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## Foreword

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 11201:1995), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 11201:1995/Cor.1:1997.

## Introduction

This International Standard specifies a method for determining the emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other well defined positions, in the vicinity of a machine or piece of equipment, in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane. It is one of a series (ISO 11200<sup>[15]</sup> to ISO 11205<sup>[19]</sup>) which specifies various methods for determining the emission sound pressure level at a work station and at other specified positions of a machine or equipment. ISO 11200<sup>[15]</sup> gives guidance on the choice of the method to be used to determine the emission sound pressure levels of machinery and equipment.

The method specified in this International Standard differs from those in other International Standards in the ISO 11200<sup>[15]</sup> to ISO 11205<sup>[19]</sup> series in not applying any environmental correction. Requirements to be fulfilled by the environment are specified for accuracy grade 1 (precision) and grade 2 (engineering) measurements indoors and outdoors.

Precision measurements with accuracy grade 1 can generally be carried out in hemi-anechoic test rooms or outdoors provided that requirements on environmental conditions are met. With the specifications defined in the following it should be possible in some cases to provide such conditions in industrial ambience on larger plane areas outdoors free from reflecting objects.

ISO 11201:1995 provided results of accuracy grade 2 only. This edition of this International Standard provides a method of accuracy grade 2 that is essentially identical to that given in ISO 11201:1995. It also provides a more precise method of accuracy grade 1. Users and drafters of noise test codes referring to this International Standard should indicate clearly which method (accuracy grade 1 or accuracy grade 2) is used.

In general, the emission sound pressure levels are less than or equal to those that occur when the machinery or equipment is operating in its normal surroundings. This is because the sound pressure levels are determined by excluding the effects of background noise, as well as the effects of reflections other than those from the reflecting plane on which the machine under test is placed. For determination or calculation of the sound pressure level at the operator's position with the machine operating in a room, both sound power level and sound pressure level are required (as well as information on the room properties or reflections and noise from other sound sources or machines). A method of calculating the sound pressure levels in the vicinity of a machine operating alone in a workroom is given in ISO/TR 11690-3<sup>[20]</sup>. Commonly observed differences are 1 dB to 5 dB, but in extreme cases the difference may be even greater.



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## 1 Scope

### 1.1 General

This International Standard specifies a method for determining the emission sound pressure levels of machinery or equipment, at a work station and at other specified positions nearby, in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane. A work station is occupied by an operator and may be located in open space, in the room where the source under test operates, in a cab fixed to the source under test, or in an enclosure remote from the source under test. One or more specified positions may be located in the vicinity of a work station, or in the vicinity of an attended or unattended machine. Such positions are sometimes referred to as bystander positions.

Emission sound pressure levels are determined as A-weighted levels. Additionally, levels in frequency bands and C-weighted peak emission sound pressure levels can be determined in accordance with this International Standard, if required.

NOTE 1 The contents of the series ISO 11200<sup>[15]</sup> to ISO 11205<sup>[19]</sup> are summarized in ISO 11200<sup>[15]</sup>.

With the method specified in this International Standard, results of accuracy grade 1 (precision grade) or accuracy grade 2 (engineering grade) are obtained. Corrections are applied for background noise, but not for the acoustic environment. Instructions are given for the mounting and operation of the source under test and for the choice of microphone positions for the work station and for other specified positions. One purpose of the measurements is to permit comparison of the performance of different units of a given family of machines, under defined environmental conditions and standardized mounting and operating conditions.

NOTE 2 The data obtained can also be used for the declaration and verification of emission sound pressure levels as specified in ISO 4871<sup>[8]</sup>.

### 1.2 Types of noise and noise sources

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

The method specified in this International Standard is applicable to all types and sizes of noise sources.

NOTE Throughout this International Standard the words “machine” and “source under test” are used to represent either a machine or a piece of equipment.

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### 1.3 Test environment

The type of test environment influences the accuracy of the determination of emission sound pressure levels. For the application of this International Standard, an essentially free field over a reflecting plane (indoors or outdoors) is required.

### 1.4 Work station and other specified positions

This International Standard is applicable to work stations and other specified positions where emission sound pressure levels are to be determined.

Appropriate positions where measurements may be made include the following:

- a) work station located in the vicinity of the source under test; this is the case for many industrial machines and domestic appliances;
- b) work station within a cab which is an integral part of the source under test; this is the case for many industrial trucks and earth-moving machines;
- c) work station within a partial or total enclosure (or behind a screen) supplied by the manufacturer as an integral part of the source under test;
- d) work station partially or totally enclosed by the source under test — this situation may be encountered with some large industrial machines;
- e) bystander positions occupied by individuals not responsible for the operation of the source under test, but who may be in its immediate vicinity, either occasionally or continuously;
- f) other specified positions, not necessarily work stations or bystander positions.

The work station may also lie on a specified path along which an operator moves (see 9.4).

## 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 of noise sources using sound pressure — Engineering method in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 3745, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Precision methods for anechoic and hemi-anechoic rooms*

ISO 3746, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Survey method using an enveloping measurement surface over a reflecting plane*

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

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

IEC 60942:2003, *Electroacoustics — Sound calibrators*

IEC 61260:1995, *Electroacoustics — Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters* (amended by IEC 61260/Amd.1:2001)

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