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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 108, *Mechanical vibration, shock and condition monitoring*, Subcommittee SC 3, *Use and calibration of vibration and shock measuring instruments*.

This first edition cancels and replaces ISO 8041:2005, which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 8041:2005/Cor. 1:2007. The following main changes have been made:

- addition of an Introduction explaining the reasons for this revision;
- addition of a validation test for one-off instruments;
- revision and simplification of the verification test;
- addition of Annex I, which gives example estimates of the instrumental measurement uncertainty;
- correction of errors in formulae, numbers and figures.

A list of parts in the ISO 8041 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

Until 2005, when the previous edition of this document was published, measuring instrumentation for human response to vibration (vibration meters) normally consisted of a signal processing unit and a detachable vibration transducer. According to recent developments, however, part of the signal processing steps can be integrated in the transducer unit, so that the signal coming out of the transducer's sensing element and going into the signal conditioning unit is not accessible any more. These transducer units include, for example, IEPE and MEMS transducers.

Some of the test procedures specified in this document, however, presume that this point in the signal path is accessible (electrical input). Since such an input is not mandatory these tests can only be performed on a vibration meter having an electrical input or after some technical modifications to the instrumentation, e.g. internal access to signal paths. Or those tests can only be performed mechanically, which in certain cases requires modifications to some test procedures. Such modifications to test procedures, however, are beyond the present scope of this document.

Some of the test procedures specified in this document can only be performed if an electrical output is available, see for example [5.13](#). Since such an output is not mandatory these tests can only be performed on a vibration meter having an electrical output or after some technical modifications to the instrumentation, e.g. internal access to signal paths.

The verification test now specified in this document is practicable and has the objective of identifying an instrument which is adequately calibrated for the intended applications and is suitable for its purpose, at a cost reasonable for the calibration laboratory and affordable for the end user. Therefore, the verification test is strongly reduced in its extent compared to the full pattern evaluation, or validation, and only tests the most relevant characteristics of a vibration meter.

Human response to vibration — Measuring instrumentation —

Part 1: General purpose vibration meters

1 Scope

This document specifies the performance specifications and tolerance limits for instruments designed to measure vibration values, for the purpose of assessing human response to vibration. It includes requirements for pattern evaluation, or validation, periodic verification and *in situ* checks, and the specification of vibration calibrators for *in situ* checks.

Vibration instruments specified in this document can be single instruments, combinations of instrumentation or computer-based acquisition and analysis systems.

Vibration instruments specified in this document are intended to measure vibration for one or more applications, such as the following:

- hand-transmitted vibration (see ISO 5349-1);
- whole-body vibration (see ISO 2631-1, ISO 2631-2 and ISO 2631-4);
- low-frequency whole-body vibration in the frequency range from 0,1 Hz to 0,5 Hz (see ISO 2631-1).

Vibration instruments can be designed for measurement according to one or more of the frequency weightings defined within each of these applications.

Three levels of performance testing are defined in this document:

- a) pattern evaluation or validation:
 - 1) pattern evaluation, i.e. a full test of the instrument against the specifications defined in this document;
 - 2) validation of one-off instruments, i.e. a limited set of tests of an individual vibration measuring system against the relevant specifications defined in this document;
- b) periodic verification, i.e. an intermediate set of tests designed to ensure that an instrument remains within the required performance specification;
- c) *in situ* checks, i.e. a minimum level of testing required to indicate that an instrument is likely to be functioning within the required performance specification.

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 2631-1, *Mechanical vibration and shock — Evaluation of human exposure to whole-body vibration — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 2631-2, *Mechanical vibration and shock — Evaluation of human exposure to whole-body vibration — Part 2: Vibration in buildings (1 Hz to 80 Hz)*