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ANNEX VI

Preparation of the mesh gauge

1. The inspector shall:
 - (a) select the appropriate size of jaw for the meshes to be measured;
 - (b) ensure that the jaws are clean;
 - (c) check that the gauge completes the self-test satisfactorily;
 - (d) select the measuring force to be applied as follows:
 - (i) for active gear:
 - 20 N for mesh sizes < 35 mm,
 - 50 N for mesh sizes \geq 35 mm and < 55 mm,
 - 125 N for mesh sizes \geq 55 mm;
 - (ii) for passive gear:
 - 10 N for all mesh sizes;
 - (e) verify the jaw type setting. The default setting is 'Normal'. If small or large jaws are used, the inspector shall enter the menu and change the jaw type setting accordingly.
2. When the activities set out in point 1 are completed the gauge is then ready to undertake mesh measurements.

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