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ASABE WITHDRAWS TWO TURF AND LANDSCAPE EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN— The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has withdrawn from continued publication two standards associated with turf and landscape equipment, ANSI/ASAE S323.2 and ANSI/ASABE S599.

ANSI/ASAE S323.2, Definitions of Powered Lawn and Garden Equipment, was withdrawn because it is no longer used by industry. Manufacturers now indicate usage of OPEI standards ANSI/OPEI B71.1, Consumer Turf Care Equipment – Pedestrian-Controlled Mowers and Ride-On Mowers – Safety Specifications, and ANSI/OPEI B71.4-2012, Commercial Turf Care Equipment - Safety Specifications. Both documents contain information similar to that found in S323.2.

Feedback from industry indicated no need for continued publication of ANSI/ASABE S599, Standardized Deployment Performance of an Automatically Deployable ROPS for Turf & Landscape Equipment. In the six years since the standard's adoption, the standard has not been used in industry and no plans for future use have been communicated.

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