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Foreword

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The primary objective of this standard is to minimize hazards to personnel associated with machine activity by establishing requirements for the manufacture and use of these machines. To accomplish this objective, the committee decided to approach the problem of machine safety as follows:

The committee developed a list of hazards typical of VCIMM and listed these in clause 6 of this standard. For each hazard identified within the scope of the standard, the committee assessed the potential severity of injury related to the hazard, the frequency of exposure to the hazard, and possible avoidance. This process involved discussion among the committee, and resulted in the recommended preventive control measures included in clauses 7 through 10 inclusive and additional Annex reference materials. Compliance with this standard is considered to adequately control hazards identified in clause 6. Other hazards not listed in clause 6 that can occur with VCIMMs may require additional risk reduction measures not included in this standard.

This standard is a revision of American National Standard ANSI/SPI B151.29-2003 - Safety Requirements for the Manufacture, Care, and Use of Vertical Clamp Injection Molding Machines. The standard was revised because:

- some paragraphs required modification for clarity and intent;
- additional details on electrical requirements were added;
- additional explanatory material and illustrations were added;
- additional definitions were required;
- some paragraphs required modification and other paragraphs were added to conform more closely to changes in technology.

To assist in the interpretation of these requirements, responsibilities have been assigned to the supplier, the remanufacturer, the modifier, and the user. The project on safety requirements for the manufacture and use of vertical clamp injection molding machines was initiated under the auspices of the Injection Molding Committee of the Machinery Division, and the Safety Committee of the Molders Division, of SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association. Both divisions of the SPI have long been concerned with operator safety on plastics processing equipment. Accordingly, each of the divisions has established a standards development committee charged with the task of establishing necessary standards.

A standard treating the manufacture and use of vertical clamp injection molding machines is complicated by the wide variety and sizes of machines manufactured and in use, and by the virtually infinite combinations of parts being produced, the production methods used, and the operating conditions existing in industry today.

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This committee recommends that suppliers complete and implement design changes for new machines and machinery systems within 18 months of the approval of this standard.

The committee recommends that users evaluate whether existing machinery and machinery systems have acceptable risk within 18 months of the approval date of this standard using generally recognized risk assessment methods. If the risk assessment shows that modification(s) is necessary, refer to the requirements of this standard to implement risk reduction measures (protective measures) for appropriate risk reduction.

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To achieve uniform interpretation, it is imperative to read and understand the definitions (clause 3) of this standard.

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STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

1 Scope, Purpose, and Application

1.1 Scope

The requirements of this standard shall apply to Vertical Clamp Injection Molding Machines (VCIMMs) that process plastic materials and inject said material into a mold(s) held closed by a vertically acting clamp.

VCIMM suppliers and users shall use the risk assessment process in the manufacture, care, and use of the machinery.

Deviations from the requirements of this standard shall be based on a documented risk assessment.

Safety requirements for the use of ancillary equipment or molds for VCIMM are not covered by this standard.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to identify and address known hazards to personnel working on, or adjacent to, a VCIMM.

1.3 Application

The user shall ensure that the use of a VCIMM shall be in conformance with the requirements of clause 9.

EXPLANATORY INFORMATION

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In developing the requirements of this standard, the committee used the risk assessment process. A list of hazards common to VCIMMs appears in clause 6 of this standard. For each hazard identified within the scope of the standard, the committee assessed the potential severity of injury related to the hazard, the frequency of exposure to the hazard, and possible avoidance. This process involved discussion among the committee, and resulted in the recommended risk reduction measures included in clauses 7 through 10 inclusive and additional reference material in the annexes. Compliance with this standard is considered to adequately control hazards identified in clause 6. Other hazards not listed in clause 6 that can occur with VCIMMs should be evaluated using the risk assessment process and may require additional risk reduction measures not included in this standard.

See ANSI B11.0 for comprehensive information on the risk assessment process.