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FOREWORD

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Recognizing the need for an industry standard for power shears, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Committee on Machine Tools and Components (B5) established in February 1990 a technical committee, B5 TC31, to develop the first American standard relating to this equipment. In the latter part of February 1990 an organizational meeting was held to develop this Standard. The make-up of this committee consists of power shears manufacturers, distributors, and users.

The technical committee's objective was to develop a standard to define and describe power shear specification and performance.

To accomplish this objective, the committee approached this task by inviting the North American shear manufacturers and users to submit basic data relative to the subject of this Standard so the committee could study, determine the variations, and obtain a consensus definition for a standard for power shears. This committee has adhered to the ANSI B5.51M-1987 Preferred Metric SI units for Machine Tools in the preparation of this Standard.

Following approval by ASME, the document was submitted to the American National Standards Institute, and was approved as an American National Standard on August 18, 1994.

Suggestions for improvement of this Standard are welcomed. They should be addressed to the Secretary, ASME B5 Committee, United Engineering Center, 345 E. 47th St., New York, N.Y. 10017.

POWER SHEAR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The ASME B5.56M-1994 does not cover safety. Safety requirements for the construction, care, and use of power shears are specified in the latest edition of the American National Standard B11.4.

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SPECIFICATION AND PERFORMANCE STANDARD, POWER SHEARS

1 SCOPE, PURPOSE, AND APPLICATION

1.1 Scope

The requirements of this Standard apply to power shears used to cut metal by shearing, utilizing a fixed lower knife(s) and a non-rotary, moving upper knife(s).

This Standard applies to those shears commonly referred to as squaring, guillotine, gap, plate, pivot blade (swing beam), and slitting (non-rotary).

This Standard specifically excludes machines referred to as right angle, alligator, cut to length, crop, slitting (rotary), nibblers, portable hand tools, coil slitters, rotary blade slitters, iron workers, angle, bar, beam, channel, notching, rotary drum, flying, and billet shears.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Standard is to define and describe shear size, capacity, and performance.

1.3 Application

Any shear referred to as an American National Standard Power Shear shall comply with all the requirements of this Standard.

2 DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

The glossary provided in Appendix A contains a list of definitions associated with the power shear industry and may or may not be referenced in this Standard (see Fig. 1).

3 UNITS OF DIMENSION AND CAPACITY

3.1 Metrication

All units of dimension and capacity are per ANSI B5.51M-1979 (R1987), Preferred SI Units for Machine

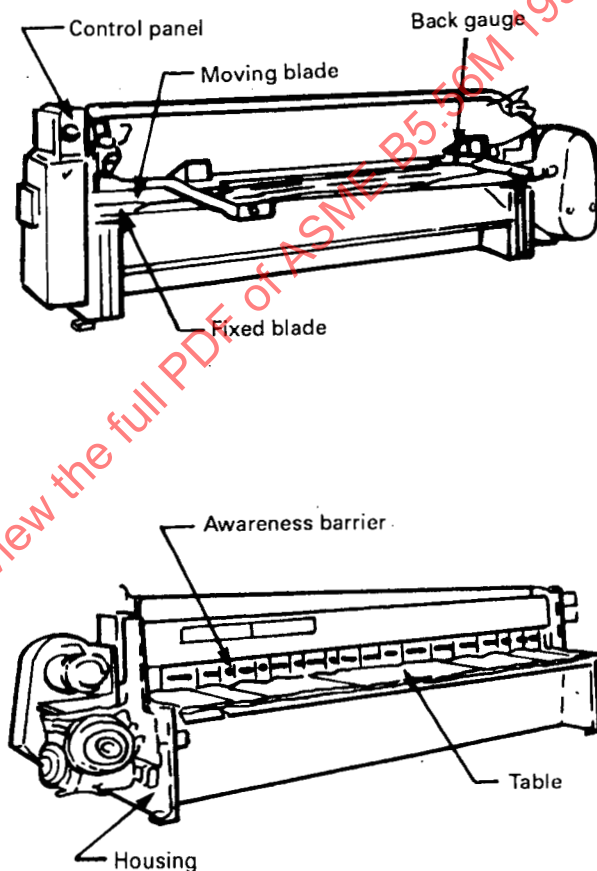


FIG. 1 SHEAR TERMINOLOGY

Tools. Equivalent English unit rating is shown in parentheses.

