



**“STIHL, FS-400” BRUSH CUTTER
(Self Propelled)**



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1. SCOPE OF TEST**1.1 LABORATORY TEST**

- a) Checking of specification
- b) Mechanical vibration measurement
- c) Noise measurement
- d) Hardness and chemical analysis of critical components
- e) Wear analysis of critical components

1.2 FIELD TEST

- a) Rate of work
- b) Quality of work
- c) Labour requirement
- d) Adequacy of power of prime mover
- e) Ease of operation, adjustment & safety provisions
- f) Defects, breakdowns and repairs

2. METHOD OF SELECTION

The machine was directly submitted by the applicant for test at this institute. Hence method of selection was not known.

3. TEST CODE AND PROCEDURE

There is no Indian Standard Test Code available for testing of brush cutter as such. The guidelines, however, have been taken from the following:

i)	IS: 11467 – 1985, reaffirmed 2012	:	Test code for cereal harvesting machine
ii)	IS: 6025 – 1982, reaffirmed 2009	:	Specification for knife sections for harvesting machines

4. SPECIFICATIONS**4.1 General:**

Name and address of the manufacturer	:	M/s ANDREAS STIHL AG & Co. KG, Badstrasse 115,71336 Waiblingen, Germany.
Test requested by Importer/Applicant	:	M/s Andreas STIHL Pvt. Ltd., Gut No. 53/1, Pune-Nashik Highway, Kuirili, Pune, Maharashtra, India- 410 501
Make	:	STIHL
Model	:	FS-400
Serial no. (apa)	:	181177353
Type	:	Self propelled
Year of manufacture (apa)	:	2016
Country of origin	:	Germany
Suitability	:	Cleaning of the Bushes, Shrubs Weeds & Grasses

- 12.2 The handle fitted on the chassis at 500 mm apart from the engine can twist towards or against the operator for operators comfort by means of a knob provided in it.

13. DEFECTS, BREAKDOWNS AND REPAIRS

No major breakdown was occurred during 22.92 h of field operation.

14. SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS, COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

14.1 Performance of brush cutter with 3-T blade

14.1.1 Rate of work

- a) The rate of work was recorded as 0.034 to 0.053 ha/h with operation speed of 0.25 to 0.38 kmph.
b) The time required to cover one hectare was recorded as 18.72 to 29.0 h.

14.1.2 Quality of work

Mass of weed cut was observed as 88 to 277 kg/h

14.1.3 Fuel consumption

Fuel consumption was observed as 1.53 to 1.54 l/h and 28.64 to 44.66 l/ha

14.2 Performance of brush cutter with Nylon rope

14.2.1 Rate of work

- a) The rate of work was recorded as 0.058 to 0.060 ha/h with operation speed of 0.40 to 0.44 kmph.
b) The time required to cover one hectare was recorded as 16.60 to 17.34 hours.

14.2.2 Quality of work

Mass of weed cut was observed as 37 to 46 kg/h

14.2.3 Fuel consumption

Fuel consumption was observed as 1.30 to 1.32 l/h and 21.58 to 22.89 l/ha

14.3 Labour requirement

An averagely built person can able to operate the brush cutter for forty minutes at a stretch. Hence, two operators are required for continuous operation of the machine.

- 14.4 The capacity of fuel tank is only 0.67 L, which does not appear to be adequate. This call for necessary modification

- 14.5 Noise at operator's ear level and bystander's level was observed on higher side against danger limits of 90 db(A) as specified by ILO for continuous exposure of 8 hours per day. This calls for reduction in noise level to improve the operational comfort and safety.

- 14.6 The Amplitude of mechanical vibration at various assemblies marked with * in **Table no. 1** is on higher side. This calls for dampening down of vibration to improve the operational comfort and service life of the components.

- 14.7 During testing, Goggles and Earmuffs was provided as protective devices. All the necessary protective accessories, as mentioned in the instruction manual, like arm cover, gloves, leg protector, face shield, helmet, etc. was not provided. All these should necessarily be provided for the safety of operator.
- 14.8 No labeling plate indicating Year of manufacture, Power of prime mover, Specific fuel consumption, Rated speed of engine, Speed of cutting attachment, etc. has been provided on the machine. This may be looked into for necessary corrective action.

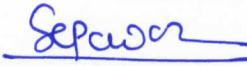
14.9 **Adequacy of Literature**

The following literatures covered with English was provided for reference during testing:

- Instruction manual
- Parts catalogue

It is recommended to bring out the manual in Hindi and other vernacular languages as per IS: 8132-1999.

TESTING AUTHORITY



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15. APPLICANT'S COMMENTS

One copy of draft test report was sent to the applicant for their comment. However, no relevant comments received within time regarding comments & recommendations.