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**Practical guidance for measurement  
at the workplace**

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*Vibrations mécaniques — Mesurage et évaluation de l'exposition des  
individus aux vibrations transmises par la main —*

*Partie 2: Guide pratique pour le mesurage sur le lieu de travail*

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 108, *Mechanical vibration, shock and condition monitoring*, Subcommittee SC 4, *Human exposure to mechanical vibration and shock*.

ISO 5349 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Mechanical vibration — Measurement and evaluation of human exposure to hand-transmitted vibration*:

- *Part 1: General requirements*
- *Part 2: Practical guidance for measurement at the workplace*



# Mechanical vibration — Measurement and evaluation of human exposure to hand-transmitted vibration —

## Part 2: Practical guidance for measurement at the workplace

### AMENDMENT 1

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*Page 1, Clause 2.*

Replace the clause with the following, thereby updating the normative references.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2041, *Mechanical vibration, shock and condition monitoring — Vocabulary*

ISO 5349-1, *Mechanical vibration — Measurement and evaluation of human exposure to hand-transmitted vibration — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 5805, *Mechanical vibration and shock — Human exposure — Vocabulary*

ISO 8041, *Human response to vibration — Measuring instrumentation*

ISO 22867, *Forestry and gardening machinery — Vibration test code for portable hand-held machines with internal combustion engine — Vibration at the handles*

ISO 28927 (all parts), *Hand-held portable power tools — Test methods for evaluation of vibration emission*

*Page 7, 6.1.2.2*

Replace the subclause with the following.

##### 6.1.2.2 Vibration magnitude

Hand-held machines can produce high vibration magnitudes. A pneumatic hammer, for example, can generate a maximum acceleration of 20 000 m/s<sup>2</sup> to 50 000 m/s<sup>2</sup>. However, much of this energy is at frequencies well outside the frequency range used in this part of ISO 5349. Therefore, the accelerometer chosen for the measurement has to be able to operate at these very high vibration magnitudes and yet still respond to the much lower magnitudes in the frequency range from 6,3 Hz to 1 250 Hz (one-third-octave band mid-frequencies). For the use of mechanical filters to suppress vibration at very high frequencies, see Annex C.

*Page 7, 6.1.3*

Replace the subclause with the following.

##### 6.1.3 Location of accelerometers

Vibration measurements in accordance with ISO 5349-1 should be made at or near the surface of the hand (or hands) where the vibration enters the body. Preferably, the accelerometer should be located

at the middle of the gripping zone (e.g. halfway along the width of the hand when gripping a machine handle), it is at this location that the most representative evaluation of the vibration entering the hand is obtained. However, it is generally not possible to locate transducers at this point; the transducers will interfere with the normal grip used by the operator.

Measurements directly under the hand are usually only possible using special mounting adaptors (see Annex D). Such adaptors should fit under the hand, or between the fingers. For most practical measurements, the accelerometers are mounted on either side of the hand or on the underside of the machine handle adjacent to the middle of the hand. With adaptors that fit between the fingers, the transducers should be mounted as close as possible to the surface of the machine handle to minimize amplification of rotational vibration components. They should not have any structural resonances that would affect the measured vibration.

It is possible to get differences in vibration measurement across the width of the hand, particularly for hand-held machines with side handles, such as angle grinders, and especially where these handles are flexibly mounted. In these cases, it is recommended that two accelerometer positions be used, located one on each side of the hand; the average of the two vibration measurements is then used to estimate vibration exposure.

For many hand-held machines, specific measurement locations and axes have been defined for the measurement of vibration emission by ISO 22867, ISO 28927, and other International Standards for declaration of vibration emission; these measurement locations are summarized in Annex A as examples of measurement locations. The measurement locations defined in vibration emission standards are designed for a particular type of measurement and are not necessarily suitable for the evaluation of vibration exposure. However, in some circumstances, it may be appropriate to ensure that workplace measurements of vibration are made using locations and axes compatible with those used for emission measurements.

**NOTE** The ISO 28927 series of standards defines the preferred measurement location as being as close as possible to the hand between the thumb and the index finger, where an operator normally holds the machine. While this measurement position could be suitable for emission testing, it is not invariably suitable for workplace exposure assessment.

*Page 8, 6.1.4.1*

Replace the subclause with the following.

#### **6.1.4.1 General**

The accelerometers should be rigidly attached to the vibrating surface. Annex D gives details of some mounting methods. A method shall be chosen which gives an adequate coupling to the vibrating surface, does not interfere with the operation of the machine, and does not itself affect the vibration characteristics of the vibrating surface. The mounting method chosen is dependent on the particular measurement situation; each method has its own advantages and disadvantages.

