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Foreword

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Introduction

This International Standard specifies a method for determining the emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other well defined positions, in the vicinity of a machine or piece of equipment, in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane. It is one of a series (ISO 11200[15] to ISO 11205[19]) which specifies various methods for determining the emission sound pressure level at a work station and at other specified positions of a machine or equipment. ISO 11200[15] gives guidance on the choice of the method to be used to determine the emission sound pressure levels of machinery and equipment.

The method specified in this International Standard differs from those in other International Standards in the ISO 11200[15] to ISO 11205[19] series in not applying any environmental correction. Requirements to be fulfilled by the environment are specified for accuracy grade 1 (precision) and grade 2 (engineering) measurements indoors and outdoors.

Precision measurements with accuracy grade 1 can generally be carried out in hemi-anechoic test rooms or outdoors provided that requirements on environmental conditions are met. With the specifications defined in the following it should be possible in some cases to provide such conditions in industrial ambience on larger plane areas outdoors free from reflecting objects.

ISO 11201:1995 provided results of accuracy grade 2 only. This edition of this International Standard provides a method of accuracy grade 2 that is essentially identical to that given in ISO 11201:1995. It also provides a more precise method of accuracy grade 1. Users and drafters of noise test codes referring to this International Standard should indicate clearly which method (accuracy grade 1 or accuracy grade 2) is used.

In general, the emission sound pressure levels are less than or equal to those that occur when the machinery or equipment is operating in its normal surroundings. This is because the sound pressure levels are determined by excluding the effects of background noise, as well as the effects of reflections other than those from the reflecting plane on which the machine under test is placed. For determination or calculation of the sound pressure level at the operator's position with the machine operating in a room, both sound power level and sound pressure level are required (as well as information on the room properties or reflections and noise from other sound sources or machines). A method of calculating the sound pressure levels in the vicinity of a machine operating alone in a workroom is given in ISO/TR 11690-3[20]. Commonly observed differences are 1 dB to 5 dB, but in extreme cases the difference may be even greater.

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