling. Due to the close temperature correlation from the previous point to the subsequent point, the stabilized conditions are reached in a much shorter time than in the previous procedure.