The mounting system should have a flat frequency response across the range of frequencies being measured, i.e. it should not attenuate or amplify and should not have any resonances in this frequency range. The mounting system should be securely attached to the vibrating surface, and should be carefully checked before and after measurement.

The mounting of accelerometers on a machine or hand-held workpiece is necessarily intrusive and can have some effect on how the operator works. The mounting of the transducers should be arranged so that the operator can work as normally as possible. It is important, prior to measurements, to observe how a machine or hand-held workpiece is held, to identify the best location and orientation of the accelerometers. The location (or locations) and orientation of the transducers should be reported.

It is very important to avoid interfering with the machine controls or with the safe operation of the machine. It is often the case on machines, that the best measurement location is where the on-off switch is positioned. Care shall be taken to ensure that the machine controls are not (and will not become) impeded by transducers, mountings or cables.

Page 8, 6.1.4.2

Replace the subclause with the following.

#### **6.1.4.2 Attaching to surfaces with resilient coatings**

When a machine handle has a soft outer coating, the vibration transmission properties of the coating are dependent on the force with which the mounting system is attached. In such cases, care shall be taken to ensure that the resilient material does not affect the measurement of vibration. If the coating is not thought to be providing reduction in vibration exposure, either

- remove the resilient material from the area beneath the transducers, or
- firmly attach the transducers using a hose clamp or similar device that fully compresses the resilient material.

In most cases, this approach is adequate. However, it does not account for the vibration transmission properties of the resilient coating.

Generally, resilient materials on machine handles are not intended to provide vibration reduction but to provide a good grip surface. Resilient coatings do not usually affect the frequency-weighted vibration magnitude.

If the resilient coating provides some reduction in vibration exposure, for example, if it is a thick layer of resilient material, then attach the transducer to an adaptor (see D.2.4) that is held against the vibrating surface by the normal hand grip of the operator (the adaptor can be held in position using adhesive tape wrapped lightly around the machine handle and adaptor). This type of measurement is difficult, but it could give a better indication of the actual vibration exposure.

NOTE It is possible for poorly selected resilient materials to amplify the vibration at certain frequencies.

Page 12, 6.3.2

Delete "(see also DIN 45671-3)".

Replace Annex A with the following.

**Annex A**  
(informative)  
**Examples of measurement locations**

**A.1 Introduction**

It is not always practical to make measurements at the surface of the hand(s) where the vibration enters the body in the middle of the gripping zones as described in 6.1.3; for example, on machines with a closed or open bow grip or a pistol grip, the location of the trigger can make measurement halfway along the handle impossible. In practice, the measurement location usually has to be to one side of the hand. The location of machine controls and hand guards can also affect where it is possible to attach accelerometers. [Figure A.1](#) shows examples of measurement locations for some common machines, controls, and work tasks.

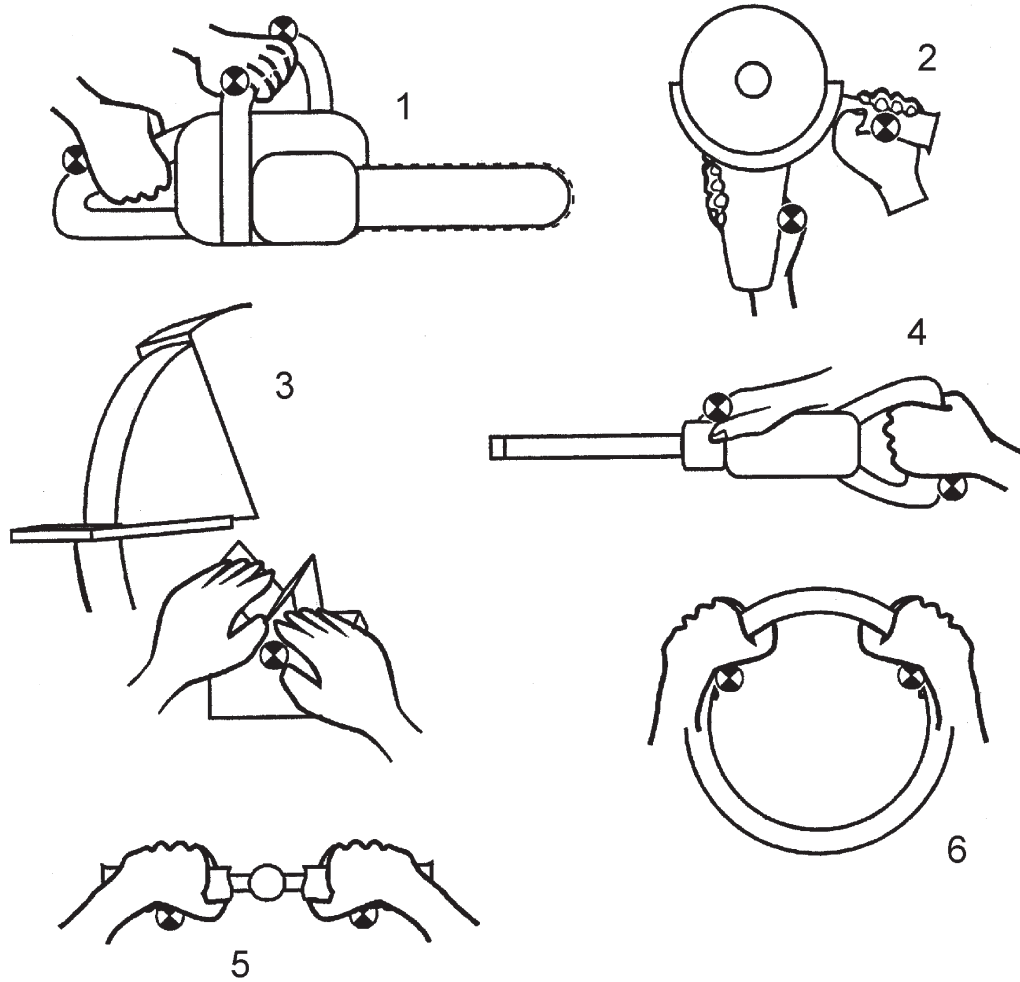
**A.2 Measurement locations used in vibration type test standards**

