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ISO 9614-3	2002	Acoustics - Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity - Part 3: Precision method for measurement by scanning	EN ISO 9614-3	2009
ISO 6926	2016	Acoustics - Requirements for the performance and calibration of reference sound sources used for the determination of sound power levels	EN ISO 6926	2016
ISO 12001	1996	Acoustics - Noise emitted by machinery and equipment - Rules for the drafting and presentation of a noise test code	EN ISO 12001	2009

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- c) revision of requirements on background noise level.

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INTRODUCTION

Although the noise emitted by household appliances does not generally present a hazard to the hearing of the operator and other exposed persons, the need for standardization procedures for the determination of the noise emitted has been recognized for a long time. Such procedures should be specified, not only for special types of appliances, but also the principles should be applicable to the majority of appliances in general use.

Generally, the determination of noise levels is only part of a comprehensive testing procedure covering many aspects of the properties and performances of the appliance. It is therefore important that the requirements for noise measurements (such as test environment, instrumentation, and amount of labour involved) be kept at a modest level.

The results of noise measurements are used for many purposes, for example for noise declaration, as well as for comparing the noise emitted by a specific appliance to the noise emitted by other appliances of the same family. In other cases, the results are taken as a basis for engineering action in the development stages of new pieces of equipment, or in deciding on means for sound insulation. For all purposes, it is important to specify procedures with known accuracy so that the results of measurements taken by different laboratories can be compared.

These conditions have, as far as possible, been taken into account in the preparation of this test code. The acoustic measuring methods are based on those described in ISO 3743-1:2010, ISO 3743-2:2018 and ISO 3744:2010.

The adoption of these methods permits the use of hemi-anechoic rooms, special reverberation test rooms and hard-walled test rooms. The result of the measurements is the sound power level of the appliance. Within the measuring uncertainty specific to these methods, the results from the determination under free field conditions over a reflecting plane are equal to those obtained in reverberant fields.

The use of intensity methods as described in ISO 9614-1:1993, ISO 9614-2:1996, and ISO 9614-3:2002 is applicable under special conditions, which are described in specific parts of the IEC 60704-2 series.

This test code is concerned with airborne noise only. In some cases, structure-borne noise, for example transmitted to the adjoining room, can be of importance.

HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – TEST CODE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF AIRBORNE ACOUSTICAL NOISE –

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60704 applies to electric appliances (including their accessories or components) for household and similar use, supplied from mains or from batteries.

By "similar use" is understood the use in conditions similar to those found in households, for example in inns, coffee houses, tea rooms, hotels, barber or hairdresser shops, launderettes, etc., if not otherwise specified in the IEC 60704-2 series.

This document does not apply to

- appliances, equipment, or machines designed exclusively for industrial or professional purposes;
- appliances that are integrated parts of a building or its installations, such as equipment for air conditioning, heating and ventilating (except household fans, cooker hoods, free-standing heating appliances, dehumidifiers, air cleaners, and stand-alone water heaters), oil burners for central heating, pumps for water supply and for sewage systems;
- separate motors or generators and
- appliances exclusively for outdoor use.

For determining and verifying noise emission values declared in product specifications, see IEC 60704-3:2019.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60704-2 (all parts), *Household and similar electrical appliances – Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise*

IEC 60704-3:2019, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise – Part 3: Procedure for determining and verifying declared noise emission values*

IEC 61260-1:2014, *Electroacoustics – Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters – Part 1: Specifications*

IEC 61672-1:2013, *Electroacoustics – Sound level meters – Part 1: Specifications*

ISO 3743-1:2010, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources – Engineering methods for small, movable sources in reverberant fields – Part 1: Comparison method for hard-walled test rooms*

ISO 3743-2:2018, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering methods for small, movable sources in reverberant fields – Part 2: Methods for special reverberation test rooms*

ISO 3744:2010, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering method in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 9614-1:1993, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity – Part 1: Measurement at discrete points*

ISO 9614-2:1996, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity – Part 2: Measurement by scanning*

ISO 9614-3:2002, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity – Part 3: Precision method for measurement by scanning*

ISO 6926:2016, *Acoustics – Requirements for the performance and calibration of reference sound sources used for the determination of sound power levels*

ISO 12001:1996, *Acoustics – Noise emitted by machinery and equipment – Rules for the drafting and presentation of a noise test code*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply. Terms and definitions pertinent to the determination of sound power levels can be found in ISO 3743-1:2010, ISO 3743-2:2018 and ISO 3744:2010.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

measurement time interval

portion or a multiple of an operational period or operational cycle for which the sound power levels are determined

3.2

operational period

interval of time during which a specified process is accomplished by the appliance under test (for example, washing or rinsing or drying for a dishwasher)

3.3

operational cycle

specific sequence of operational periods occurring while the appliance under test performs a complete work cycle

Note 1 to entry: During the operational cycle, each operational period is associated with a specific process that can occur only once, or can be repeated (for example, washing and rinsing and drying for a dishwasher).

3.4

time history

continuous recording of the sound pressure level (for a distinct microphone position) as a function of time, which is obtained during one or more operational periods of an operational cycle

3.5

reference box

hypothetical right parallelepiped terminating on the reflecting plane(s) on which the noise source under test is located, that just encloses the source including all the significant sound radiating components and any test table on which the source is mounted

[SOURCE: ISO 3744:2010, 3.10, modified – The note has been omitted.]

3.6

test enclosure

enclosure used for simulating the typical acoustic built-in or/and mounting conditions

4 Measurement methods and acoustical environments

4.1 General

This document is concerned with objective methods of engineering accuracy grade 2 in accordance with ISO 12001:1996 for determining sound power levels L_W , expressed in decibels (dB), with reference to a sound power of one picowatt (1 pW), of airborne acoustical noise within the specified frequency range of interest (generally including the octave-bands with centre frequencies from 125 Hz to 8 000 Hz), and for prescribed operating conditions of the appliance to be measured.

Methods for determining sound power levels with precision accuracy grade 1 in accordance with ISO 12001:1996, as specified for example in ISO 3741 and ISO 3745, are not included in this document. They may, however, be applied if the appropriate test environment and instrumentation are available.

NOTE 1 The noise values obtained under the described conditions of this document will not necessarily correspond to the noise experienced under the operational conditions of practical use.

NOTE 2 For quality control during production etc., simplified methods can be appropriate. For noise reduction purposes, other measurement methods employing, for example, narrow-band analysis or intensity techniques usually have to be applied. These methods are not covered by this document.

The total noise emitted by machinery or equipment and radiated in all directions to the space surrounding the machine can be characterized by the sound power of the machine. Within the accuracy range of this document, the sound power of a machine is basically independent of the environment in which the machine is installed

Therefore, the concept of sound power level has been chosen for expressing the noise emission of appliances for household and similar purposes.

The preferred noise emission quantity is the A-weighted sound power level, L_{WA} , in dB (re 1 pW).

According to this document, two principal methods exist, the direct method and the comparison method, as described in 4.2 and 4.3. These two methods can be used alternatively.

Different types of environments, as described in 4.4, may be used. A part of the IEC 60704-2 series may, if necessary, exclude one or several combinations among those available.

4.2 Direct method

The direct method can be used only for measurements in qualified test environments in accordance with ISO 3744:2010 for free field conditions over reflecting plane(s), and in accordance with ISO 3743-2:2018 for special reverberation test rooms.