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- *Part 1: M and N categories*
- *Part 2: L category*
- *Part 3: Indoor testing M and N categories*

## Introduction

The external sound emission of a vehicle is one out of a multitude of requirements that need to be considered by manufacturers during design and development of vehicles. For health and environmental protection reasons, the sound emission should be reduced under all relevant driving conditions. However, there is a growing awareness that vehicles must not be too quiet either to ensure that they are still acoustically perceivable by pedestrians and don't endanger them as they might be missed.

To meet all these demands, an efficient test site is needed that can be operated the whole year round independent of weather conditions or other outside factors. In many countries, the meteorological conditions are so adverse that outdoor testing on a classical proving ground is only possible in a very limited timeframe. While this was acceptable in the past, the increasing workload in the future will make it nearly impossible to do the complete development of a vehicle on a single test track at one particular place. However, performing sound emission tests on various test tracks highly increases the uncertainty and multiplies the workload for a manufacturer.

This part of ISO 362 gives specifications for an indoor noise test bench and a test procedure that delivers precise results for indoor testing, comparable to a certified type approval test track. The results are intended to be within the run-to-run variation of the actual valid exterior noise test described in ISO 362-1, which is the test standard used for type approval of vehicles.

An indoor test bench requires tight specifications for the equipment and set up, such as the acoustical treatment, the microphone arrays, the roller bench, the adjustment for the dynamic behaviour of the vehicle on the roller test bench, the preconditioning of the vehicle, as well as the thermal conditions for testing. Special treatment needs to ensure that all rolling sound components of the tire are comparable to the rolling sound on a road surface as specified in ISO 10844 and as applied in type approvals.

It is conceivable that in the future, certain sound emissions of vehicles (like e.g. minimum sound emission of electric vehicles) can be verified on an indoor test bench, as the natural background noise might prohibit testing on a classical outdoor test track. The specifications set forth in this part of ISO 362 could be transferred to a future minimum noise test procedure.

This part of ISO 362 provides all necessary specifications and procedures to ensure comparability between today's common and well accepted testing on outdoor test tracks with future indoor facilities. It incorporates all relevant International Standards for equipment, measurement uncertainty, and test procedures.