[Table A.1](#) lists, as examples, the measurement locations specified in ISO 22867 and in the ISO 28927 series. These International Standards specify laboratory methods for measuring the vibration at the handles of different hand-held machines for the purpose of determining vibration emission values.


ISO 28927 series requires that measurements be made at the gripping zones, where the operator normally holds the machine and applies the feed force. These International Standards define a prescribed transducer location for both hands, to be as close as possible to the hand between the thumb and index finger. A secondary location is also defined, as being on the side of, and as close as possible to, the inner end of the handle where the prescribed location is found. The prescribed and secondary transducer positions are identified as positions "1" and "2" in [Table A.1](#). The secondary position is used when the prescribed location is not accessible or when use of that location would prevent correct operation of the machine.

The locations shown in [Table A.1](#) are suitable for emission testing, but might not be appropriate for the measurement of workplace exposure. In addition, the orientation of the axes X, Y, Z, shown in the pictures also cannot match the basicentric coordinate system discussed in Part 1 of this International Standard. The objectives of an exposure measurement are very different to those of a type test. For evaluation of vibration exposure, the location of the accelerometers shall be based on where the hand actually holds the machine, rather than where the machine is held during a type test. The principal requirement of the vibration type test standards is that measurements are made in the main gripping zone where the operator normally holds the machine and applies the feed force.





**Key**

- 1 chainsaw
- 2 angle grinder
- 3 pedestal grinding
- 4 chipping hammer
- 5 hand-guided machine
- 6 steering wheel
-  measurement location

**Figure A.1 — Examples of practical measurement locations for some common machines, controls and work tasks**

Table A.1 — Examples of accelerometer locations on machines used in ISO 22867 and ISO 28927 for vibration type testing

