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This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This Part 2-8 is to be used in conjunction with the first edition of IEC 62841-1 (2014).

This Part 2-8 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 62841-1, so as to convert it into the IEC Standard: Particular requirements for hand-held shears and nibblers.

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Part 2-8: Particular requirements for hand-held shears and nibblers

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

Addition:

This part of IEC 62841 applies to hand-held **shears** and **nibblers**.

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

Additional definitions:

3.101

shear

tool intended for shearing of metal sheets, plates and strips

3.102

nibbler

tool intended for punching of metal sheets, plates and strips

4 General requirements

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

5 General conditions for the tests

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

5.17 *Addition:*

*The mass of a **shear** includes the shear blade.*

*The mass of a **nibbler** includes the die holder and the punch.*

6 Radiation, toxicity and similar hazards

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

7 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

8 Marking and instructions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

8.14.2 b) Addition:

101) Information on the maximum thickness of sheet metal(s) that can be cut.

9 Protection against access to live parts

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

10 Starting

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

11 Input and current

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

12 Heating

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

12.2.1 Addition:

The tool is operated continuously for a period of 30 min. The temperature rises are measured at the end of the 30 min.

13 Resistance to heat and fire

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

14 Moisture resistance

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

15 Resistance to rusting

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

16 Overload protection of transformers and associated circuits

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

17 Endurance

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

18 Abnormal operation

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

18.8 Replacement of Table 4:

Table 4 – Required performance levels

Type and purpose of SCF	Minimum Performance Level (PL)
Power switch – prevent unwanted switch-on	a
Power switch – provide desired switch-off	a
Any electronic control to pass the test of 18.3	Not an SCF
Any speed limiting device	Not an SCF
Prevent exceeding thermal limits as in Clause 18 18.4 and 18.5.3	a

19 Mechanical hazards

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

19.1 Replacement of the first paragraph:

Moving and other dangerous parts of the tool other than the working element shall be so positioned or enclosed to provide adequate protection against personal injury.

19.6 This subclause is not applicable.

20 Mechanical strength

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

20.5 This subclause is not applicable.

21 Construction

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

21.18.1 Addition:

For **shears** and **nibblers**, **power switches** other than **momentary power switches** are permitted.

21.30 This subclause is not applicable.

21.35 This subclause is not applicable.

22 Internal wiring

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

23 Components

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

23.3 This subclause is not applicable.

24 Supply connection and external flexible cords

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

24.4 *Replacement of the first paragraph:*

Supply cords shall be not lighter than heavy polychloroprene sheathed flexible cable (60245 IEC 66).

25 Terminals for external conductors

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

26 Provision for earthing

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

27 Screws and connections

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

28 Creepage distances, clearances and distances through insulation

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

Annexes

The annexes of Part 1 are applicable except as follows.

Annex I (informative)

Measurement of noise and vibration emissions

NOTE In Europe (EN 62841-2-8), Annex I is normative.

I.2 Noise test code (grade 2)

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

I.2.4 Installation and mounting conditions of the power tools during noise tests

Addition:

Shears are suspended, the orientation of the tool to be as for cutting a horizontal sheet of metal.

Nibblers are held and used as specified in I.2.5.

I.2.5 Operating conditions

Addition:

Shears are tested at no-load.

NOTE The operating conditions of Table I.101 for **shears** only apply for vibration testing.

Nibblers are tested under load observing the conditions specified in Table I.101.

The temperature requirements of 5.6 are not applicable.

Table I.101 – Operating conditions for shears and nibblers

Orientation	Cutting a horizontal strip of sheet metal with a tensile strength of approximately 390 N/mm², a minimum length of 400 mm and a minimum width of 400 mm. The metal sheet shall have the maximum thickness specified in 8.14.2 b) 101). For tools intended for two hand use in accordance with 8.14.2, the metal sheet used in the test shall be firmly secured to a test bench using resilient material. It shall be mounted so that it does not have any significant resonance in the frequency range that can influence the test result but allow normal operation with good performance. A typical test bench is shown in Figure I.102. For tools intended for one hand use in accordance with 8.14.2, the metal sheet is held by hand and supported by the resilient material to allow normal operation avoiding significant resonances. Each cut strip of 50 mm wide for the width of 400 mm shall be as near as possible to the support. During the test, the tool shall be arranged so that the operator can have an upright or almost upright posture and work the nibbler or shear cutting horizontally. The operator shall be able to hold the tool comfortably during the test.
Tool bit	Nibblers are operated with a punch and die of the size specified for the sheet metal used in the test. Shears are operated with shear blades of the size specified for the sheet metal used in the test. They shall be sharp and in good condition.
Feed force	Suitable feed force shall be applied to ensure a stable and smooth operation.
Test cycle	Cutting off one 50 mm wide strip across the 400 mm width of the sheet metal. The measurement starts when the blade enters the sheet metal and stops when the blade leaves the sheet metal.

