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## **Foreword**

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 3746:1995), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 3746:1995/Cor.1:1995.

## Introduction

This International Standard is one of the series ISO 3741<sup>[2]</sup> to ISO 3747<sup>[6]</sup>, which specify methods for determining the sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources including machinery, equipment and their sub-assemblies. Guidelines to select one of those methods are provided in ISO 3740<sup>[1]</sup>. The selection depends on the environment of the available test facility and on the precision of the sound power level or sound energy level values required. It may be necessary to establish a test code for the individual noise source in order to select the appropriate sound measurement surface and microphone array from among those allowed in each of the ISO 3740<sup>[1]</sup> to ISO 3747<sup>[6]</sup> series, and to give requirements for test unit mounting, loading, and operating conditions under which the sound power levels or sound energy levels are to be obtained. The sound power emitted by a given source into the test environment is calculated from the mean square sound pressure that is measured over a hypothetical measurement surface enclosing the source, and the area of that surface. The sound energy for a single machine event is calculated from this sound power and the time over which it existed.

This International Standard specifies methods giving results of ISO 12001:1996, accuracy grade 3 (survey grade) when measurements are performed within industrial buildings or outdoors. Ideally, the test source should be mounted on a sound-reflecting plane located in a large open space. For sources normally installed on the floor of machine rooms, corrections are defined to account for undesired reflections from nearby objects, walls, and the ceiling, and for the residual background noises that occur there.

The methods specified in this International Standard permit the determination of the sound power level and the sound energy level with frequency A-weighting applied.

For applications where greater accuracy is required, reference can be made to ISO 3744, ISO 3745<sup>[5]</sup> or an appropriate part of ISO 9614<sup>[14]-[16]</sup>. If the relevant criteria for the measurement environment specified in this International Standard are not met, it might be possible to refer to another of the ISO 3741<sup>[2]</sup> to ISO 3747<sup>[6]</sup> series, or to an appropriate part of ISO 9614<sup>[14]-[16]</sup>.



# Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Survey method using an enveloping measurement surface over a reflecting plane

## 1 Scope

### 1.1 General

This International Standard specifies methods for determining the sound power level or sound energy level of a noise source from sound pressure levels measured on a surface enveloping a noise source (machinery or equipment) in a test environment for which requirements are given. The sound power level (or, in the case of noise bursts or transient noise emission, the sound energy level) produced by the noise source with frequency A-weighting applied is calculated using those measurements.

**NOTE** Differently shaped measurement surfaces can yield differing estimates of the sound power level of a given noise source and an appropriately drafted test code (see ISO 12001) gives detailed information on the selection of the surface.

### 1.2 Types of noise and noise sources

The methods specified in this International Standard are suitable for all types of noise (steady, non-steady, fluctuating, isolated bursts of sound energy, etc.) defined in ISO 12001.

This International Standard is applicable to all types and sizes of noise source (e.g. stationary or slowly moving plant, installation, machine, component or sub-assembly), provided the conditions for the measurements can be met.

**NOTE** The conditions for measurements given in this International Standard can be impracticable for very tall or very long sources such as chimneys, ducts, conveyors, and multi-source industrial plants. A test code for the determination of noise emission of specific sources can provide alternative methods in such cases.

### 1.3 Test environment

The test environments that are applicable for measurements made in accordance with this International Standard can be located indoors or outdoors, with one or more sound-reflecting planes present on or near which the noise source under test is mounted.

### 1.4 Measurement uncertainty

Information is given on the uncertainty of the sound power levels and sound energy levels determined in accordance with this International Standard, for measurements made with frequency A-weighting applied. The uncertainty conforms with that of ISO 12001:1996, accuracy grade 3 (survey grade).

## 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 3744, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 5725 (all parts), *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results*

ISO 12001:1996, *Acoustics — Noise emitted by machinery and equipment — Rules for the drafting and presentation of a noise test code*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

IEC 60942:2003, *Electroacoustics — Sound calibrators*

IEC 61672-1:2002, *Electroacoustics — Sound level meters — Part 1: Specifications*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following definitions apply.

### 3.1 sound pressure

$p$   
difference between instantaneous pressure and static pressure

NOTE 1 Adapted from ISO 80000-8:2007<sup>[23]</sup>, 8-9.2.

NOTE 2 Sound pressure is expressed in pascals.

### 3.2 sound pressure level

$L_p$   
ten times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the square of the sound pressure,  $p$ , to the square of a reference value,  $p_0$ , expressed in decibels

$$L_p = 10 \lg \frac{p^2}{p_0^2} \text{ dB} \quad (1)$$

where the reference value,  $p_0$ , is 20  $\mu\text{Pa}$

[ISO/TR 25417:2007<sup>[22]</sup>, 2.2]

NOTE 1 If specific frequency and time weightings as specified in IEC 61672-1 and/or specific frequency bands are applied, this is indicated by appropriate subscripts; e.g.  $L_{pA}$  denotes the A-weighted sound pressure level.

NOTE 2 This definition is technically in accordance with ISO 80000-8:2007<sup>[23]</sup>, 8-22.

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