3.2 Conversion

A reference Metric/English Conversion Table is provided in Appendix B of this Standard.

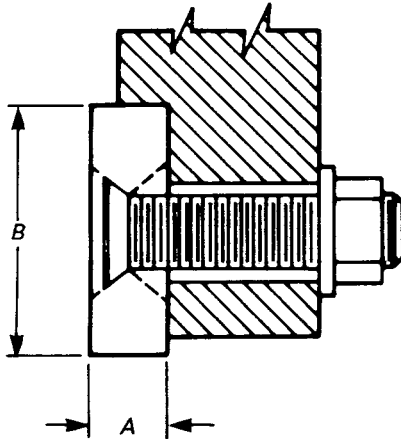


FIG. 2 SHEAR KNIFE CROSS-SECTION

4 MACHINE CHARACTERISTICS

4.1 Capacity

This Standard defines power shear sizes ranging from 1.5 mm to 25 mm (.06–1.00 in.) shearing capacity. Eleven standard sizes are defined in Table 1. Equipment falling between two standard capacity sizes will be grouped with the lower standard size for designation.

4.2 Length

Equipment conforming to this Standard shall have an overall knife length as defined in ANSI B94.53-1984. When specifying equipment, shearing length should be selected from one of the preferred standard lengths shown in Table 2. Equipment falling between two standard capacity sizes will be grouped with the lower standard size for designation.

4.3 Bed Height

The distance from the floor to the top of the bed shall be no less than 750 mm (30 in.) and not greater than 1050 mm (42 in.).

4.4 Stroke/Cut Rate

Stroke rate and cut rate are not interchangeable.

4.4.1 Stroke Rate. Stroke rate is the number of stroke cycles completed in one minute of continuous shear operation at maximum length with the absence of material and the rake angle adjusted to provide rated shear capacity.

4.4.2 Cut Rate. Cut rate is the number of cuts completed in one minute of continuous shear operation

shearing the maximum length of the rated material with the rake angle adjusted to provide rated shear capacity.

4.5 Table Slot Design

When provided to aid in material handling, table slots in the bed top shall be 75 mm (3.0 in.) wide and 12.5 mm (.50 in.) deep.

5 TOOLING INTERFACE

Shear knives, per ANSI B94.53, are to be provided with a table and ram interface that will provide secure mounting and seating.

The dimensions listed in this section are preferred/recommended at this time. The intent of this Standard is to make these dimensions mandatory at a later date.

5.1 Preferred Knife Dimensions

Power shears complying with this Standard will use knives with the cross section shown in Fig. 2 and Table 3.

5.2 Preferred Knife Interface

Power shears complying with this Standard should accept solid steel shear knives with cross section, length, hole size, and hole spacing as recommended in ANSI B94.53, shown in Fig. 3 and Table 3.

5.3 Knife Coding

Knives provided for shears which comply with this Standard shall be identified as follows:

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Knife Thickness (A) _____

Overall Length (L) _____

Knife Height (B) _____

6 ERGONOMICS

6.1 Operator Control Locations

Operator controls shall comply with ANSI B11.4.

7 ACCEPTANCE CONDITIONS

7.1 General Conditions

Prior to testing, the power shear shall be installed on a suitable foundation in accordance with the manufac-

TABLE 1 MACHINE CAPACITY, mm (in.)

Standard Size No.	Mild Steel AISI 1018 410 MPa, (60,000 psi)	Structural Steel ASTM A36 550 MPa (80,000 psi)	Stainless Steel 300 Series 690 MPa (100,000 psi)
1	1.5 (.062)		
2	2.5 (.105)		2.00 (.075)
3	3.5 (.134)		3.00 (.119)
4		6.00 (.250)	5.00 (.187)
5		8.00 (.312)	6.00 (.250)
6		10.0 (.375)	8.00 (.312)
7		12.0 (.500)	10.0 (.375)
8		16.0 (.625)	12.0 (.500)
9		19.0 (.750)	16.0 (.625)
10		25.0 (1.00)	19.0 (.750)

TABLE 2 CUT LENGTH, mm (in.)

