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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 3381:2005), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- new structure of the document to align it with the structure of ISO 3095;
- an improved selection process of the measurement positions – see [Clause 5](#);
- new measurement procedures for noise in driver's cab – see [Clause 7](#);
- improved specifications of the vehicle conditions for the different types of tests - see [6.4](#), [7.3](#), [8.4](#) and [9.4](#);
- an improved assessment of the tonality - see [6.7](#), [8.7](#) and [9.8.2](#).
- an improved indirect assessment of the track acoustic characteristics – see [8.3.4](#), [9.3](#) and [Annex C](#);
- precisions for measurement in specific environments (tunnels, ...) – see [Annex D](#);
- an assessment of measurement uncertainties – see [Annex E](#).

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1 Scope

This document specifies the measurement method and conditions to obtain reproducible noise levels on-board all kinds of vehicles operating on rails or other types of fixed track, hereinafter conventionally called "unit", except for track maintenance vehicles in working modes.

This document is applicable to type testing. It does not include all the instructions to carry out monitoring testing or evaluation of noise exposure of passengers or drivers over a whole journey.

This document is not applicable to guided buses.

It provides measurement procedures for vehicle interior noise (in general, a vehicle type test is carried out using only a selected subset of these tests):

- when the vehicle is moving at constant speed;
- when the vehicle is stationary;
- when the vehicle is accelerating or decelerating;
- in the driver's cab when an external warning horn is sounding (specifically required for European Union regulation application)

It does not provide measurement procedures for:

- audibility or intelligibility of any audible signals;
- assessment of warning devices other than warning horns.

The assessment of noise exposure of train crew due to operational conditions is not in the scope of this document.

The results can be used, for example:

- to characterise the noise inside these units;
- to compare the internal noise of various units on a particular track section;
- to collect basic source data for units.

The test procedures specified in this document are of engineering grade (grade 2), the preferred grade for noise declaration purposes as defined in ISO 12001. If test conditions are relaxed, for example as they are for monitoring of in-service trains, then the results are no longer of engineering grade.

The procedures specified for accelerating and decelerating tests are of survey grade (grade 3).

2 Normative references

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

ISO 1996-1:2016, *Acoustics — Description, measurement and assessment of environmental noise — Part 1: Basic quantities and assessment procedures*