
**Acoustics — Field measurements of
airborne and impact sound insulation
and of service equipment sound —
Survey method**

*Acoustique — Mesurages in situ de l'isolement aux bruits aériens et de
la transmission des bruits de choc ainsi que du bruit des équipements
— Méthode de contrôle*





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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- implementation of ISO 10052:2004/Amd 1:2010;
- references have been updated;
- added to the scope: for heavy/soft impact sound insulation, the results are given as A-weighted maximum levels;
- 2 terms added: maximum impact sound pressure level $L_{i,Fmax}$ and A-weighted maximum impact sound pressure level $L_{iA,Fmax}$;
- including heavy/soft impact sound test procedure and impact sound pressure level evaluation procedure;
- editorial updating.

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Introduction

This document describes survey field test methods which can be used for surveying the acoustic characteristics of the airborne sound insulation, impact sound insulation and of the sound pressure levels from service equipment. The methods may be used for screening tests of the acoustical properties of buildings. The methods are not intended to be applied for measuring acoustical properties of building elements.

The approach of the survey methods is to simplify the measurement of sound pressure levels in rooms by using a hand-held sound level instrument and by manually sweeping the microphone in the room space. The correction for reverberation time can be either estimated by usage of tabular values or be based on measurements. The measurement of airborne and impact sound insulation is carried out in octave bands. For measuring sound from domestic service equipment, *A* - or *C* -weighted sound pressure levels are recorded.

Measurements are performed with specified operation conditions and operation cycles. The operating conditions and operating cycles given in [Annex B](#) are only used if they are not opposed to national requirements and regulations.

The measurement uncertainty of the results obtained using the survey method is a priori larger than the uncertainty inherent in the corresponding test methods on engineering level.

NOTE Engineering methods for field measurements of airborne and impact sound insulation are dealt with in ISO 16283-1 and ISO 16283-2. Engineering methods for field measurements of airborne sound insulation of façade elements and façades are dealt with in ISO 16283-3. An engineering method for measurement of service equipment sound is dealt with in ISO 16032.

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1 Scope

This document specifies field survey methods for measuring

- a) airborne sound insulation between rooms,
- b) impact sound insulation of floors,
- c) airborne sound insulation of façades, and
- d) sound pressure levels in rooms caused by service equipment.

The methods described in this document are applicable for measurements in rooms of dwellings or in rooms of comparable size with a maximum of 150 m³.

For airborne sound insulation, impact sound insulation and façade sound insulation the method gives values which are (octave band) frequency dependent. They can be converted into a single number characterising the acoustical performances by application of ISO 717-1 and ISO 717-2. For heavy/soft impact sound insulation, the results also are given as A-weighted maximum impact sound pressure level. For service equipment sound the results are given directly in A - or C -weighted sound pressure levels.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 10140-5:2021, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 5: Requirements for test facilities and equipment*

ISO 16283-2:2020, *Acoustics — Field measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements — Part 2: Impact sound insulation*

IEC 61260, *Electroacoustics — Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters*

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

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>