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ELECTROACOUSTICS – SIMULATORS OF HUMAN HEAD AND EAR –

Part 7: Head and torso simulator for the measurement of sound sources close to the ear

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60318 describes a head and torso simulator, or manikin, intended for the measurement of sound sources placed close to the ear in the frequency range from 100 Hz to 16 000 Hz.

The manikin described in this document is intended for airborne acoustic measurements only. It is not suitable for measurements which depend upon vibration transmission paths such as bone conduction, or for measurements requiring the simulation of bone or tissue.

This document specifies the manikin in terms of both its geometrical dimensions and its acoustical properties. Only manikins compliant with both sets of specifications are in conformance with this document.

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.

IEC 60118-8, *Electroacoustics – Hearing aids – Part 8: Methods of measurement of performance characteristics of hearing aids under simulated in situ working conditions*

IEC 60318-4, *Electroacoustics – Simulators of human head and ear – Part 4: Occluded-ear simulator for the measurement of earphones coupled to the ear by means of ear inserts*

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

ISO 3, *Preferred numbers – Series of preferred numbers*

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3.1
manikin
head and torso simulator
simulator of a median adult human head and part of the torso extending in total from the top of the head to the waist and designed to simulate the sound pick-up characteristics and acoustic diffraction

Note 1 to entry: The head and torso simulator includes two pinna simulators, and at least one occluded-ear simulator.

3.2
manikin type
designation of the manikin as either anatomical or geometrical in shape

3.3
pinna simulator
device which has the approximate shape and dimensions of a median adult human pinna

3.4
ear simulator
device for measuring the acoustic output of sound sources where the sound pressure is measured by a calibrated microphone coupled to the source so that the overall acoustic impedance of the device approximates that of the normal human ear at a given location and in a given frequency band

Note 1 to entry: In this document, an ear simulator comprises an ear canal extension and an occluded-ear simulator (see 4.2.4).

3.5
occluded-ear simulator
ear simulator which approximates the acoustic transfer impedance of the inner part of the ear canal, from the tip of an ear insert to the eardrum

Note 1 to entry: An occluded-ear simulator is standardised in IEC 60318-4.

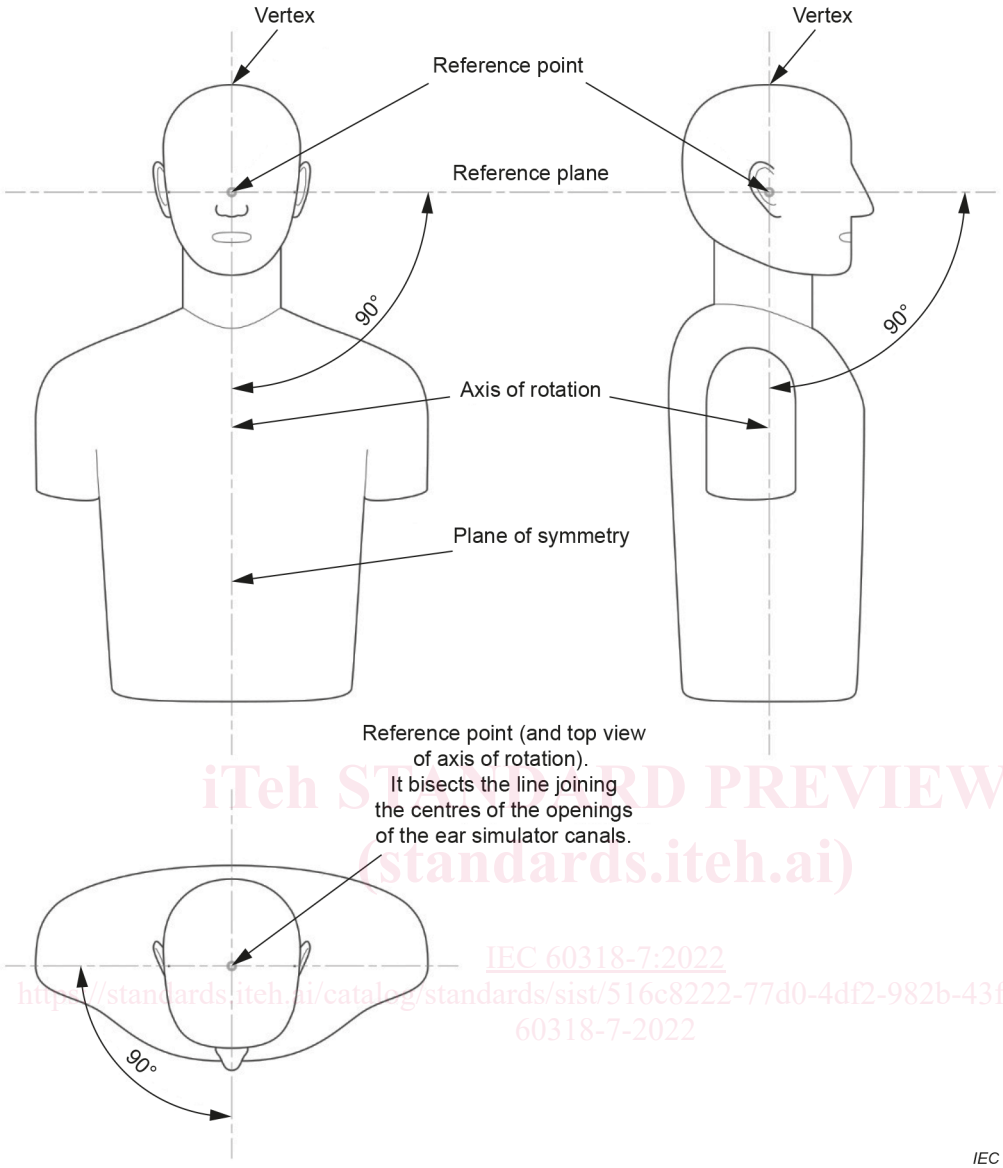
3.6
ear canal extension
device that provides a connection between the occluded-ear simulator and the aperture of the device simulating the concha

