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IEC 60601-1-2	-	Medical electrical equipment - Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance - Collateral standard: Electromagnetic disturbances - Requirements and tests	EN 60601-1-2	-
IEC 60645-2	-	Audiometers - Part 2: Equipment for speech audiometry	EN 60645-2	-
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ISO 389-2	-	Acoustics - Reference zero for the calibration of audiometric equipment - Part 2: Reference equivalent threshold sound pressure levels for pure tones and insert earphones	EN ISO 389-2	-
ISO 389-3	-	Acoustics - Reference zero for the calibration of audiometric equipment - Part 3: Reference equivalent threshold force levels for pure tones and bone vibrators	EN ISO 389-3	-
ISO 389-4	1994	Acoustics - Reference zero for the calibration of audiometric equipment - Part 4: Reference levels for narrow-band masking noise	EN ISO 389-4	1998
ISO 389-5	-	Acoustics - Reference zero for the calibration of audiometric equipment - Part 5: Reference equivalent threshold sound pressure levels for pure tones in the frequency range 8 kHz to 16 kHz	EN ISO 389-5	-
ISO 389-7	-	Acoustics - Reference zero for the calibration of audiometric equipment - Part 7: Reference threshold of hearing under free-field and diffuse-field listening conditions	EN ISO 389-7	-
ISO 389-8	-	Acoustics - Reference zero for the calibration of audiometric equipment - Part 8: Reference equivalent threshold sound pressure levels for pure tones and circumaural earphones	EN ISO 389-8	-
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ISO 8253-2	-	Acoustics - Audiometric test methods - Part 2: Sound field audiometry with pure-tone and narrow-band test signals	EN ISO 8253-2	-
ISO 8253-3	-	Acoustics - Audiometric test methods - Part 3: Speech audiometry	EN ISO 8253-3	-

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INTRODUCTION

Developments in the field of hearing measurements for diagnostic, hearing conservation and rehabilitation purposes have resulted in the availability of a wide range of audiometers. In addition it is possible to consider the audiometer in terms of a set of functional units which can be specified independently. By specifying these functional units it is then possible to specify the performance of other audiometric equipment which use these units. IEC 60645 series consists of a number of parts. IEC 60645-1 is the first in the series and covers the requirements for pure tone audiometers.

This standard describes equipment which is designed for the measurement of hearing in the frequency range from 125 Hz to 16 000 Hz.

Due to the development of the later parts of IEC 60645, no reference is now made in part 1 to the use of broad-band noise for masking. Requirements for broad-band masking noise now only relate to its use with speech signals as described in IEC 60645-2.

The test requirements to demonstrate conformity are now specified separately. Conformance to the specifications in this standard is demonstrated only when the result of a measurement, extended by the actual expanded uncertainty of measurement of the testing laboratory, lies fully within the tolerances specified in this standard. The tolerances that are to be met by the manufacturer of an audiometer are essentially the same as in the first edition of IEC 60645-1, while the tolerances as applicable to the testing of the audiometer are increased by U_{\max} compared with those of the previous edition.

IEC 60645 series consists of the following parts:

IEC 60645-1, *Electroacoustics – Audiometric equipment – Part 1: Equipment for pure-tone audiometry*

IEC 60645-2, *Audiometers – Part 2: Equipment for speech audiometry*

IEC 60645-3, *Electroacoustics – Audiometric equipment – Part 3: Test signals of short duration*

IEC 60645-4, *Audiometers – Part 4: Equipment for extended high-frequency audiometry*

IEC 60645-5, *Electroacoustics – Audiometric equipment – Part 5: Instruments for the measurement of aural acoustic impedance/admittance*

IEC 60645-6, *Electroacoustics – Audiometric equipment – Part 6: Instruments for the measurement of otoacoustic emissions*

IEC 60645-7, *Electroacoustics – Audiometric equipment – Part 7: Instruments for the measurement of auditory brainstem responses*

ELECTROACOUSTICS – AUDIOMETRIC EQUIPMENT –

Part 1: Equipment for pure-tone audiometry

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60645 specifies general requirements for audiometers and particular requirements for pure-tone audiometers designed for use in determining hearing threshold levels, relative to standard reference threshold levels established by means of psychoacoustic test methods.

The object of this standard is to ensure:

- a) that tests of hearing in the frequency range 125 Hz to 16 000 Hz on a given human ear, performed with different audiometers which comply with this standard shall give substantially the same results;
- b) that the results obtained represent a valid comparison between the hearing of the ear tested and the reference threshold of hearing;
- c) that audiometers are classified according to the range of test signals they generate, according to the mode of operation or according to the complexity of the range of auditory functions they test.

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