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## Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 255 "Hand-held, non-electric power tools - Safety", the secretariat of which is held by SIS.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by August 2001, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by August 2001.

This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive(s).

For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this standard.

According to the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, the national standards organizations of the following countries are bound to implement this European Standard: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The "European Committee of Manufacturers of Compressors, Vacuum Pumps and Pneumatic Tools", PNEUROP, has given substantial contributions to this standard.

The standard has been created in close co-operation with CENELEC/TC 61F with the aim of achieving requirements for mechanical safety in the EN 50 144 series, which are similar for hand-held electric and non-electric power tools.

NOTE Other technical committees in CEN dealing with hand-held power tools have been asked to follow the safety requirements as in EN 792.

The annexes to this part of the standard are:

- Annex A (informative) Examples of power tools covered by this part
- Annex B (informative) Labels, signs and tags
- Annex C (informative) Examples of abrasive products used with die grinders
- Annex ZA (informative) Relationship of this European Standard with EU Directives.

## 0 Introduction

This European standard is a type C standard as stated in EN 1070:1998.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations and events are covered are indicated in the scope of this standard.

When provisions of this type C standard are different from those which are stated in type A or B standards, the provisions of this type C standard take precedence over the provisions of other standards, for machines that have been designed and built according to the provisions of this type C standard.

EN 792 consists of a number of independent parts for individual types of hand-held non-electric power tools.

Other european standards deal with safety rules for hand-held power tools used in e. g. the following fields:

- agriculture and forestry such as chain saws, hedge-trimmers, brush cutters, grass trimmers;
- construction and building such as cutting-off power tools, concrete vibrators;
- food industry, such as fowl secateurs, sheep shears.

Endeavours have been made to achieve co-ordination with the relevant Technical Committees so that the safety requirements are compatible.

This standard is divided in the following parts:

- Part 1: Assembly power tools for non-threaded mechanical fasteners (former part 14)
- Part 2: Cutting-off and crimping power tools (former part 15)
- Part 3: Drills and tappers
- Part 4: Non-rotary percussive power tools
- Part 5: Rotary, percussive power drills
- Part 6: Assembly power tools for threaded fasteners
- Part 7: Grinders
- Part 8: Sanders and polishers
- Part 9: Die grinders
- Part 10: Compression power tools
- Part 11: Nibblers and shears
- Part 12: Small circular, small oscillating and reciprocating saws
- Part 13: Fastener driving tools

Certain parts of EN 792 cover hand-held non-electric power tools, driven by internal combustion engines powered by gaseous or liquid fuel. In these parts, the safety aspects relating to internal combustion engines are found in a normative annex.

The parts are type C standards and refer to pertinent European Standards of type A and B where such standards are applicable.

## **1 Scope**

EN 792 applies to hand-held non-electric power tools driven by rotary or linear motors, powered by compressed air, hydraulic fluid and intended to be used by one operator and supported by:

- the operator's hand or hands;
- a suspension, e. g. a balancer.

This part of EN 792 applies to hand-held, non-electric power tools fitted with collets and used for grinding and surface finishing and chamfering using mounted points, burrs and files and small wire brushes mounted on shafts. This part lists the significant hazards caused by such power tools and specifies safety requirements valid for different aspects of safety during their foreseeable lifetime.

NOTE Grinders without collets for use with cones and plugs with threaded inserts are covered by EN 792-7.

Power tools covered by this part of the standard:

- angle die grinders;

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