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Preface

This is the harmonized CSA Group and UL Standard For Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools And Lawn And Garden Machinery – Safety – Part 2-21: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Drain Cleaners. It is the First edition of CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 62841-2-21 and the First edition of UL 62841-2-21.

This harmonized standard is based on IEC Publication 62841-2-21: First edition Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools And Lawn And Garden Machinery – Safety – Part 2-21: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Drain Cleaners, issued May 2017. IEC 62841-2-21 is copyrighted by the IEC.

This harmonized standard was prepared by CSA Group and Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL). The efforts and support of the International Harmonization Committee (IHC) for the adoption of the IEC series of standards for Hand-Held, Motor-Operated, and Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery UL are gratefully acknowledged.

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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This UL 62841-2-21 Standard For Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools And Lawn And Garden Machinery – Safety – Part 2-21: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Drain Cleaners, is to be used in conjunction with the First edition of UL 62841-1. The requirements for hand-held drain cleaners are contained in this Part 2 Standard and UL 62841-1. Requirements of this Part 2 Standard, where stated, amend the requirements of UL 62841-1. Where a particular subclause of UL 62841-1 is not mentioned in UL 62841-2-21, the UL 62841-1 subclause applies.

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FOREWORD

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ELECTRIC MOTOR-OPERATED HAND-HELD TOOLS, TRANSPORTABLE TOOLS AND LAWN AND GARDEN MACHINERY – SAFETY – PART 2-21: PARTICULAR REQUIREMENTS FOR HAND-HELD DRAIN CLEANERS

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FDIS	Report on voting
116/316/FDIS	116/326/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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

This Part 2-21 is to be used in conjunction with the first edition of IEC 62841-1 (2014).

This Part 2-21 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 62841-1, so as to convert it into the IEC Standard: Particular requirements for hand-held drain cleaners.

Where a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this Part 2-21, 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.

The following print types are used:

- requirements: in roman type;
- *test specifications: in italic type;*
- Notes: in smaller roman type.

The terms defined in Clause 3 are printed in **bold typeface**.

Subclauses, notes and figures which are additional to those in Part 1 are numbered starting from 101.

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The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC web site under "<http://webstore.iec.ch>" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

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101DV DE Modification: Add the following to the IEC Foreword:

The numbering system in the standard uses a space instead of a comma to indicate thousands and uses a comma instead of a period to indicate a decimal point. For example, 1 000 means 1,000 and 1,01 means 1.01.

102DV DE Modification: *Add the following to the IEC Foreword:*

For this Standard, all references to "Part 1" refer to CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 62841-1 and UL 62841-1.

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1 Scope

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

Addition:

This part of IEC 62841 applies to **drain cleaners**.

NOTE 101 **Drain cleaners** are also known as pipe cleaners.

This standard does not apply to drills and impact drills, even if they can be used as a **drain cleaners**.

NOTE 102 Transportable **drain cleaners** will be covered by a future part of IEC 62841-3.

This standard does not apply to machines that use a solid rod to clean drains.

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 **cutter:** accessory that is attached to the end of the drain cleaner cable or is a specially formed section of the **drain cleaner cable**

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 101](#).

3.102 **drain cleaner:** tool designed to clean out drains and pipes with a rotating **drain cleaner cable** that is either fed manually or with an automatic feed mechanism

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 101](#).

3.103 **drain cleaner cable** flexible **accessory** of a **drain cleaner** that is inserted into the pipe or drain

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 101](#).

3.104 **drum** cylindrical container that rotates and houses the **drain cleaner cable**

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 101](#).

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:

A **drain cleaner cable** is considered to be an **accessory** and is not included in the mass of the tool.

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:

8.14.1 Addition:

For **drain cleaners**, 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".

8.14.1.1 Addition:

Item 2) b) is not applicable.

8.14.1.101 Safety instructions for drain cleaners

NOTE In the instructions below, at the discretion of the manufacturer the term "drain" is replaced with the term "pipe".

a) **Before using the tool, test the residual current device (RCD) provided with the supply cord to ensure it is operating correctly.** *A properly operating RCD reduces the risk of electrical shock.*

NOTE It is possible to replace the term "**residual current device (RCD)**" with the term "ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI)" or "earth leakage circuit breaker (ELCB)".

b) **Only use extension cords that are protected by an RCD.** *The RCD on the machine power cord will not prevent electrical shock from the extension cords.*

NOTE It is possible to replace the term "**residual current device (RCD)**" with the term "ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI)" or "earth leakage circuit breaker (ELCB)".

c) **Only grasp the rotating cable with gloves recommended by the manufacturer.** *Latex or loose-fitting gloves or rags can become wrapped around the cable and may result in serious personal injury.*

d) **Do not allow the cutter to stop turning while the cable is turning.** *This can overstress the cable and may cause twisting, kinking or breaking of the cable and may result in serious personal injury.*

e) **Use latex or rubber gloves inside the gloves recommended by the manufacturer, goggles, face shields, protective clothing, and respirator when chemicals, bacteria or other toxic or infectious substances are suspected to be in a drain line.** *Drains may contain chemicals, bacteria and other substances that may cause burns, be toxic or infectious or may result in other serious personal injury.*

f) **Practice good hygiene. Do not eat or smoke while handling or operating the tool. After handling or operating drain cleaning equipment, use hot, soapy water to wash hands and other body parts exposed to drain contents.** *This will help reduce the risk of health hazards due to exposure to toxic or infectious material.*

g) **Only use the drain cleaner for the recommended drain sizes.** *Using the wrong size drain cleaner can lead to twisting, kinking or breaking of the cable and may result in personal injury.*