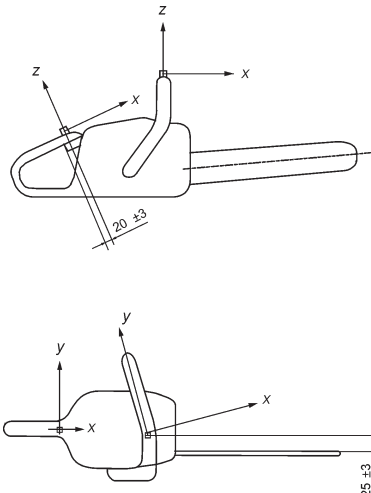
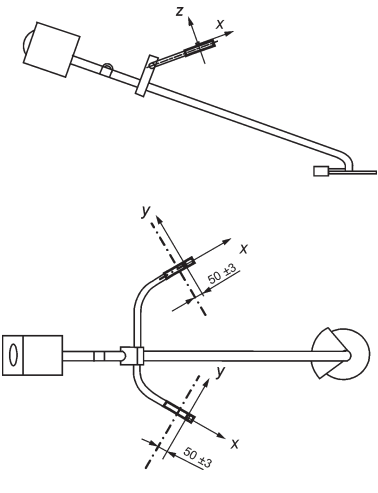
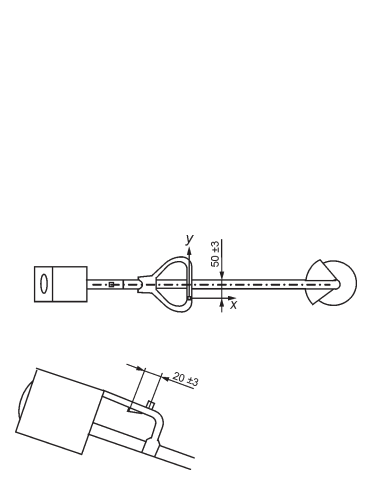
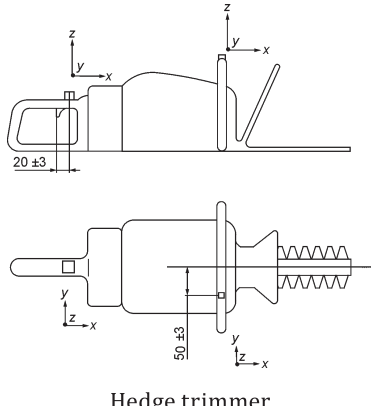
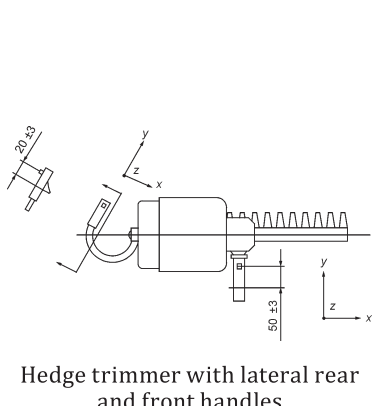
ISO standard	Type of machine	Mounting locations			Application to work-place measurement
ISO 22867:2011	Forestry and gardening machinery machines with internal combustion engine	 <p data-bbox="705 742 817 766">Chainsaw</p>	 <p data-bbox="974 718 1310 766">Brush-cutter or grass-trimmer with bicycle-type handles</p>	 <p data-bbox="1366 718 1691 766">Brush-cutter or grass-trimmer with loop-type handle</p>	<p data-bbox="1724 231 2004 678">When a chainsaw is used on its side, the measurement position on the top of the front handle shown here is not suitable. Workplace measurements should be made as close as possible to the centre of the gripping zone at the time of use of the machine. When the saw is used on its side, the hand position is moved around to the side of front handle. The transducer position must also be moved to follow this hand movement.</p>
		 <p data-bbox="672 1173 840 1197">Hedge trimmer</p>	 <p data-bbox="974 1141 1310 1197">Hedge trimmer with lateral rear and front handles</p>		

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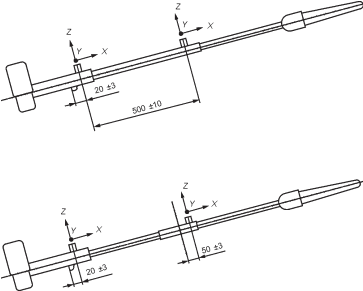
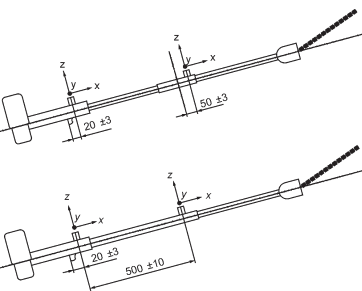
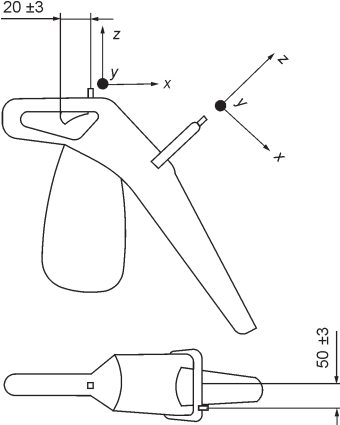
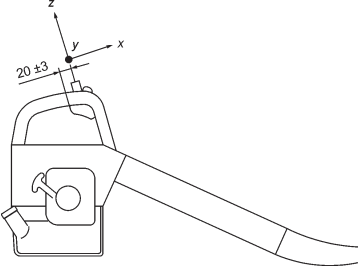
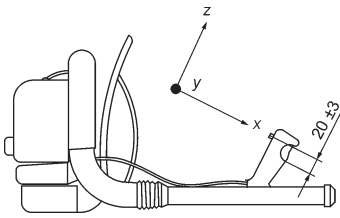
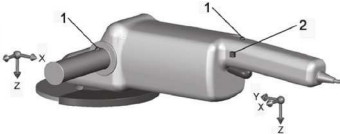
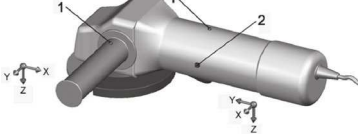
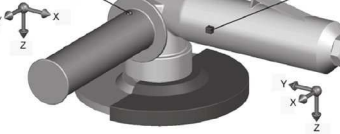
ISO standard	Type of machine	Mounting locations			Application to workplace measurement
ISO 22867:2011 (continued)	Forestry and gardening machinery with internal combustion engine	 <p>Pole-mounted powered pruner</p>	 <p>Long-reach hedge trimmer</p>		
		 <p>Hand-held blower/vacuum with dual handles</p>	 <p>Hand-held blower with single handle</p>	 <p>Backpack blower/vacuum</p>	
ISO 28927-1:2009	Angle and vertical grinders	 <p>Electrical angle grinder with separate main handle</p>	 <p>Electrical angle grinder whose motor serves as main handle</p>	 <p>Pneumatic angle grinder whose motor serves as main handle</p>	For workplace measurements, use of the prescribed location on the side handle (support handle) is likely to underestimate real workplace exposures.

