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PREFACE

This is the harmonized CSA Group and ULSE standard for Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery – Safety – Part 2-17: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Routers. It is the first edition of CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 62841-2-17, and the first edition of UL 62841-2-17. This harmonized Standard has been jointly revised on October 9, 2026. For this purpose, CSA Group and ULSE are issuing revision pages dated October 9, 2026.

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This standard is considered suitable for use for conformity assessment within the stated scope of the standard.

This standard was reviewed by the CSA Subcommittee on Safety of Hand-Held Motor-Operated Electric Tools, under the jurisdiction of the CSA Technical Committee on Consumer and Commercial Products and the CSA Strategic Steering Committee on Requirements for Electrical Safety, and has been formally approved by the CSA Technical Committee. This standard has been developed in compliance with Standards Council of Canada requirements for National Standards of Canada. It has been published as a National Standard of Canada by CSA Group.

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CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 62841-2-17 is to be used in conjunction with the First edition of CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 62841-1. The requirements for hand-held routers are contained in this Part 2-17 Standard and CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 62841-1. Requirements of this Part 2-17 Standard, where stated, amend the requirements of CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 62841-1. Where a particular subclause of CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 62841-1 is not mentioned in CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 62841-2-17, the CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 62841-1 subclause applies.

UL Standard 62841-2-17 is to be used in conjunction with the First edition of UL 62841-1. The requirements for hand-held routers are contained in this Part 2-17 Standard and UL 62841-1. Requirements of this Part 2-17 Standard, where stated, amend the requirements of UL 62841-1. Where a particular subclause of UL 62841-1 is not mentioned in UL 62841-2-17, the UL 62841-1 subclause applies.

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FOREWORD

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International Standard IEC 62841-2-17 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 116: Safety of motor-operated electric tools.

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

This Part 2-17 is to be used in conjunction with the first edition of IEC 62841-1 (2014).

This Part 2-17 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 62841-1, so as to convert it into the IEC Standard: Particular requirements for hand-held routers.

Where a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this Part 2-17, that subclause applies as far as relevant. Where this standard states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant text in Part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.

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Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery – Safety – Part 2-17: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Routers

1 Scope

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

Addition:

This part of IEC 62841 applies to hand-held **routers** intended for cutting slots into or shaping the edge of wood and analogous materials, plastics and non-ferrous metals except magnesium.

NOTE 101 **Routers** that are primarily used for trimming the edge of materials are also known as **trimmers**.

NOTE 102 **Routers** that are used to cut various materials through the rotary action are also known as rotary cutters.

This part of IEC 62841 does not apply to jointers.

NOTE 103 Jointers are covered by IEC 62841-2-19.

This part of IEC 62841 does not apply to small rotary tools.

NOTE 104 Small rotary tools are covered by IEC 62841-2-23.

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

3 Terms and definitions

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

Addition definitions:

3.101
base
part of the **router** that supports other parts of the tool on the workpiece

3.102
rotary cutting bit
rotating cutting **accessory** with a shank for mounting it into a collet having its main feed direction perpendicular to its axis of rotation

Note 1 to entry: There are **rotary cutting bits** that allow an additional plunging operation parallel to its axis of rotation.

3.103
router
tool which includes a motor housing, **base** and a collet, designed to be fitted with a **rotary cutting bit**

3.104
trimmer
type 1 router designed to be fitted with a rotary cutter and a base that allows for control of trimming the edge of laminate sheet or similar materials

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3.105
type 1 router
router that has the following criteria:

a) a mass of the motor housing and collet, excluding the **base**, supply cord, any **separable battery pack** or any **detachable battery pack**, not exceeding 2 kg; and

b) a collet capacity not exceeding 8 mm

3.106
type 2 router
router that has the following criteria:

a) a mass of the motor housing and collet, exluding the **base**, **supply cord**, any **separable battery pack** or any **detachable battery pack**, exceeding 2 kg; or

b) a collet capacity exceeding 8 mm

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 the tool includes all handles and the dust extraction adapter, if any.

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:

8.1 *Addition:*

– **rated no-load speed**.

8.14.1 *Addition:*

The additional safety instructions as specified in 8.14.1.101 shall be given. This part may be printed separately from the "General Power Tool Safety Warnings".

8.14.1.101 **Safety instructions for routers**

a) **Hold the power tool by insulated gripping surfaces only, because the cutter may contact its own cord.** *Cutting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.*

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