Standard Size No.	Standard Length Letter for Bed and Ram							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	1220 (48)	1830 (72)	2440 (96)	3050 (120)	3660 (144)	4270 (168)	4880 (192)	6100 (240)
1	X	X						
2	X	X	X					
3	X	X	X	X				
4		X	X	X	X			
5				X	X			
6				X	X			
7				X	X	X	X	X
8				X	X	X	X	X
9				X	X	X	X	X
10					X	X	X	X
Minimum Distance Between Side Gauges	1270 (50)	1880 (74)	2490 (98)	3100 (122)	3710 (146)	4320 (170)	4930 (194)	6150 (242)

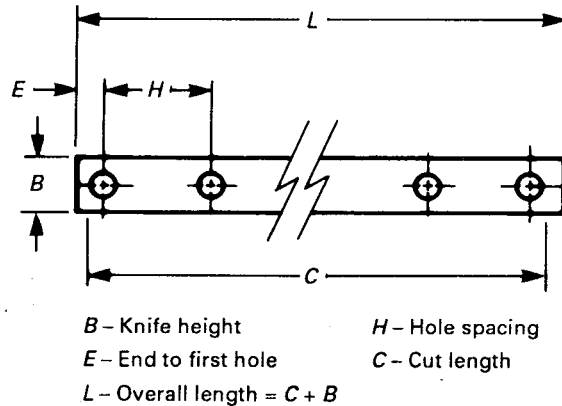


FIG. 3 SHEAR KNIFE INTERFACE

turers specifications with all the necessary services connected.

7.2 Dimensional Conformance

The tolerances specified shall be absolute values independent of statistical analysis.

7.2.1 Knife Parallelism. Set the knife gap in accordance with the manufacturer's specification. Lower the ram until the knife closure point is 150 mm from the side gauge. Shut off power to the machine and, using a feeler gauge, measure the knife gap. Repeat procedure taking measurements every 150 mm. Variations between measurements should not exceed the values shown in Table 4.

7.2.2 Parallelism of Backgauge to Lower Knife. Set the backgauge 100 mm from the lower knife. Shut power off to the machine and, using a depth micrometer, measure the distance from the lower knife to the face of the backstop. Repeat procedure taking measurements every 300 mm.

Tolerance:

0.1 mm (.004 in.)

7.2.3 Part Accuracy. The following tests are performed, first, by shearing material matching the rated capacity of the machine, and second, shearing material approximately 20% the rated capacity of the machine. The values measured for both materials shall be within the limits specified in Table 5. Trim shearing of the part should be done before the start of any test.

7.2.3.1 Straightness. Shear a part of maximum shear length with a width no less than 20 times the thick-

ness of the material or 80 mm, whichever is greater. Place the part on a qualified surface with the part perpendicular to the surface and the concave edge of the part resting on the surface. Using a feeler gauge, measure the gap between the surface and the part edge.

7.2.3.2 Parallelism. Shear a part of maximum shear length with a width no less than 20 times the thickness of the material or 80 mm, whichever is greater. Using a micrometer, measure the width of the part at each end and in the center.

7.2.3.3 Squareness. Shear a rectangular part which is no smaller than 300 mm on a side. Place the part on a qualified surface with the part perpendicular to the surface and an inspection quality angle resting against one of the vertical edges of the part. Using a feeler gauge, measure the gap between the inspection angle and the part edge.

8 PROVISION FOR INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION

8.1 Information

8.1.1 Nameplate. The manufacturer shall provide an identification data plate of durable metal. The data plate is to be permanently attached to the outside of the right hand side frame at a height not to exceed 2000 mm (80 in.) from floor level, as shown in Fig. 4. The data plate shall display all information relative to the equipment, per Fig. 5.