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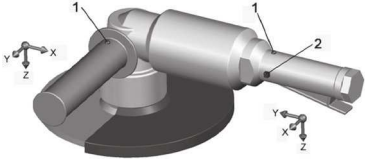
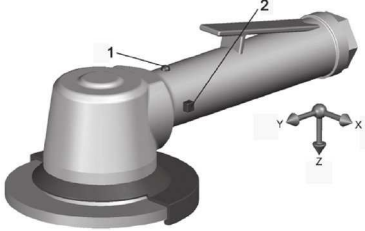
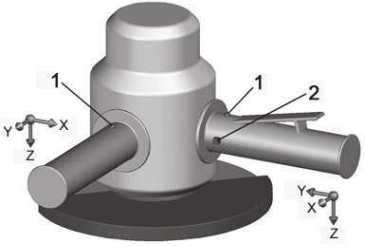
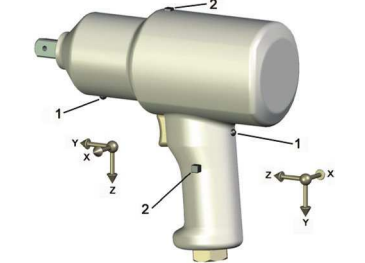
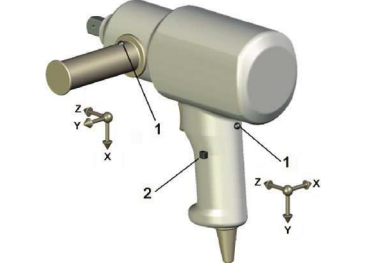
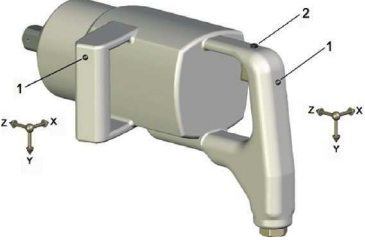
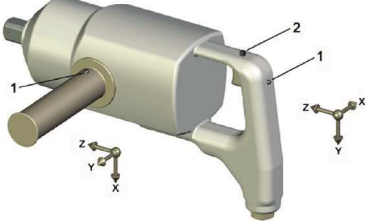
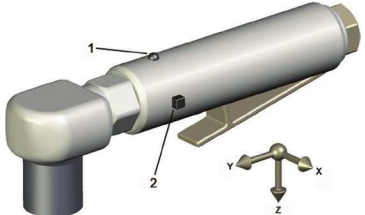
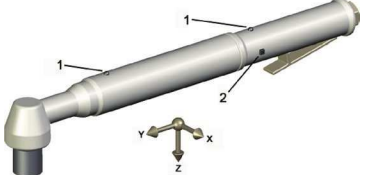
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ISO 28927-1:2009 (continued)	Angle and vertical grinders	 <p data-bbox="616 483 902 531">Pneumatic vertical grinder with separate main handle</p>	 <p data-bbox="974 483 1314 531">Angle grinder intended for one-handed operation</p>	 <p data-bbox="1382 507 1673 531">Pneumatic vertical grinder</p>	Workplace measurements should be made at the centre of the gripping zone of the side handle.
ISO 28927-2:2009	Wrenches, nutrunners and screwdrivers	 <p data-bbox="571 842 947 890">Impact wrench/impulse nutrunner with pistol grip</p>	 <p data-bbox="952 842 1328 890">Impact wrench/impulse nutrunner with pistol grip and support handle</p>	 <p data-bbox="1344 818 1713 890">Impact wrench/impulse nutrunner with bow grip and bow shaped support handle</p>	For workplace measurements, use of the prescribed location on the side handle (support handle) is likely to underestimate real workplace exposures. Workplace measurements should be made at the centre of the gripping zone of the side handle.
		 <p data-bbox="571 1161 947 1225">Impact wrench/impulse nutrunner with bow grip and straight support handle</p>	 <p data-bbox="1059 1209 1232 1233">Ratchet wrench</p>	 <p data-bbox="1440 1209 1619 1233">Angle nutrunner</p>	

