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## **Foreword**

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ISO 28802 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 159, *Ergonomics*, Subcommittee SC 5, *Ergonomics of the physical environment*.

## Introduction

This is one of a series of International Standards concerned with the ergonomics of the physical environment. It provides a method for conducting an environmental survey. It complements other International Standards in the series concerned with specific components of the environment such as thermal, acoustic, lighting and air quality environments. It builds upon those standards to allow the assessment of human response to the total environment.

This International Standard presents methods for the evaluation of comfort using physical measures of the environment and subjective measures from people. It provides methods for the assessment of thermal, acoustic, visual and lighting, and air quality environments, as well as other relevant environmental components. For each environmental component, methods are provided for measuring the physical environment and subjective responses to the environment. An assessment form for use as an environmental assessment tool by the person conducting the survey is also included.

Measurement of the physical environment is conducted using relevant instrumentation such as a thermometer, sound level meter or illuminance meter. Where appropriate, reference to the relevant International Standard is provided for the specification of the instruments. Subjective methods quantify the responses of people to an environment using subjective scales. For each environmental component, examples of subjective scales are provided. The third part of the assessment is concerned with observation. For each environmental component, advice on what may be included in an observation assessment form is provided. An example of an assessment form is provided in Annex A.

Each of these methods has been developed according to basic principles. The most appropriate form of the method or combination of methods used in concert, for the determination of environmental comfort, will depend upon the context and environment of interest. This International Standard provides both principles and application of methods for the assessment of environments using an environmental survey, and complements standards concerned with the ergonomics of the physical environment. In particular, it can be used together with environmental indices that are valid for use in those environments.



# Ergonomics of the physical environment — Assessment of environments by means of an environmental survey involving physical measurements of the environment and subjective responses of people

## 1 Scope

This International Standard provides an environmental survey method for the assessment of the comfort and well-being of occupants of indoor and outdoor environments. It is not restricted to any particular environment, but provides the general principles that allow assessment and evaluation.

It presents the principles for conducting an environmental survey to assess the comfort and well-being of people in environments. It gives guidance on the design of the survey, as well as on the environmental measurements used to quantify the environment and the subjective assessment methods used to quantify the occupants' responses to that environment. It does not provide guidance on the design of subjective scales.

It is applicable to built as well as other environments, including vehicle and outdoor environments, and to all the occupants of those environments who can be considered as providing valid responses to an environmental survey. There may be specific features of certain types of environment that have to be taken into account; however, the general principles it outlines will apply.

This International Standard is not restricted to specific environmental components. It includes assessment of thermal environments, the acoustic environment, the visual and lit environment, air quality and other environmental factors that could be considered to influence the comfort and well-being of the occupants of an environment.

It is a basic ergonomics standard which can contribute to the development of standards concerned with specific environments such as those found in buildings. It is intended to be used by people involved in the general assessment and evaluation of physical environments, including general ergonomics practitioners as well as those who develop standards and guidelines for specific applications.

**NOTE** The results of the environmental survey produced by the application of this International Standard may identify specific problems that require expert advice.

## 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 7726, *Ergonomics of the thermal environment — Instruments for measuring physical quantities*

ISO 7730, *Ergonomics of the thermal environment — Analytical determination and interpretation of thermal comfort using calculation of the PMV and PPD indices and local thermal comfort criteria*

ISO 8041, *Human response to vibration — Measuring instrumentation*

ISO 8996, *Ergonomics of the thermal environment — Determination of metabolic rate*

ISO 9612, *Acoustics — Determination of occupational noise exposure — Engineering method*

ISO 9920, *Ergonomics of the thermal environment — Estimation of thermal insulation and water vapour resistance of a clothing ensemble*

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