In addition to the data plate, the equipment serial number shall be stamped on the left end of the bed adjacent to side gauge in letters and numerals at least 6 mm (.25 in.) high.

8.1.2 Machine Designation. Machines conforming to this Standard will utilize a two character suffix addition to the model designation. The suffix will be comprised of the standard size number from Table 1 and the standard length letter from Table 2.

Example:

Model 1025-4 D
Standard size from Table 1 —
Standard length from Table 2 —

8.1.3 Documentation Package. The manufacturer shall establish and maintain a file defining the shear configuration at the time of construction. This file shall, at the minimum, include the principal physical features of the machine, description of power and control systems (electrical, electronic, hydraulic, pneumatic), and en-

TABLE 3 PREFERRED KNIFE DIMENSIONS, mm (in.)

Standard Size	A	B	H	E
1	12 (.50)	50 (2.00)	200 (8.00)	25.0 (1.00)
2	20 (.75)	75 (3.00)	200 (8.00)	37.5 (1.50)
3	25 (1.00)	75 (3.00)	200 (8.00)	37.5 (1.50)
4, 5, 6	25 (1.00)	100 (4.00)	200 (8.00)	50.0 (2.00)
7, 8	30 (1.25)	125 (5.00)	200 (8.00)	62.5 (2.50)
9, 10	40 (1.50)	140 (5.50)	200 (8.00)	70.0 (2.75)

TABLE 4 PARALLELISM TOLERANCE, mm (in.)

Material Thickness	Gap tolerance
up to 2.5 (0.098)	.025 (.001)
2.5-8.0 (.089-.315)	.05 (.002)
over 8.0 (0.315)	.08 (.003)

TABLE 5 PART TOLERANCE, mm/300 mm (in./ft)

Standard Size	Part Tolerances mm/300 mm (in./ft)		
	Straightness	Parallelism	Squareness
1-3	.025 (.001)	.025 (.001)	.025 (.001)
4-5	.05 (.002)	.05 (.002)	.05 (.002)
6-7	.05 (.002)	.05 (.002)	.05 (.002)
8	.1 (.004)	.1 (.004)	.05 (.002)
9	.2 (.008)	.1 (.004)	.075 (.003)
10	.25 (.010)	.1 (.004)	.075 (.003)

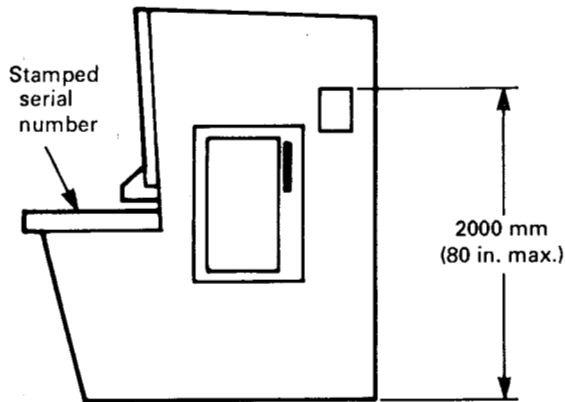


FIG. 4 IDENTIFICATION DATA LOCATION

engineering documentation of all related components and systems.

8.2 Instruction Manual

The manufacturer shall provide a minimum of two copies of the instruction manual containing information relevant to proper installation, operator and supervisor training, safety, and maintenance of the equipment. The manuals shall be printed in English and bound as a permanent reference document for the equipment.

9 MANUFACTURER DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE

9.1 Certificate of Compliance.

Upon request, the machine manufacturer shall provide a certificate of compliance with this Standard. The certificate is to include the following information:

Title: B5.56M Compliance

Manufacturer -

Machine Model -

Machine Serial No. -

Date -

MANUFACTURER'S NAME	
MODEL NO.	
SERIAL NO.	
CAPACITY, SHEARING, mm (inches)	
CONFORMING TO ASME B5.56	
HYDRAULIC	
RELIEF PRESSURE, kPa (psi)	
ELECTRICAL SUPPLY:	☐ VOLTS ☐ PH ☐ Hz
FULL LOAD	☐ AMPS
CONTROL SYSTEM:	☐ VOLTS ☐ PH ☐ Hz
B5.56 KNIFE SIZE	☐ UPPER ☐ LOWER

