
Fire detection and alarm systems —
Part 3:
Audible alarm devices

Systèmes de détection et d'alarme d'incendie —
Partie 3: Dispositifs d'alarme sonores





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- EN 50130-4 has been replaced with IEC 62599-2 in [5.16.2.1](#) (electromagnetic compatibility immunity test);
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- data and software have been moved to a new [Clause 8](#).

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Introduction

In a fire detection and alarm system, the purpose of the audible alarm devices is to warn person(s) within, or near, a building of the occurrence of a fire emergency to enable such a person(s) to take appropriate measures.

Audible alarm devices using voice messages are also for warning the occupants of a building of the occurrence of a fire risk. These use a combination of an attention-drawing signal and dedicated voice message(s). Additional requirements, test methods and performance criteria specific to audible alarm devices with voice are also incorporated in this document.

ISO 8201 specifies the temporal pattern and the required sound pressure level of an audible emergency evacuation signal.

This document recognizes that the exact nature of the sound requirements, i.e. its frequency range, temporal pattern and output level, will vary according to the nature of the installation, the type of risk present and appropriate measures to be taken, the type of danger signals used by other non-evacuation alarms (see for example ISO 7731) and national differences in custom and practice. The resulting standard specifies, therefore, a common method for testing of the operational performance of audible alarm devices against the specification declared by the manufacturer, rather than imposing common requirements.

This document gives common requirements for the construction and robustness of audible alarm devices, as well as for their performance under climatic, mechanical and electrical interference conditions which are likely to occur in the service environment. Audible alarm devices have been classified in either an indoor or an outdoor application environment category.

Fire detection and alarm systems —

Part 3: Audible alarm devices

1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements, test methods and performance criteria for audible alarm devices intended to signal an audible warning, with or without voice messages between a fire detection and fire alarm system and the occupants of a building.

This document specifies fire alarm audible alarm devices for two types of application environment, type A for indoor use and type B for outdoor use.

This document is not applicable to:

- a) loudspeaker-type devices primarily intended for emitting emergency voice messages that are generated from an external audio source;
- b) supervisory audible alarm devices, e.g. within the control and indicating equipment.

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 7240-1, *Fire detection and alarm systems — Part 1: General and definitions*

IEC 60068-1, *Environmental testing — Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-1, *Environmental testing — Part 2-1: Tests — Test A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing — Part 2-2: Tests — Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing — Part 2-6: Tests — Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-27, *Environmental testing — Part 2-27: Tests — Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-30, *Environmental testing — Part 2-30: Tests — Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)*

IEC 60068-2-42, *Environmental testing — Part 2-42: Tests — Test Kc: Sulphur dioxide test for contacts and connections*

IEC 60068-2-75, *Environmental testing — Part 2-75: Tests — Test Eh: Hammer tests*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing — Part 2-78: Tests — Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP code)*

IEC 60695-11-10, *Fire hazard testing — Part 11-10: Test flames — 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

IEC 60695-11-20, *Fire hazard testing — Part 11-20: Test flames — 500 W flame test methods*

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