8.14.2 a) *Additional items:*

101) Information on the permitted length(s) and diameter(s) of the **drain cleaner cable**;

102) Instruction on how to install the **drain cleaner cable**;

103) Information on recommended **drain cleaner cable** diameters for different pipe diameters.

8.14.2 b) *Additional items:*

101) Information on the correct gloves to wear during operation;

102) Information on the distance the **drain cleaner** is to be placed from the drain or pipe opening.

8.14.2 c) *Additional items:*

101) Instruction on how to inspect and maintain the **drain cleaner cable**.

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.

13 Resistance to heat and fire

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

14 Moisture resistance

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

14.5 Replacement:

A **residual current device** used to provide protection from shock in the case of moisture shall comply with IEC 61540:1999 and shall meet the following requirements a) to c):

- a) The **RCD** shall disconnect both mains conductors, but not the earth conductor if provided, when the leakage exceeds 10 mA and with a maximum response of 300 ms.

Compliance is checked by inspection and the test of 9.9.2 of IEC 61540:1997. In addition, during the test, the earthing conductor shall not become disconnected.

- b) The **RCD** shall be reliable for its intended use.

*Compliance is checked at **rated voltage** by operating the **residual current device** under conditions of simulated leakage as in a) above during conditions of locked rotor of the tool for 50 cycles. The **residual current device** shall operate correctly for all cycles.*

- c) The **RCD** shall be installed such that it is unlikely to be removed during use or normal maintenance.

This requirement is considered fulfilled if the **residual current device** is fixed to the tool or the power **supply cord** connected to the tool.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

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:

18.8.1 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
Provide desired direction of rotation	a
Any electronic control to pass the test of 18.3	a
Any speed limiting device	Not an SCF
Prevent exceeding thermal limits as in Clause 18	a

19 Mechanical hazards

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

19.1 Replacement of the first paragraph:

Moving dangerous parts and other dangerous parts other than the **drain cleaner cable** and the **drum**, which is covered by [19.101](#), shall be so positioned or enclosed to provide adequate protection against personal injury.

The **drain cleaner cable** shall be smooth and free from sharp edges except for the **cutter**.

19.4 Replacement:

Drain cleaners shall have at least two handles or grasping surfaces to ensure safe handling during use.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

19.6 This subclause is not applicable.

19.101 The **drum** shall have a continuous outer surface without any openings. Any protrusions from or indentations in the **drum** shall be smooth, free of burrs and shall not have an acute angle in the forward direction of rotation and protrusions shall not exceed 12 mm.

Compliance is checked by measurement.

20 Mechanical strength

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

20.1 Addition:

Damage to the **drum**, **drum** mounting or **drain cleaner cable** feed mechanism is permitted, provided that protection against access to live parts in accordance with Clause [9](#) is not impaired.

20.5 This subclause is not applicable.

21 Construction

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

21.15 *Replacement:*

Drain cleaners shall protect the user against the increased risk of shock due to the presence of moisture.

Drain cleaners shall be either:

- of **class III construction**; or
- of **class I construction** or **class II construction**, be provided with a residual current device and comply with [14.5](#); or
- of **class I construction** or **class II construction** and be designed for use in combination with an isolating transformer.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

21.18.1.1 *Addition:*

The **power switch** shall not have any locking device to lock it in the "on" position.

21.30 This subclause is not applicable.

21.35 This subclause is not applicable.

21.101 A **drain cleaner cable** locking mechanism that rotates with the **drain cleaner cable** shall be smooth and free from burrs. To prevent entanglement, protrusions shall

- not exceed 12 mm radially; and
- not have an acute angle in the forward direction of rotation.

*Compliance is checked by inspection and by measurement with the locking mechanism fully tightened with the largest **drain cleaner cable** installed in accordance with [8.14.2 b\) 102](#)). See [Figure 102](#).*