I.3 Vibration

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

I.3.3.2 Location of measurement

Addition:

Figure I.101 shows the positions for different **shears** and **nibblers**.

I.3.5.1 General

Addition:

For **battery** operated tools, the tests are conducted with the lightest **battery** in accordance with K.8.14.2 e) 2) of Part 1 that has sufficient capacity to complete the 15 measurements as specified in I.3.6.1 of Part 1, under the operating conditions described in Table I.101.

I.3.5.3 Operating conditions

Addition:

Shears and **nibblers** are tested under load observing the conditions shown in Table I.101.

I.3.6.2 Declaration of the vibration total value

Addition:

The vibration total value a_h of the handle with the highest emission and the uncertainty K shall be declared.

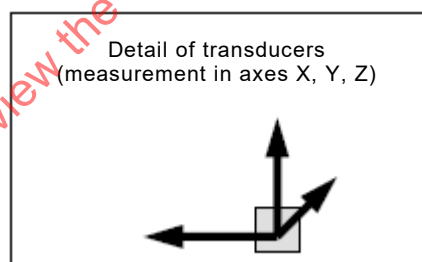
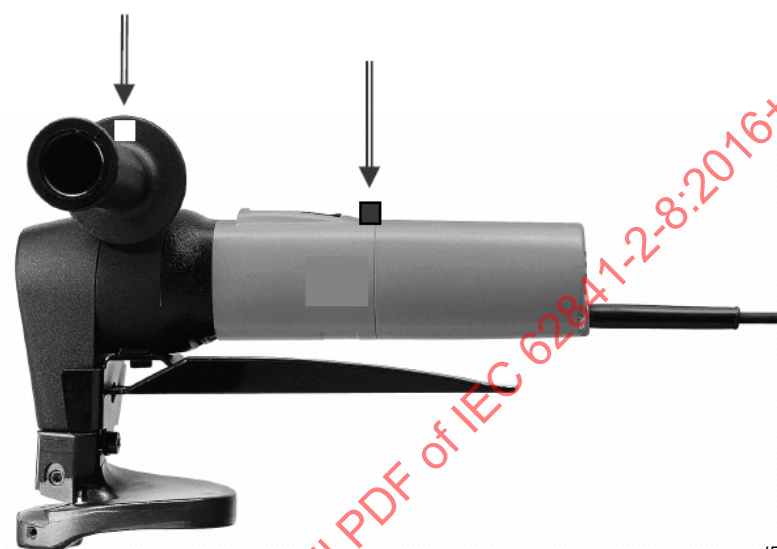
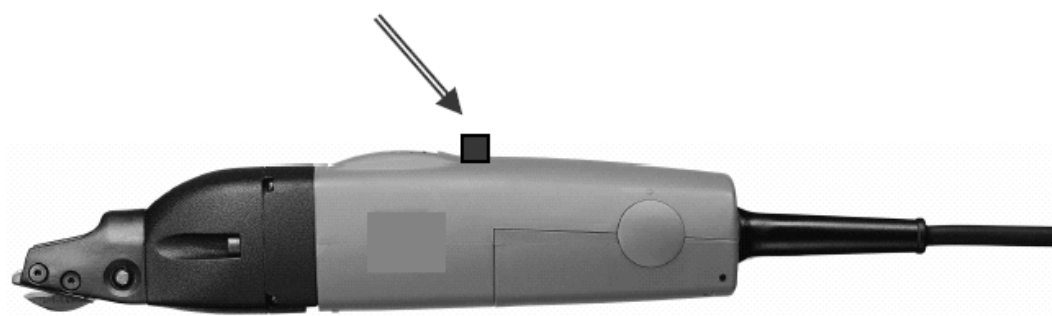
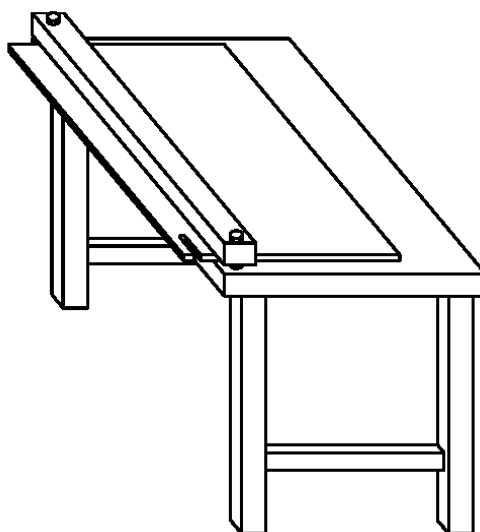


Figure I.101 – Position of transducers for shears and nibblers



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Figure I.102 – Test bench with workpiece

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Annex K (normative)

Battery tools and battery packs

K.1 *Addition:*

All clauses of this Part 2-8 apply unless otherwise specified in this annex.

