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Foreword

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Introduction

This standard for "Hearing Protectors - Testing : Part 1 - Physical test methods", specifies procedures for the testing of personal hearing protection devices in relation to Directive 89/686/EEC - Personal Protective Equipment.

EN 352-1 deals with requirements for ear-muffs, EN 352-2 with ear-plugs, EN 352-3 with ear-muffs attached to industrial safety helmets. EN 13819 deals with testing plans common to all types of hearing protectors and consists of two Parts:

Part 1: Physical test methods

Part 2: Acoustic test methods.

Additional safety requirements and the associated test procedures for level-dependent ear-muffs are contained in EN 352-4, for ear-muffs with active noise reduction in EN 352-5, for ear-muffs with audio communications in EN 352-6 and for level-dependent ear-plugs in EN 352-7.

An associated standard EN 458, covers selection, use, care and maintenance of hearing protectors.

This standard is intended as a supplement to the specific product standards for hearing protectors.

The performance requirements are given in the hearing protector product standard.

If deviations from the procedures specified in this standard are necessary, these deviations are specified in the hearing protection standard.

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