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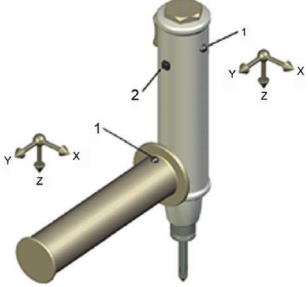
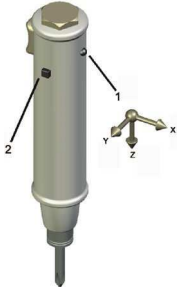
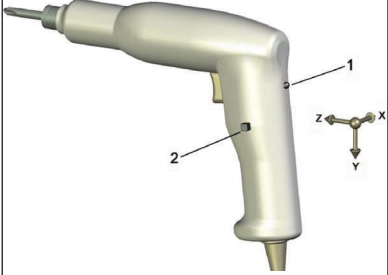
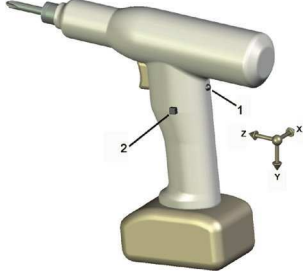
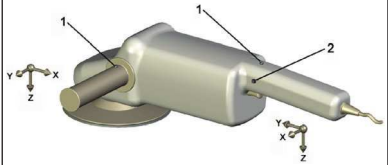
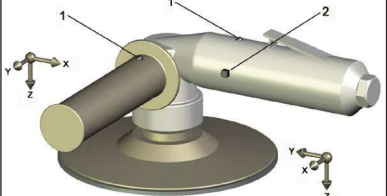
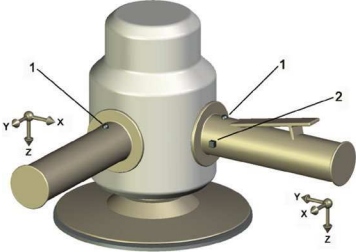
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ISO 28927-2:2009 (continued)	Wrenches, nutrunners and screwdrivers	 <p data-bbox="577 628 943 676">Straight screwdriver with support handle</p>	 <p data-bbox="1032 652 1256 676">Straight screwdriver</p>	For workplace measurements, use of the prescribed location on the side handle is likely to underestimate real workplace exposures. Workplace measurements should be made at the centre of the gripping zone of the side handle.			
		 <p data-bbox="577 991 943 1038">Screwdriver with drill-type pistol grip</p>	 <p data-bbox="969 991 1323 1038">Screwdriver with balanced pistol grip</p>				
		ISO 28927-3:2009	Polishers and rotary, orbital and random orbital sanders		 <p data-bbox="577 1315 943 1362">Angle rotary sander/polisher with separate main handle</p>	 <p data-bbox="969 1289 1319 1362">Angle rotary sander/polisher where the motor serves as main handle</p>	For workplace measurements, use of the prescribed locations on the side handles or the trigger handle of the vertical sander/polisher is likely to underestimate real workplace exposures.
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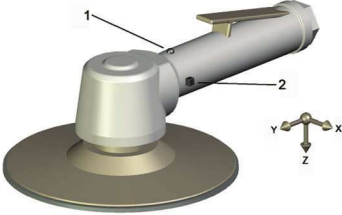
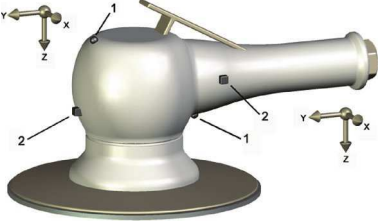
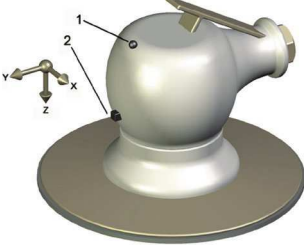
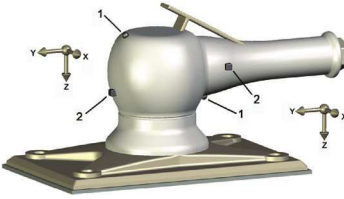
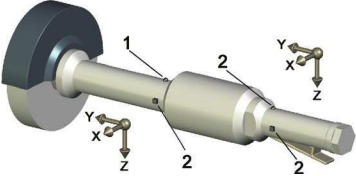
ISO standard	Type of machine	Mounting locations			Application to workplace measurement
ISO 28927-3:2009 (continued)	Polishers and rotary, orbital and random orbital sanders	 <p data-bbox="577 464 940 515">Angle sander/polisher intended for one-handed operation</p>			Workplace measurements should be made at the centre of the gripping zone of the side handle.
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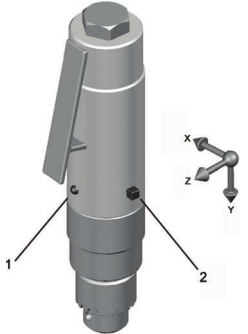
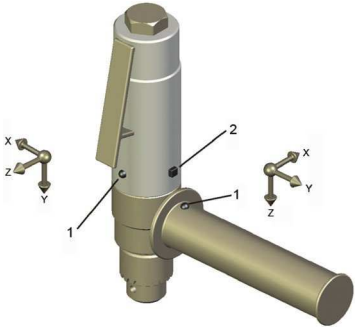

