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Part 1: **Sound insulation**

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Part 1: Sound insulation

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Introduction

An assessment of uncertainties that is comprehensible and close to reality is indispensable for many questions in building acoustics. Whether a requirement is met, a laboratory delivers correct results or the acoustic properties of a product are better than the same properties of some other product can be decided only by adequately assessing the uncertainties associated with the quantities under consideration.

Uncertainties should preferably be determined following the principles of ISO/IEC Guide 98-3. This Guide specifies a detailed procedure for the uncertainty evaluation that is based upon a complete mathematical model of the measurement procedure. At the current knowledge, it seems to be impossible to formulate these models for the different quantities in building acoustics. Therefore, only the principles of such an uncertainty assessment are explained.

To come to uncertainties all the same, the concept of reproducibility and repeatability is incorporated which is the traditional way of uncertainty determination in building acoustics. This concept offers the possibility to state the uncertainty of a method and of measurements carried out according to the method, based on the results of inter-laboratory measurements.