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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EV-010, Acoustics Community Noise.

After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to specify a relatively simple engineering method for determining the sound power levels of small, movable noise sources. The methods specified in this document are suitable for measurements of all types of noise within a specified frequency range, except impulsive noise consisting of isolated bursts of sound energy which are covered by AS 5335 and AS 5336.

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Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 43, *Acoustics*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Noise*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 3743-2:1994), of which it constitutes a minor revision. The main changes are the following:

- Table 0.1 in the Introduction deleted;
- restructuring of the content of [Clause 1](#);
- references updated;
- clause on measurement uncertainty revised to be in-line with the other standards of the ISO 3740 series (now [Clause 11](#));
- new [Annexes D, E, and F](#) added;
- new entries in Bibliography added.

A list of all the parts in the ISO 3743 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

ISO 3743 is one standard of the series ISO 3741 to ISO 3747 series, which specifies various methods for determining the sound power levels of machines, equipment and sub-assemblies. These basic standards specify the acoustical requirements for measurements appropriate for different test environments. When selecting one of the methods of the series ISO 3741 to ISO 3747, it is necessary to select the most appropriate for the conditions and purposes of the noise test. General guidelines to assist in the selection are provided in ISO 3740. The series ISO 3741 to ISO 3747 gives only general principles regarding the operating and mounting conditions of the machine or equipment under test. Reference should be made to the noise test code for a specific type of machine or equipment, if available, for specifications on mounting and operating conditions.

The method given in this document enables measurement of sound pressure levels with A-weighting and in octave bands at pre-scribed fixed microphone positions or along prescribed paths. It allows determination of A-weighted sound power levels or sound power levels with other weighting and octave-band sound power levels. Quantities which cannot be determined are the directivity characteristics of the source and the temporal pattern of noise radiated by sources emitting non-steady noise.

ISO 3743-1 and this document specify engineering methods for determining the A-weighted and octave-band sound power levels of small noise sources. The methods are applicable to small machines, devices, components and sub-assemblies which can be installed in a special reverberation test room or in a hard-walled test room with prescribed acoustical characteristics. The methods are particularly suitable for small items of portable equipment; they are not intended for larger pieces of stationary equipment which, due to their manner of operation or installation, cannot readily be moved into the test room and operated as in normal usage. The procedures are intended to be used when an engineering grade of accuracy is desired without requiring the use of laboratory facilities.

In ISO 3743-1, a comparison method is used to determine the octave-band sound power levels of the source. The spatial average (octave-band) sound pressure levels produced by the source under test are compared to the spatial average (octave-band) sound pressure levels produced by a reference sound source of known sound power output. The difference in sound pressure levels is equal to the difference in sound power levels if conditions are the same for both sets of measurements. The A-weighted sound power level is then calculated from the octave-band sound power levels.

The requirements to be fulfilled by the special reverberation test room for measurements in accordance with this document are significantly more restrictive than those placed on the hard-walled test room by the comparison method of ISO 3743-1.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a relatively simple engineering method for determining the sound power levels of small, movable noise sources. The methods specified in this document are suitable for measurements of all types of noise within a specified frequency range, except impulsive noise consisting of isolated bursts of sound energy which are covered by ISO 3744 and ISO 3745.

NOTE A classification of different types of noise is given in ISO 12001.

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.

ISO 3741, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Precision methods for reverberation test rooms*

ISO 3743-1, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Engineering methods for small movable sources in reverberant fields — Part 1: Comparison method for a hard-walled test room*

ISO 3745, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Precision methods for anechoic rooms and hemi-anechoic rooms*

ISO 5725 (all parts), *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results*

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

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

IEC 60942, *Electroacoustics — Sound calibrators*

IEC 61260 (all parts), *Electroacoustics — Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters*

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 3743-1 and the following apply.

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

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