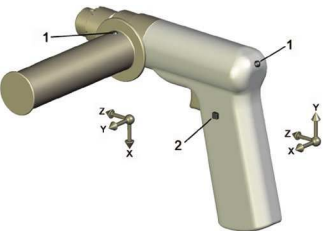
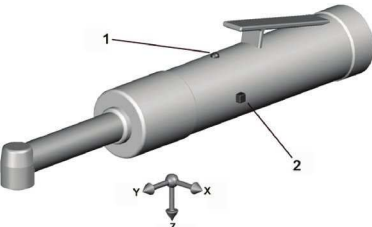


ISO standard	Type of machine	Mounting locations			Application to workplace measurement
ISO 28927-5:2009	Drills and impact drills	 <p data-bbox="689 671 833 699">Straight drill</p>	 <p data-bbox="965 671 1323 699">Straight drill with support handle</p>	 <p data-bbox="1420 671 1637 699">Drill with pistol grip</p>	<p data-bbox="1727 316 2011 475">For workplace measurements, use of the prescribed location on the side handle is likely to underestimate real workplace exposures.</p> <p data-bbox="1727 491 2011 595">Workplace measurements should be made at the centre of the gripping zone of the side handle.</p>
		 <p data-bbox="591 975 934 1023">Drill with pistol grip and second handle</p>	 <p data-bbox="1084 1002 1205 1029">Angle drill</p>	 <p data-bbox="1464 1002 1608 1029">Impact drill</p>	
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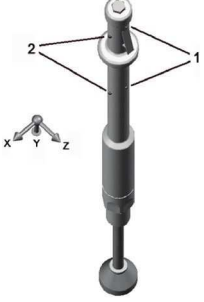
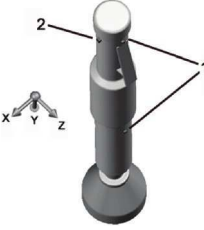
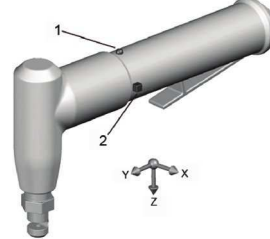

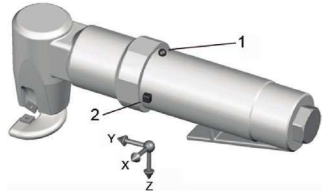
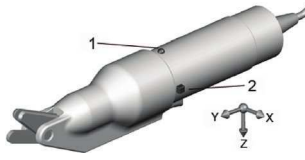
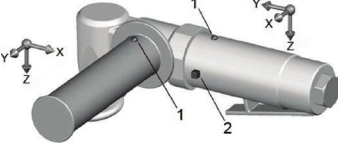
ISO standard	Type of machine	Mounting locations			Application to workplace measurement
ISO 28927-6:2009	Rammers	 <p data-bbox="622 550 896 574">Rammer for use on floors</p>	 <p data-bbox="996 550 1288 574">Rammer for use on benches</p>		
ISO 28927-7:2009	Nibblers and shears	 <p data-bbox="705 853 795 877">Nibbler</p>	 <p data-bbox="1019 853 1265 877">Shears with pistol grip</p>	 <p data-bbox="1377 853 1668 877">Shears for circular cutting</p>	
		 <p data-bbox="604 1133 907 1157">Shears with straight handle</p>	 <p data-bbox="974 1109 1310 1157">Shears for circular cutting with support handle</p>		<p data-bbox="1720 901 2009 1157">For workplace measurements, use of the prescribed location on the side handle is likely to underestimate real workplace exposures. Workplace measurements should be made at the centre of the gripping zone of the side handle.</p>



