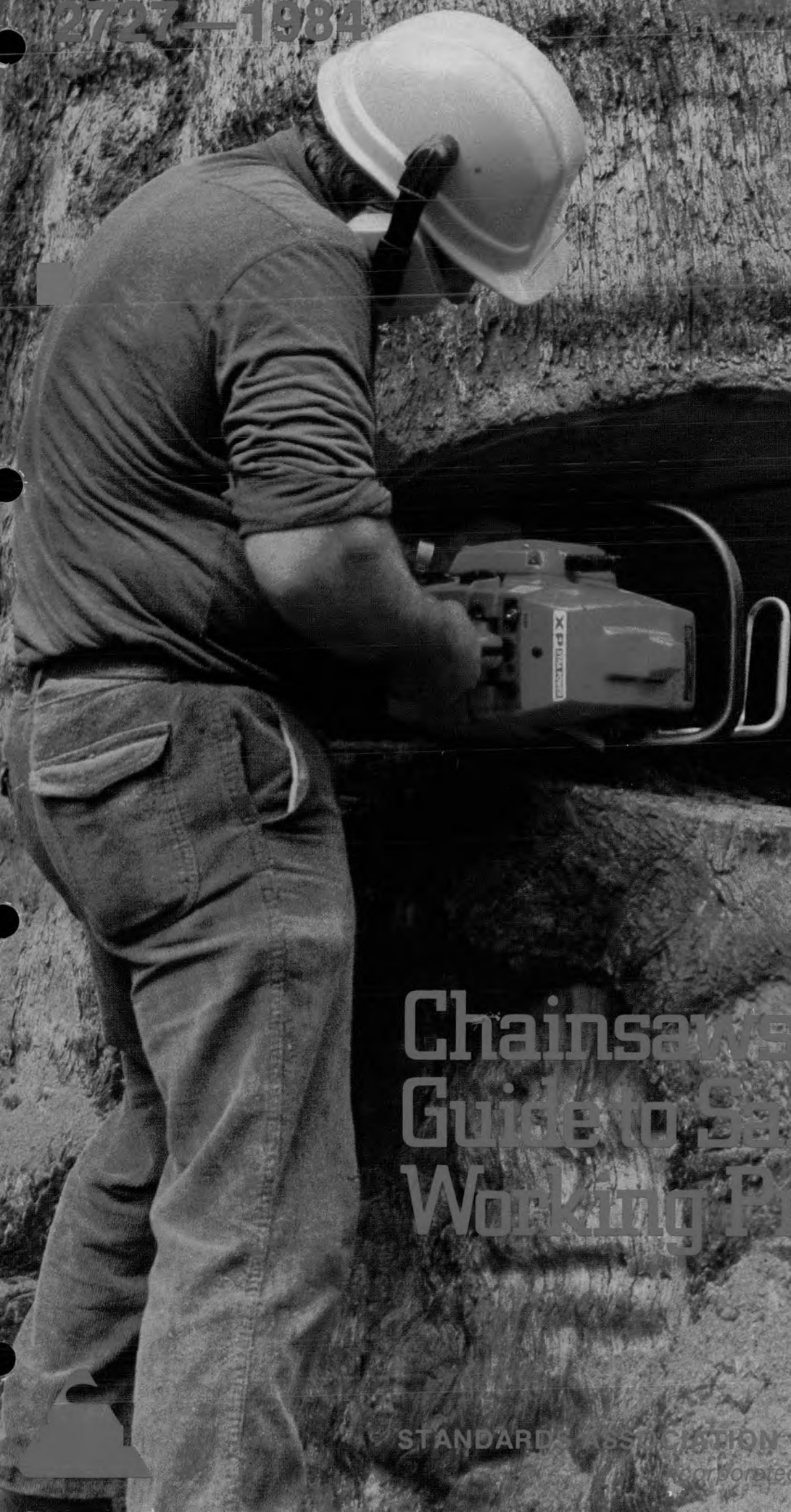


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This standard was prepared by the Association's Committee on Chainsaw Safety at the request of the Safety Standards Board in an endeavour to reduce the incidence of injuries sustained by operators of chainsaws during timber-cutting operations.

It provides guidelines and recommendations for the safe use of chainsaws, identifies hazards, describes methods for particular operations, e.g. the felling of trees and cross-cutting of logs, and it contains basic principles for instructing and training of chainsaw operators.

The standard also includes fire prevention measures, a maintenance program for chainsaws, and basic details for sharpening a saw chain.

This standard does not cover the safety requirements applicable to chainsaws. Specific requirements for electrically and petrol-driven chainsaws are given in AS 2726, Chainsaws—Safety Requirements.

A safety program should be introduced where persons are exposed to hazards. The aim of a safety program should be to protect persons through the control of hazards. Such a program should include the following:

- (a) Critical examination of working conditions to identify hazards.
- (b) Recommended methods for eliminating and/or controlling of hazards, where hazards cannot be minimized or eliminated by other means.
- (c) Provision for personal safety devices and protective clothing.
- (d) Assessment of hazards and risks of hazards and the determination of hazard areas.
- (e) Sources of information relating to specifications.

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