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Foreword

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ISO 7235 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 43, *Acoustics*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Noise*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 7235:1991), which has been technically revised.

Introduction

This International Standard specifies the substitution method for determining the insertion loss of ducted silencers and a method for determining the transmission loss of air-terminal units.

In the substitution method, the sound pressure level of the transmitted wave is first determined for the test object and then when the test object has been replaced by the substitution duct. The sound pressure level of the transmitted wave can be measured

- in a reverberation room,
- in a test duct after the silencer, or
- in an essentially free field.

The methods are listed in order of preference.

The acoustic performance of silencers depends on the modal composition of the sound field at the inlet and on reflections at the outlet side, on flanking transmission and on level differences between signals and flow noise (or regenerated sound).

This International Standard describes configurations at the inlet side providing for a predominant fundamental mode that suffers the least attenuation. For the outlet side, it describes anechoic terminations and measurement procedures which are not sensitive to reflections or which allow for specified corrections. Furthermore, this International Standard gives guidance on the suppression of flanking transmission and noise signals.

The transmission loss of an air-terminal unit is determined from the results of measurements in a reverberation room and theoretical reflection coefficients of a substitution duct.

The insertion loss of a silencer is generally affected by the airflow. The insertion loss is therefore preferably measured with superimposed airflow if the silencer is to be used in ducts with high flow velocity.

For absorptive silencers where the maximum internal flow velocity falls short of 20 m/s, the flow will hardly have an effect on the insertion loss. In practice, non-uniform flow distributions will occur. Therefore, the limit velocity of 20 m/s may correspond to a design velocity of 10 m/s to 15 m/s.

An airflow through a silencer regenerates noise. This flow noise (or regenerated sound) establishes the lowest sound pressure level that can be achieved after the silencer. It is, therefore, necessary to know the sound power level of the flow noise (or regenerated sound) behind the silencer. This is preferably determined in a reverberation room connected to the object via a transmission element.

In accordance with this International Standard, the total pressure loss of a silencer to be used with flow is to be determined. It is, therefore, useful to equip the test facility with the instruments and devices necessary for the determination of the total pressure loss.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies methods for determining

- the insertion loss, in frequency bands, of ducted silencers with and without airflow,
- the sound power level, in frequency bands, of the flow noise (or regenerated sound) generated by ducted silencers,
- the total pressure loss of silencers with airflow, and
- the transmission loss, in frequency bands, of air-terminal units.

The measurement procedures are intended for laboratory measurements at ambient temperature. Measurements on silencers *in situ* are specified in ISO 11820.

It is to be noted that the results determined in a laboratory according to this International Standard will not necessarily be the same as those obtained *in situ* (installation), as different sound and flow fields will yield different results. For example, the pressure loss will be lower under laboratory conditions than *in situ*, but will be comparable between different laboratories.

This International Standard is applicable to all types of silencer including silencers for ventilating and air-conditioning systems, air intake and exhaust of flue gases, and similar applications. Other passive air-handling devices, such as bends, air-terminal units or T-connectors, can also be tested using this International Standard.

This International Standard is not applicable to reactive silencers used for motor vehicles.

NOTE 1 Annex A specifies the sound field excitation equipment. Annex B gives requirements for the transition element. Annex C gives details of duct walls and limiting insertion loss. Annex D specifies how to convert one-third-octave band attenuation values to octave band values. Annex E gives requirements for measurements on large parallel-baffle silencers. Annex F specifies a test of longitudinal attenuation. Annex G gives guidelines on anechoic terminations and Annex H shows examples of measurement arrangements.

NOTE 2 Acoustic testing of air-terminal devices and fan-coil units is to be carried out as described for air-terminal units.

NOTE 3 Sound power measurements on air-terminal units are specified in ISO 5135. Measurements of the pressure loss of air-terminal units are described in EN 12238, EN 12239 and EN 12589.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

ISO 3741:1999, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Precision methods for reverberation rooms*

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