3.7
reference plane of the occluded-ear simulator
plane perpendicular to the axis of the cavity of the simulator, chosen to pass through the position normally occupied by the tip of an ear mould in a human ear canal

3.8
reference point of the manikin
point bisecting the line joining the right and left ear canal entrance points (EEP, 3.17)

3.9
plane of symmetry of the manikin
plane passing through the reference point of the manikin that divides the left and right portions of the manikin into symmetrical halves, within the allowed tolerances, where left and right is interpreted as for the human torso

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.



NOTE The reference point of the manikin is situated within the head.

Figure 1 – Manikin geometrical references

3.10
axis of rotation of the manikin
straight line about which the manikin can be rotated, passing through the reference point of the manikin, lying in the plane of symmetry of the manikin, and having a direction that would be vertical if the manikin were mounted in a position corresponding to that of a standing person

SEE: Figure 1.

3.11
reference plane of the manikin
plane perpendicular to the axis of rotation that contains the reference point of the manikin

SEE: Figure 1.

3.12
test point
reproducible position in the test space at which the sound pressure level is measured with the manikin absent and at which the reference point of the manikin is to be located for test purposes

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 2.

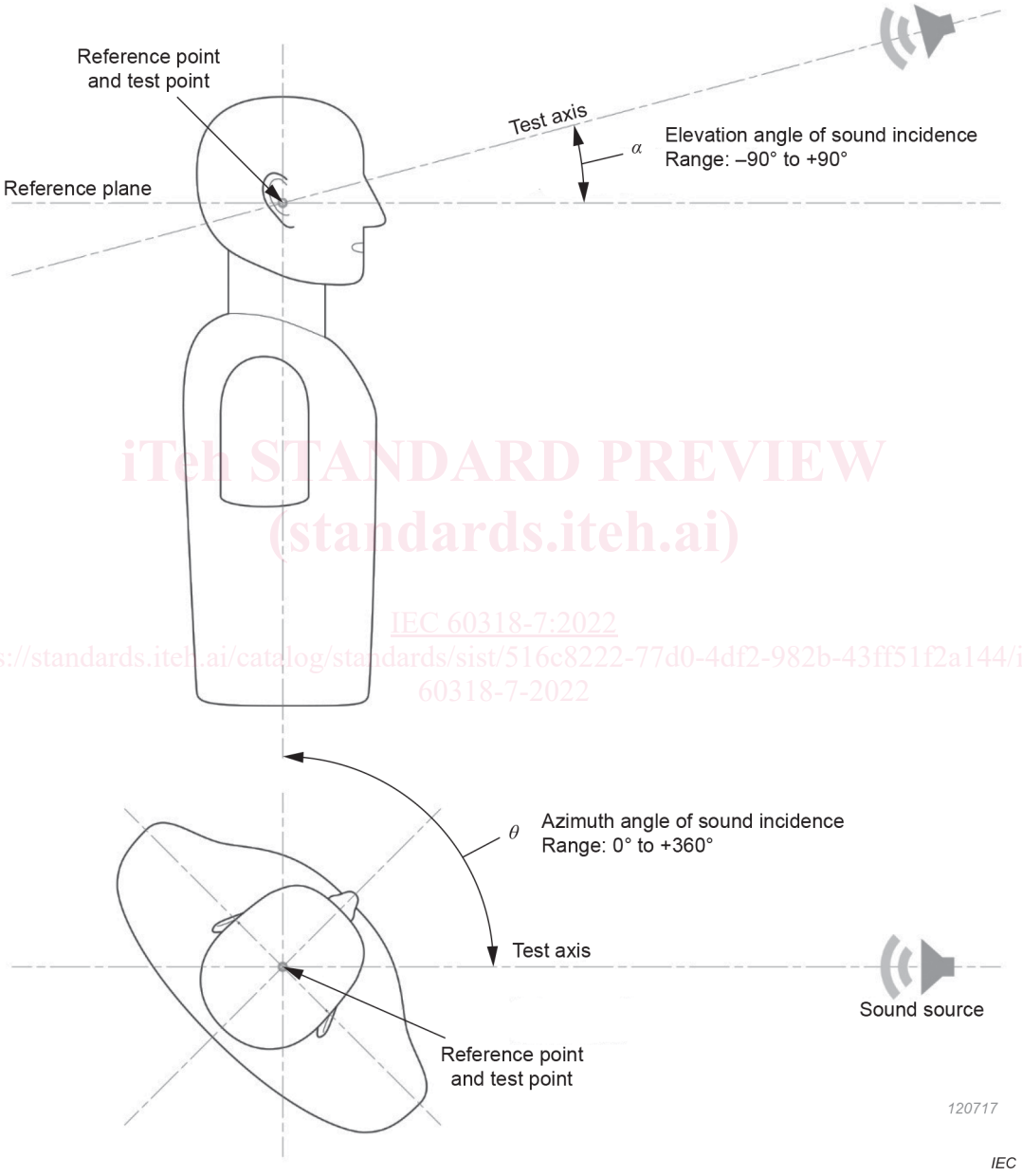


Figure 2 – Coordinate scheme for azimuth and elevation angles

3.13
test axis
line joining the test point and the acoustic centre of the sound source

SEE: Figure 2.

3.14
test plane
