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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 situ*. 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 of ISO 11201^[16] in determining and applying a local environmental correction. It differs from ISO 11202^[17] by using an exact measurement of sound pressure levels on a reference measurement surface to determine the directivity of the sound radiation of the machine under test. The acoustical properties of the room have to be determined to qualify the test environment and to determine a correction for local environmental influences applied to the measured sound pressure levels. With the method specified in this International Standard, results of accuracy grade 2 (engineering grade) or accuracy grade 3 (survey grade) are obtained.

The method specified in this International Standard is generally applicable *in situ*. No assumptions about the directivity of the radiation or the source location are necessary, because this directivity is determined measuring the sound pressure levels on an enveloping surface. The grade of accuracy of the procedure with existing conditions can be qualified as engineering or survey.

In general, the emission sound pressure levels are less than or equal to those that occur when the machine 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.