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This standard was developed to help reduce the risk of injury to operating personnel and laymen who may come into contact with a stand-alone platen press.

The B65 Committee was accredited by the American National Standards Institute in 1983 to serve as the coordinator of graphic arts standards activities. B65 develops safety standards for the printing and publishing industry.

The B65 Committee recommends the voluntary adoption and use of this standard by the printing industry and its suppliers. It is hoped that individual companies will not only use it in the purchase of new equipment, but will also apply the requirements of this standard during any major change or alteration to existing equipment.

It is recommended that this standard, or applicable parts of it, be referenced in purchase orders for press equipment, when appropriate, thus making its provisions a part of the purchase contract.

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### **Safety standard — Stand-alone platen presses**

#### **Introduction**

The purpose of this standard is to reduce the risk of injury to operating personnel working on stand-alone platen presses. To accomplish this objective, it was decided that in addition to specifications for controls, the standard should address the most significant hazards encountered during use of stand-alone platen presses. The process of establishing guarding standards is complicated by the wide variety and size of equipment currently operating. To make the effort manageable, it was decided to address the most significant hazards, namely, those hazards created by point of operation of manually fed platen presses and specific concerns due to the use of a flywheel, in an effort to establish design and operation guidelines and practices for the broadest categories of presses.

Nevertheless, hazards may remain and even strict compliance with the guarding requirements of this standard does not guarantee that all injuries will be prevented.

To accomplish its objective and to address residual hazards the committee felt it was necessary to prescribe basic safe operating practices and training requirements.

#### **1 Scope**

This standard is intended to reduce the risk of injury due to mechanical hazards for the operator and layman who may come into contact with the stand-alone platen press.

This standard provides operational and mechanical safety specifications for the design and use of webfed and sheetfed stand-alone platen press systems intended for diecutting, embossing, foil stamping and/or printing of paper, board and other materials processed in a similar manner.

This standard applies to presses with a flat bed and platen (formerly known as job platen presses) driven by electro-mechanical means, often in conjunction with one or more flywheels.

This standard does not include mechanical power presses as covered under ANSI B11.1 and referenced in OSHA 1910.217, or presses powered by pneumatic or hydraulic means. It does not cover presses designed to handle metal material other than foil.

#### **2 Effective date**

The provisions of this standard shall become effective one year from the date of approval by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

#### **3 Field of application**

##### **3.1 New equipment**

The requirements of this standard shall apply to all newly manufactured platen presses installed in the United States.

Presses contracted for sale prior to the approval date or delivered prior to the effective date of this standard shall be considered as existing presses and shall meet the requirements of Section 3.2.