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This document supersedes EN 16286-2:2013.

In comparison with the previous edition, the following technical modifications have been made:

- a) normative references have been updated;
- b) terms and definitions have been revised;
- c) requirements on measurement setup (now “test setup”) have been revised;
- d) requirements on test procedure have been revised;
- e) requirements on measurement tolerances (now “measurement uncertainties”) have been revised;
- f) requirements on test report have been revised;
- g) Annex A has been revised.

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## **Introduction**

This document presents a measurement method to collect information about the noise insulation of rail bound vehicle gangway systems. These components need their own measurement procedure as the geometrical sound distribution situation is not in line with the basic assumptions of general standards about noise insulation measurements as provided for building elements, etc.

In this document, a number of different setups are described, which represent possible approaches to the ideal test situation. As the approaches can contradict the ideal sound fields, the document includes methods to assess the influence of reflections and other difficulties in order to reduce the uncertainties of these test methods to an acceptable amount in Annex A.



## 1 Scope

This document specifies a measurement method and conditions to obtain reproducible and comparable sound reduction indices of all kinds of rail bound vehicles' gangway systems as specified in EN 16286-1. The setup includes all components of the system mounted like this is done between two adjacent car bodies within the train, so that a person will be able to use the gangway system, consisting of e.g.:

- the bridge system (footplate);
- side panels;
- flexible components (bellows);
- mounting systems;
- elements to couple parts in the case of separable gangway systems.

The method is applicable to type testing of gangways.

This method is not applicable to:

- interior noise measurements in vehicles;
- structure borne noise measurements.

The type testing procedures specified in this document are of engineering grade (grade 2) in the frequency range from 100 Hz up to 5 000 Hz.

NOTE This is the preferred range for noise declaration purposes, as specified in EN ISO 12001. If test conditions are relaxed, the results are no longer of engineering grade (grade 2).

## 2 Normative references

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EN 61672-2, *Electroacoustics - Sound level meters - Part 2: Pattern evaluation tests*

EN IEC 60942, *Electroacoustics - Sound calibrators*

EN ISO 266, *Acoustics - Preferred frequencies (ISO 266)*

EN ISO 3741, *Acoustics - Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure - Precision methods for reverberation test rooms (ISO 3741)*

EN ISO 9614-1:2009, *Acoustics - Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity - Part 1: Measurement at discrete points (ISO 9614-1:1993)*

EN ISO 10140 (all parts), *Acoustics - Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements*

EN ISO 12999-1, *Acoustics - Determination and application of measurement uncertainties in building acoustics - Part 1: Sound insulation (ISO 12999-1)*

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