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FOREWORD
This Foreword is informative and not part of the requirements of American National Standard B11.9-2010.

The primary objective of this standard is to eliminate, control or reduce hazards to individuals associated with grinding machines by establishing requirements for the design, construction, installation, commissioning, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of these machines. To accomplish this objective, responsibilities have been assigned to the supplier (e.g., supplier, modifier, distributor, rebuilder and integrator), the user, and individuals in the working environment.

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Technology for grinding machines is continuously evolving. This standard reflects the most commonly used and time-tested state of the art at the time of its approval. The inclusion or omission of language relative to any evolving technology, either in the requirements or explanatory area of this standard, in no way infers acceptance or rejection of such technologies.

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For existing or modified machines, this Subcommittee recommends that users should confirm that the equipment / process has tolerable risk using generally recognized risk assessment methods within 30 months of the approval date of this standard. If the risk assessment shows that modification(s) is necessary, refer to the requirements of this standard to implement protective measures for appropriate risk reduction.

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Introduction
The primary purpose of every machine tool is to process parts. This is accomplished by the machine imparting process energy onto the workpiece. Inadvertent interference with, or accidental misdirection of the released energy during production, maintenance, commissioning and de-commissioning may result in injury.

The primary purpose of the ANSI B11 series of machine tool safety standards is to devise and propose ways to minimize risks of the potential hazards. This can be accomplished either by an appropriate machine design or by restricting personnel or other individuals’ access to hazard zones, and by devising work procedures to minimize personnel exposure to hazardous situations. This is the essence of the ANSI B11 series of safety standards.

The responsibility for the alleviation of these risks is divided between the equipment supplier, the user and the user’s operating personnel, as follows (numbers in parentheses refer to the clause numbers in these “base” B11 standards which address that responsibility).

The requirements of this ANSI standard are grouped according to those that apply to the supplier (i.e., manufacturer, rebuilder, modifier) and user. Some are shared between the supplier and user and are so indicated. Figure 1 provides an overview of this standard and in particular the responsibilities of and requirements for the supplier and user, including the user personnel. Numbers in parentheses denote the particular clause or subclause of the standard.

Notes for Figure 1:
1) Scope – Provides the boundaries or limits of the standard (i.e., what is/is not included).
2) Normative references – Other standards which in whole or in part provide additional requirements when referenced in the normative text (i.e., left-hand column of clauses 4 – 9) of this standard.
3) Definitions – Terms used in this standard, together with their definitions (terms used in the same context as are generally understood and commonly used in everyday English are not defined).
4) Responsibility – The general responsibilities of the supplier (builder), user, and the user personnel are listed in clause 4 together with which of the remaining clauses they have primary responsibility.
5) Hazard control (task/hazard identification & risk assessment/risk reduction) – Although clause 5 is intended to require a shared responsibility between supplier and user, the requirements of this clause may fall primarily on either entity (see B11.0 [B11.TR3] for further explanation of hazard/task identification and risk assessment/risk reduction).
6) Design and construction – It is assumed that the supplier will be responsible for the requirements of clause 6 with the understanding that the user may add to or modify these requirements through the purchase agreement.
7) Installation, testing and start-up – Although the requirements of clause 7 are predominantly the responsibility of the user, the supplier will normally provide assistance either directly (providing personnel) or indirectly (instruction materials).
8) Safeguarding – This is normally a shared responsibility but often, either the supplier or the user will provide and/or meet the requirements of clause 8.
9) Operation and maintenance – The user is normally responsible for the requirements of clause 9 with possible assistance from the supplier for training.
Figure 1 – Typical layout of B11 base standards showing the various responsibilities

The gray shading represents ANSI B11. A solid line between a block showing reference standard(s) and a block showing a normative clause denotes part of the requirements. A dashed line denotes an informative reference.
1 Scope
This standard applies to all stationary grinding machines, used in either industrial or commercial applications, that utilize an abrasive product to change the shape, size or surface finish of any material.

1.1 Included machines
This standard includes but is not limited to the following machines, regardless of their control method, that use an abrasive product to remove material:

E1 Stationary grinding machines are fixed in position during operation and capable of a combination of one or more types of operations. Abrasive products include coated abrasives and superabrasives, as well as abrasive products consisting of abrasive grains held together by organic or inorganic bonds.

E1.1 Control methods may include pneumatic, hydraulic, servo, NC, CNC, mechanical, manual, etc.).

Figures 1.1 through 1.16 are simplified schematics of different machine configurations and may not depict required guards (removed for clarity).

1.1.1 External cylindrical grinding machine
A machine that grinds the external surface of a rotating workpiece.

Figure 1.1.1 – External Cylindrical Grinding
Examples:
Center-type or cylindrical grinders
Gear grinders
Profile and cam grinders
Thread grinders

1.1.2 Centerless external cylindrical grinding Machine
A machine that grinds the external surface of a rotating workpiece. The workpiece is rotated and mechanically guided with reference to the grinding wheel by means of a control-wheel, and rests on a straight-edge placed between the two wheels.

