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engine driven alternating current
generating sets —**

**Part 10:
Measurement of airborne noise**

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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 8528-10:1998), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- the normative references have been updated;
- the latest requirements of ISO 3744:2010 and ISO 3746:2010 have been included, respecting ISO 12001:1996 requirements;
- the measurement surfaces have been updated;
- the definition of the reference box in special cases has been added;
- the guaranteed sound power level has been added;
- requirements concerning variable speed engine gensets, fans and lighting towers have been added;
- the requirements for welding generators have been updated;
- the determination of the emission sound pressure level at workstation has been updated.

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Introduction

This document specifies noise test codes for determining the basic noise emission descriptors.

For many manufacturers of generating sets, the control of noise is a major issue that requires effective exchange of acoustical information, in particular on noise emission. The basic noise emission descriptors are the sound power level of the generating set itself and the emission sound pressure level at the workstation.

In this context, the main flow of information goes from the manufacturer to the purchaser. However, installers and users of the generating sets also desire comprehensive information about the generating sets' ability to generate airborne sound.

Thus, measuring the basic noise emission descriptors allows the generating set manufacturer to determine, declare and verify the noise emission values.

Therefore, the sound power level, as the major parameter to characterize machines as sound sources, is determined by measurements. The sound power level is a major parameter because it represents an intrinsic characteristic of generating sets as noise sources. It is useful, for example, in noise-abatement programmes or when designing a building where the generating set is intended to be used.

The emission sound pressure level at the workstation is also measured. This enables an assessment of the risk of exposure to the airborne sound of the operators. This assessment is essential for health and safety reasons.

In this document, the generating sets are considered as steady noise sources as per ISO 12001:1996. The generating sets concerned and the extent to which noise is covered are indicated in this document. This document allows measurements to be made in many different test environments. [Clause 5](#) can be used as a general guideline to assist in the selection of the right noise test code. The selection mainly depends on the test environment and the desired grade of accuracy.

This document contains two methodologies for determining the measurement uncertainty. In [Clause 12](#), the uncertainty U is determined by considering measurements on a single generating set. In [Clause 13](#), the uncertainty K is determined by considering a batch of generating sets, which can be useful for control of production purpose.

This document is a C-type standard as stated in ISO 12001:1996. When provisions of this C-type standard are different from those stated in A or B standards, the provisions of this C-type standard take precedence.

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1 Scope

This document specifies noise test codes for determining the sound power level and the emission sound pressure level at the workstation of reciprocating internal combustion engine driven electrical power generating sets.

This document applies to constant and variable-speed reciprocating internal combustion (RIC) engine driven alternating current (AC) and direct current (DC) generating sets for fixed and mobile applications with rigid or flexible mountings. It is applicable for land and marine use, excluding generating sets used on aircraft or to propel land vehicles and locomotives.

NOTE 1 For some specific applications (e.g. essential hospital supplies, high-rise buildings) supplementary requirements can be necessary. The provisions of this document can be regarded as a basis.

NOTE 2 This document is referenced with regard to noise in ISO 8528-13:2016, which contains requirements concerning the design of generating sets, verification of noise levels and information related to noise in the operating and maintenance instructions.

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 3046-1:2002, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Performance — Part 1: Declarations of power, fuel and lubricating oil consumptions, and test methods — Additional requirements for engines for general use*

ISO 3744:2010, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 3746:2010, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Survey method using an enveloping measurement surface over a reflecting plane*

ISO 8528-1:2018, *Reciprocating internal combustion engine driven alternating current generating sets — Part 1: Application, ratings and performance*

ISO 8528-2:2018, *Reciprocating internal combustion engine driven alternating current generating sets — Part 2: Engines*

ISO 15619:2013, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Measurement method for exhaust silencers — Sound power level of exhaust noise and insertion loss using sound pressure and power loss ratio*

IEC 60942:2017, *Electroacoustics - Sound calibrators*

IEC 60974-1:2021, *Arc welding equipment - Part 1: Welding power sources*

IEC 61260-1:2014, *Electroacoustics - Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters - Part 1: Specifications*