FIG. 5 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION DATA PLATE

10 REFERENCE STANDARDS

10.1 Safety and Health

ANSI B11.4, Safety Requirements for the Construction, Care, and Use of Shears

ANSI B11.19, Performance Criteria for the Design, Construction, Care, and Operation of Safeguarding When Referenced by the Other B11 Standards

ANSI B15.1, Safety Standard for Mechanical Power Transmission Apparatus

ANSI Z44.1, Lockout Tagout

NFPA 79, Electrical Standard for Industrial Machinery

OSHA 1910.95, Occupational Noise Exposure

OSHA 1910.211, Machinery and Machine Guarding, Definitions

OSHA 1910.212, Machinery and Machine Guarding, General Requirements for All Machines

OSHA 1910.219, Machinery and Machine Guarding, Mechanical Power Transmission Apparatus

10.2 Other References

ANSI B5.51M-1987, Preferred SI Units for Machine Tools

ANSI B94.53-1984, Solid Steel Rectangular Metal Cutting Squaring Shear Knives Dimensional Tolerances

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APPENDIX A GLOSSARY OF TERMS

(This Appendix is an integral part of ASME B5.56M-1994 and is placed after the main text for convenience.)

Terms relevant to this Standard and its application are as follows:

actuating means (controls) — see *control, hand*; *control, foot or PSD*; *control, pedal (treadle)*; *two hand trip*

anti-repeat — that function of the control system designed to limit the shear to a single cycle (stroke) if the tripping or actuating means is held operated

automatic (full) — see *continuous*

awareness barrier — an attachment that by physical contact warns personnel of an approaching or present hazard

awareness device — a signal or device that, by means of audible sound or visual light, warns of a present or approaching hazard

barrier — a physical boundary to a hazard

bed — the stationary member of the (shear) that supports the (fixed blade) and other associated equipment

blade (knife) — a tool having a cutting edge(s) used in the manufacture of production parts

bow — a curvature of the face of the workpiece which prevents it from laying flat on the shear table

brake — a mechanism for stopping, slowing, or preventing motion

camber — a curvature of the edge of the workpiece which prevents continuous contact to a gauge stop

caution — see *warning*

clutch — an assembly, that when engaged, transmits torque to impart motion from a driving member to a driven member

clutch, part revolution — a type of clutch that may be engaged or disengaged during the shear cycle (stroke)

clutch, full revolution — a type of clutch that, when engaged, cannot be disengaged until the shear has completed a full cycle (stroke)

connection (connecting rod) (pitman) — the part of the shear that transmits motion and force from the revolving crank or eccentric to the ram

continuous (automatic) (full automatic) — uninterrupted, multiple cycles (strokes) without intervening stops at the end of an individual cycle (stroke)

control, foot — a foot operated mechanism (other than a mechanical pedal) for use with the shear control system

control, foot pedal, (mechanical) — a foot operated lever designed to actuate and engage the clutch and disengage the brake to cause ram motion

control, hand — a hand operated mechanism for use with shear control system

control, numerical — a shear controller or control system that is capable of logic and information processing without manual intervention

control, operator — a pushbutton, switch, lever, hand-wheel, or other device activated by the operator which initiates, cycles, controls, or stops motion of the shear

control, presence sensing device (PSD) — a presence sensing device (PSD) is used as an actuating means

control, emergency (master) stop — a control that, when actuated, initiates immediate or controlled stopping action of the hazardous motion of the shear

control, stop or return — a control that, when actuated, initiates immediate or controlled stopping action of the hazardous motion and causes the slide(s) (ram) to return to its initial open position

control, two hand — a control arrangement that requires the concurrent use of both of the operators hands to initiate or continue the shear cycle (stroke)

counterbalance (system) — means provided to balance the reciprocating weight of the ram, drive members, and slide (ram) attachments