K.12.2.1 This subclause is not applicable.

K.24.4 This subclause is not applicable.

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7 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

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9 Protection against access to live parts

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

10 Starting

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

11 Input and current

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

12 Heating

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

12.2.1 Addition:

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This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

14 Moisture resistance

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

15 Resistance to rusting

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

16 Overload protection of transformers and associated circuits

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

17 Endurance

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

18 Abnormal operation

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

18.8 Replacement of Table 4:

Table 4 – Required performance levels

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Any speed limiting device	Not an SCF
Prevent exceeding thermal limits as in 18.4 and 18.5.3	a

19 Mechanical hazards

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19.1 Replacement of the first paragraph:

Moving and other dangerous parts of the tool other than the working element shall be so positioned or enclosed to provide adequate protection against personal injury.

19.6 This subclause is not applicable.

20 Mechanical strength

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

20.5 This subclause is not applicable.

21 Construction

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

21.18.1 Addition:

For **shears** and **nibblers**, **power switches** other than **momentary power switches** are permitted.

21.30 This subclause is not applicable.

21.35 This subclause is not applicable.

22 Internal wiring

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

23 Components

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

23.3 This subclause is not applicable.

24 Supply connection and external flexible cords

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

24.4 *Replacement of the first paragraph:*

Supply cords shall be not lighter than heavy polychloroprene sheathed flexible cable (60245 IEC 66).

25 Terminals for external conductors

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

26 Provision for earthing

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

27 Screws and connections

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

28 Creepage distances, clearances and distances through insulation

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

Annexes

The annexes of Part 1 are applicable except as follows.

Annex I (informative)

Measurement of noise and vibration emissions

NOTE In Europe (EN 62841-2-8), Annex I is normative.

I.2 Noise test code (grade 2)

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

I.2.4 Installation and mounting conditions of the power tools during noise tests

Addition:

Shears are suspended, the orientation of the tool to be as for cutting a horizontal sheet of metal.

Nibblers are held and used as specified in I.2.5.

I.2.5 Operating conditions

Addition:

Shears are tested at no-load.

NOTE The operating conditions of Table I.101 for **shears** only apply for vibration testing.

Nibblers are tested under load observing the conditions specified in Table I.101.

The temperature requirements of 5.6 are not applicable.

Table I.101 – Operating conditions for shears and nibblers

Orientation	Cutting a horizontal strip of sheet metal with a tensile strength of approximately 390 N/mm², a minimum length of 400 mm and a minimum width of 400 mm. The metal sheet shall have the maximum thickness specified in 8.14.2 b) 101). For tools intended for two hand use in accordance with 8.14.2, the metal sheet used in the test shall be secured to a test bench using resilient material. It shall be mounted so that it does not have any significant resonance in the frequency range that can influence the test result but allow normal operation with good performance. A typical test bench is shown in Figure I.102. For tools intended for one hand use in accordance with 8.14.2, the metal sheet is held by hand and supported by the resilient material to allow normal operation avoiding significant resonances. Each cut strip of 50 mm wide for the width of 400 mm shall be as near as possible to the support. During the test, the tool shall be arranged so that the operator can have an upright or almost upright posture and work the nibbler or shear cutting horizontally. The operator shall be able to hold the tool comfortably during the test.
Tool bit	Nibblers are operated with a punch and die of the size specified for the sheet metal used in the test. Shears are operated with shear blades of the size specified for the sheet metal used in the test. They shall be sharp and in good condition.
Feed force	Suitable feed force shall be applied to ensure a stable and smooth operation.
Test cycle	Cutting off one 50 mm wide strip across the 400 mm width of the sheet metal. The measurement starts when the blade enters the sheet metal and stops when the blade leaves the sheet metal.

I.3 Vibration

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

I.3.3.2 Location of measurement

Addition:

Figure I.101 shows the positions for different **shears** and **nibblers**.

I.3.5.1 General

Addition:

For **battery** operated tools, the tests are conducted with the lightest **battery** in accordance with K.8.14.2 e) 2) of Part 1 that has sufficient capacity to complete the 15 measurements as specified in I.3.6.1 of Part 1, under the operating conditions described in Table I.101.

I.3.5.3 Operating conditions

Addition:

Shears and **nibblers** are tested under load observing the conditions shown in Table I.101.

I.3.6.2 Declaration of the vibration total value

Addition:

The vibration total value a_h of the handle with the highest emission and the uncertainty K shall be declared.