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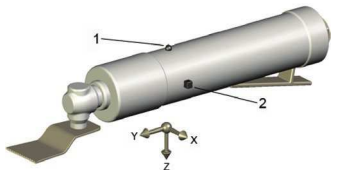
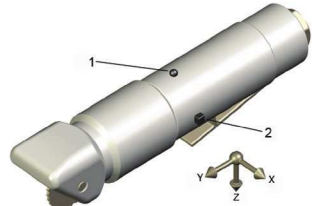
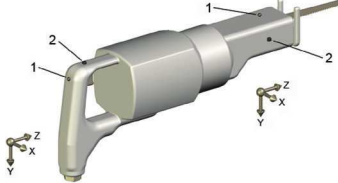
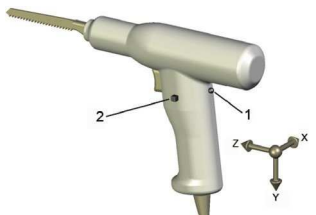
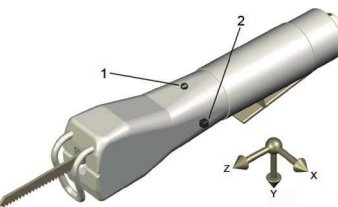
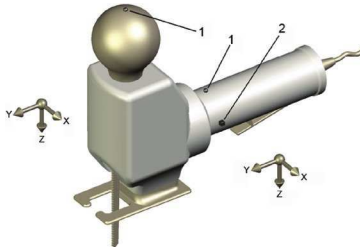
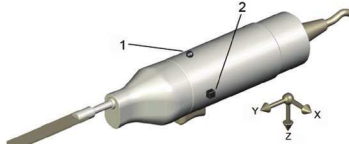
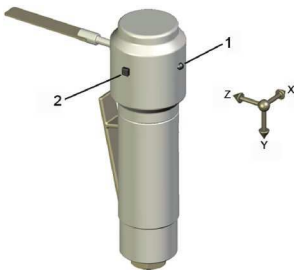
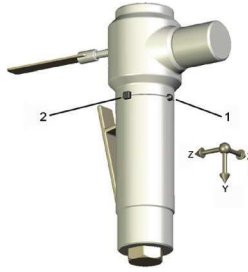
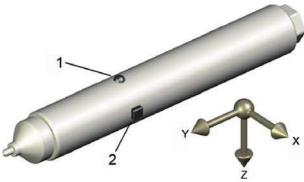
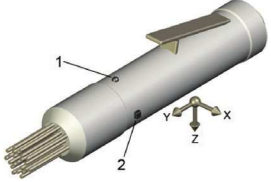
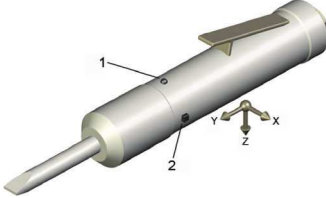
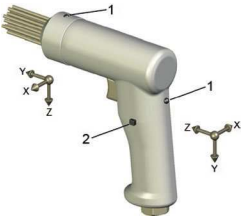
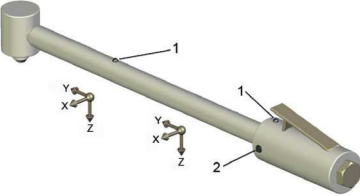
ISO standard	Type of machine	Mounting locations			Application to workplace measurement
ISO 28927-8:2009	Saws, polishing and filing machines with reciprocating action and saws with oscillating or rotating action	 <p data-bbox="638 550 884 574">Straight oscillating saw</p>	 <p data-bbox="1041 550 1265 574">Small circular saw</p>	 <p data-bbox="1377 518 1680 574">Reciprocating saw with bow handle</p>	
		 <p data-bbox="577 858 940 882">Reciprocating saw with pistol grip</p>	 <p data-bbox="996 858 1288 882">Straight reciprocating saw</p>	 <p data-bbox="1489 858 1568 882">Jig saw</p>	
		 <p data-bbox="616 1212 896 1236">Straight reciprocating file</p>	 <p data-bbox="1019 1212 1265 1236">Angle reciprocating file</p>	 <p data-bbox="1344 1189 1713 1236">Angle reciprocating file — Alternative design</p>	<p data-bbox="1724 901 2004 1165">For workplace measurements, use of the prescribed location on the side handle is likely to underestimate real workplace exposures. Workplace measurements should be made at the centre of the gripping zone of the side handle.</p>

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ISO 28927-9:2009	Scaling hammers and needle scalers	 <p data-bbox="680 443 837 475">Engraving pen</p>	 <p data-bbox="1028 443 1261 475">Straight needle scaler</p>	 <p data-bbox="1397 443 1659 475">Straight scaling hammer</p>	
		 <p data-bbox="591 730 931 762">Scaling hammer with pistol grip</p>	 <p data-bbox="965 703 1323 762">Angle-head scaling hammer (scab- bler)</p>		

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