22 Internal wiring

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

23 Components

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

24 Supply connection and external flexible cords

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

25 Terminals for external conductors

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

26 Provision for earthing

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

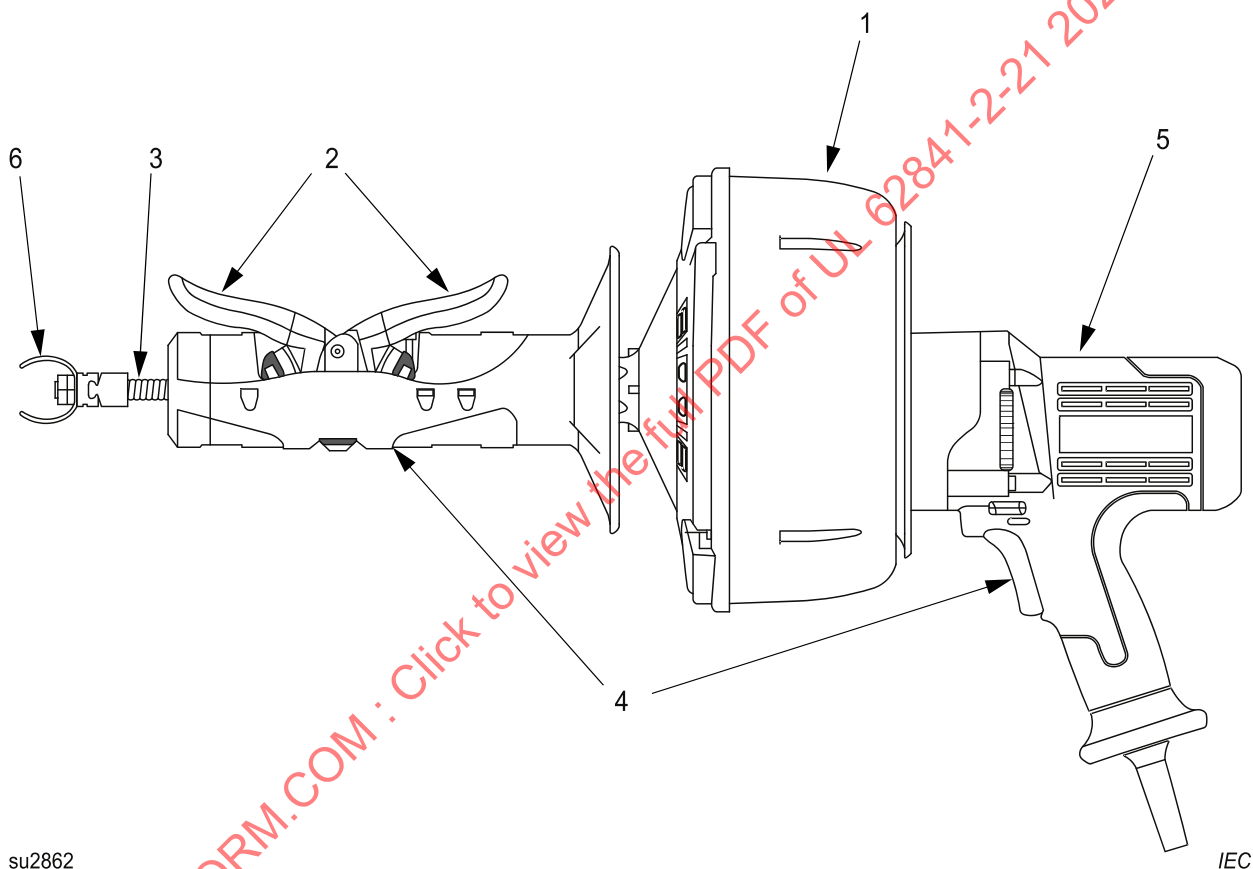
27 Screws and connections

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

28 Creepage distances, clearances and distances through insulation

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

Figure 101
Example of a drain cleaner



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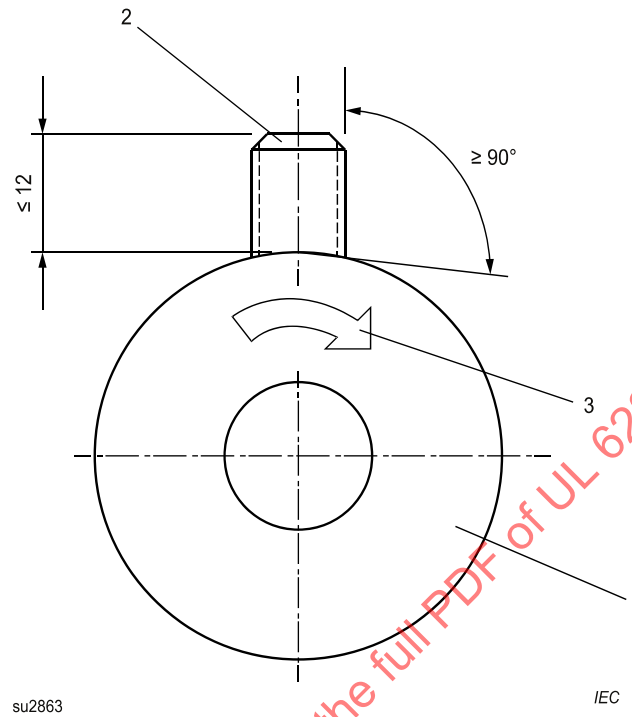
Key

- 1 drum
- 2 drain cleaner cable forward/reverse feed mechanism
- 3 drain cleaner cable
- 4 handle/grasping surface
- 5 motor
- 6 cutter

IEC

Figure 102
Locking mechanism for drain cleaner cable

Dimensions in millimetres



Key

1 locking collar

2 drain cleaner cable locking mechanism

3 direction of rotation