Figure 1.1.2 – Centerless Grinding
1.1.2.1 Internal cylindrical grinding machine
(includes either horizontal or vertical spindle configurations)

A machine that grinds the internal surface of a rotating workpiece. The workpiece and the grinding wheel are mechanically guided.

1.1.3 Surface grinding machine – peripheral grinding, reciprocating table, (horizontal spindle)

A machine that grinds the plane surfaces of a workpiece whereby the workpiece is secured to a reciprocating table. The workpiece and the grinding wheel are mechanically guided.

1.1.4 Surface grinding machine – peripheral grinding, rotary table (horizontal spindle; table has a vertical axis of rotation)

A machine that grinds the plane surfaces of a workpiece whereby the workpiece is secured to a rotary table. The workpiece and the grinding wheel are mechanically guided.
1.1.5 Surface grinding machine – face grinding, reciprocating table (vertical spindle)

A machine that grinds the plane surfaces of a workpiece whereby the workpiece is secured to a reciprocating table. The workpiece and the grinding wheel are mechanically guided.

1.1.6 Surface grinding machine – face grinding, rotary table (vertical spindle; table has a vertical axis of rotation)

A machine that grinds the plane surfaces of a workpiece whereby the workpiece is secured to a rotary table. The workpiece and the grinding wheel are mechanically guided.

1.1.7 Surface grinding – face grinding, Double disc surface grinding machine (includes either horizontal or vertical spindle configurations)

A machine that grinds the workpiece by passing it between two disc or cylinder wheels or segments. The workpiece and the grinding wheels are mechanically guided.

1.1.8 Tool & cutter grinding machine – peripheral and face grinding (includes multiple horizontal spindle configurations)

A machine that grinds or regrinds cutting faces and edges of tools (workpiece). The workpiece and the grinding wheels are mechanically guided.
1.1.9 Cutting-off machine (guillotine type)

A machine that grinds the workpiece for slotting or cutting-off. The workpiece is firmly fixed and the cutting-off wheel is mechanically guided.

1.1.10 Cutting-off machine (chop-saw type)

A machine that uses a hand-guided cutting-off wheel on a firmly clamped workpiece.

1.1.11 Cutting-off machine (workpiece translation type)

A machine that uses a hand or mechanically-guided vertically adjustable cutting-off wheel on a firmly clamped workpiece.

1.1.12 Bench, pedestal or floorstand grinding machine – peripheral grinding

A machine that grinds the surface of a workpiece using the wheel periphery. Workpiece is guided by hand.
1.1.13 Pedestal grinding machine – face grinding (horizontal spindle)

A machine that grinds the surface of a workpiece using the wheel face. The workpiece is guided by hand.

1.1.14 Swing frame grinding machine – peripheral grinding/cutting-off

A suspended machine that utilizes handlebars to guide the machine to grind or cut the workpiece using the wheel periphery. The workpiece is firmly clamped or stabilized by its own weight. The grinding machine is guided by hand.

1.1.15 Automatic billet grinding machine – surface grinding (high pressure)

A machine that uses high pressure grinding where the workpiece is secured to a table. The workpiece and the grinding wheel are mechanically guided.

NOTE: A swing frame grinding machine is typically used for snagging operations, often for rapid stock removal in foundries.
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1.2 Excluded machines
This standard does not apply to portable hand-held grinding machines, machines using loose abrasives, machines used in wood-working applications, or machines used for concrete cutting in road construction.

Also, this standard does not apply to honing machines, lapping machines, polishing machines or belt grinding machines.

E1.2

Machines that use free abrasives or reciprocating motion and or very low speed are excluded from this standard because they typically use lighter force than with grinding machines, and the mechanism at the point of operation significantly differs from that of abrasive products used on grinding machines.

2 References
This standard is to be used in conjunction with the following American National Standards:

2.1 Normative references
The following standards contain provisions that, through reference in this document, constitute provisions of this American National Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this American National Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below.

ANSI B7.1 – 2000 Safety Requirements for Use, Care and Protection of Abrasive Wheels (and corrigendum)

ANSI B11.0 – 2010, Safety of Machinery; General Requirements and Risk Assessment/Risk Reduction


ANSI / ASSE Z244.1 – 2003 (R2008), Control of hazardous energy – Lockout/tagout and alternative methods

ANSI / ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, 2009. (Division 1, Section VIII)


NFPA 70E – 2009, Electrical Safety Requirements for Employee Workplaces.

Since the grinding machine and abrasive product are the fundamental components of the grinding system, it is particularly important that users of ANSI B11.9 concurrently reference ANSI B7.1.