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Hand-arm vibration — Measurement
and evaluation of the vibration
transmissibility of gloves at the palm
of the hand

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et évaluation du facteur de transmission des vibrations par les gants à
la paume de la main
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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10819:1996), of which it constitutes a technical revision. The main changes are stronger criteria for antivibration gloves and the addition of a method for measuring the material thickness.
Introduction

Because of the growing demand to reduce health risks associated with exposure to hand-transmitted vibration, gloves with vibration-reducing materials are often used to attenuate vibration transmitted to the hands. These gloves normally provide little reduction in hand-transmitted vibration at frequencies below 150 Hz. Some gloves can increase the vibration transmitted to the hands at these low frequencies. Gloves with vibration-reducing materials that meet the requirements of this International Standard to be classified as an antivibration glove can be expected to reduce hand-transmitted vibration at frequencies above 150 Hz. These gloves can reduce but not eliminate health risks associated with hand-transmitted vibration exposure.

Field observations indicate that gloves with vibration-reducing materials can result in positive and negative health effects. Positive health effects can occur with gloves that reduce finger tingling and numbness and that keep the hands warm and dry. Negative health effects can occur with gloves that increase the vibration transmitted to the hands at low frequencies and that increase hand and arm fatigue because they increase the hand grip effort required to control a vibrating machine.

Gloves tested in accordance with the requirements of this International Standard are evaluated in a controlled laboratory environment. The actual vibration attenuation of a glove in a work environment can differ from that measured in a controlled laboratory environment.

Vibration transmissibility measurements made in accordance with the requirements of this International Standard are performed only at the palm of the hand. The transmission of vibration to the fingers is not measured. When evaluating the effectiveness of a glove with a vibration-reducing material used to reduce vibration transmitted to the hand, vibration transmission to the fingers should also be assessed. However, research subsequent to the publication of this International Standard is needed to develop a measurement procedure that can be used to measure the vibration transmissibility of gloves at the fingers.

The measurement procedure specified in this International Standard only addresses glove properties that can reduce health risks associated with hand-transmitted vibration in work environments. It does not address glove properties necessary to reduce other hand-related health and safety risks in work environments.

The measurement procedure specified in this International Standard can also be used to measure the vibration transmissibility of a material that is being evaluated for use to cover a handle of a machine or for potential use in a glove.