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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) deletion of the class designations, class LS/C, class 1/C and class 2/C;
- b) addition of two further class designations, class LS/M and class 1/M, specifically for pistonphones;
- c) addition of an amended criterion for assessing conformance to a specification: conformance is now demonstrated when (a) measured deviations from design goals do not exceed the applicable acceptance limits and (b) the uncertainty of measurement does not exceed the corresponding maximum-permitted uncertainty;

- d) modification to the short-term level fluctuation test of the sound pressure level stability;
- e) change to some environmental test conditions to avoid icing;
- f) addition of an alternative test for immunity to radio-frequency fields using transverse electromagnetic (TEM) waveguides.

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## INTRODUCTION

Sound calibrators are designed to produce one or more known sound pressure levels at one or more specified frequencies when coupled to specified models of microphone in specified configurations, for example, with or without protective grid. The sound pressure level generated by some sound calibrators depends on the static pressure.

Sound calibrators have two principal applications:

- a) the determination of the electroacoustical pressure sensitivity of specified models of microphone in specified configurations;
- b) checking or adjusting the overall sensitivity of acoustical measuring devices or systems.

## ELECTROACOUSTICS – SOUND CALIBRATORS

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the performance requirements for three classes of sound calibrator: class LS (Laboratory Standard), class 1 and class 2. Acceptance limits are smallest for class LS and greatest for class 2 instruments. Class LS sound calibrators are normally used only in the laboratory; class 1 and class 2 are considered as sound calibrators for field use. A class 1 sound calibrator is primarily intended for use with a class 1 sound level meter and a class 2 sound calibrator primarily with a class 2 sound level meter, as specified in IEC 61672-1.

The acceptance limits for class LS sound calibrators are based on the use of a laboratory standard microphone, as specified in IEC 61094-1, for demonstrations of conformance to the requirements of this document. The acceptance limits for class 1 and class 2 sound calibrators are based on the use of a working standard microphone, as specified in IEC 61094-4, for demonstrations of conformance to the requirements of this document.

To promote consistency of testing of sound calibrators and ease of use, this document contains three normative annexes – Annex A "Pattern evaluation tests", Annex B "Periodic tests", Annex C "Pattern evaluation report", and two informative Annexes – Annex D "Relationship between tolerance interval, corresponding acceptance interval and the maximum-permitted uncertainty of measurement" and Annex E "Example assessments of conformance to specifications of this document".

This document does not include requirements for equivalent free-field or random-incidence sound pressure levels, such as can be used in the overall sensitivity adjustment of a sound level meter.

A sound calibrator can provide other functions, for example, tonebursts. Requirements for these other functions are not included in this document.

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