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Messung von Gehschall auf Fußböden im Prüfstand

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European foreword

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EN 16205:2020 (E)**Introduction**

This document sets up a laboratory measurement method to determine noise radiated from a floor covering on a standard concrete floor when excited by a standard tapping machine. The noise is measured in the room where the floor covering and the excitation are located. There is no restriction concerning the type of floor covering unless the required small pads of the flooring could not be assembled. Using the standard tapping machine according to EN ISO 10140 (all parts) means that a more general excitation compared to walking alone is regarded – in the same way as it is accepted for impact sound improvement measurements of floor coverings. The results are expressed in terms of the normalized A-weighted average sound pressure level in the walking room. The results provide information about the noise radiated. A more sophisticated psychoacoustic evaluation did not seem to be appropriate in view of the fact that this measurement stands for a large range of sources with different acoustical behaviour (even if only different types of walking were regarded). A subjective classification of the quality of the floor coverings is not intended.

1 Scope

This document specifies a laboratory measurement method to determine noise radiated from a floor covering on a standard concrete floor when excited by a standard tapping machine.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN ISO 10140-1, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 1: Application rules for specific products (ISO 10140-1)*

EN ISO 10140-2, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 2: Measurement of airborne sound insulation (ISO 10140-2)*

EN ISO 10140-3, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 3: Measurement of impact sound insulation (ISO 10140-3)*

EN ISO 10140-4:2010, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 4: Measurement procedures and requirements (ISO 10140-4:2010)*

EN ISO 10140-5, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 5: Requirements for test facilities and equipment (ISO 10140-5)*

3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

sufficiently large specimen

specimen whose radiated sound power does not increase any longer with size, or which covers the total area of the floor

Note 1 to entry: In case of uncertainty, the testing laboratory will decide which size is sufficient.

3.2

pads

pieces of the flooring under test, which are as large as the hitting areas of the tapping machine hammers

Note 1 to entry: Quadratic pads should be the smallest possible including the whole hitting area.

3.3

walking sound pressure level (in third-octave band i)

$L_{n,walk,i}$

normalized impact sound pressure level in the upper (walking) room with a standardized contribution of the concrete bare floor underneath the floor covering under test

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