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Foreword

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Introduction

The objective of this International Standard is to encourage industry-wide uniformity in the definition, measurement, processing and expression of vibration and noise signals that comprise lift ride quality.

The aim of such uniformity is to benefit lift industry clients by reducing variability in the results of lift ride quality measurements caused by differences in the methods of acquiring and quantifying the signals.

This International Standard is intended to be referred to by those parties interested in

- a) developing manufacturing specifications and calibration methods for instrumentation,
- b) defining the scope of the specifications for lift ride quality in contracts, and
- c) measuring lift ride quality in accordance with an International Standard.

It is intended to produce lift ride quality measurements which

- a) are simple to understand without specialized knowledge of noise and vibration analysis,
- b) correlate well with human response to ensure plausibility, and
- c) are accountable via calibration procedures which are traceable to national standards.

This International Standard refers to ISO 8041 and IEC 60651 and has drawn significantly on the considerable body of research implicit in these standards. However, several special challenges drawing on additional research and development were also recognized.

Experience in the lift industry indicates that evaluation of vibration in terms of peak-to-peak levels is of particular relevance to passenger comfort. It was considered necessary for this International Standard to provide a dual form of expression, quantifying both the maximum peak-to-peak and A95 peak-to-peak vibration levels.

To minimize the adverse effects of external influences unique to the lift industry, it was considered necessary to prescribe the prerequisites and method of the measurement process as well as the relevant boundaries (start and end points) over which each signal is quantified.

It was also considered necessary to analyse vertical vibration and vertical motion control separately in order to correlate with human response.

Finally, through the inclusion of algorithms amenable to digital programming, this International Standard reflects the commercial need in the lift industry for instrumentation capable of rapid automatic computation of the required signal quantities. Analog systems may be used providing that the requirements of this International Standard are met.