plane perpendicular to the test axis and containing the test point

3.15
azimuth angle of sound incidence
angle between the plane of symmetry of the manikin and the plane defined by the axis of rotation of the manikin and the test axis

Note 1 to entry: When the manikin faces the sound source, the azimuth angle of sound incidence is defined as 0°. When the right ear of the manikin faces the sound source, the angle is defined as +90°. When the left ear of the manikin faces the sound source, the angle is defined as +270°.

SEE: Figure 2.

3.16
elevation angle of sound incidence
angle between the reference plane of the manikin and the test axis

Note 1 to entry: When the vertex points towards the sound source, the elevation angle is defined as +90°. When the test axis lies in the reference plane of the manikin, the elevation angle is defined as 0°.

SEE: Figure 2.

3.17
ear canal entrance point
EEP
point located at the centre of the manikin ear canal at the junction between concha and ear canal extension

3.18
transverse plane of the manikin
plane perpendicular to the plane of symmetry of the manikin and containing the axis of rotation

3.19
reference position of the manikin
position of the manikin in the test space where the reference point of the manikin coincides with the test point, and the azimuth and elevation angles are both equal to zero

3.20
manikin free-field frequency response
difference, as a function of frequency, between the sound pressure level at the ear simulator microphone with the reference point of the manikin at the test point within a free-field measurement environment and the sound pressure level at the test point with the manikin absent

3.21
manikin diffuse-field frequency response
difference, as a function of frequency, between the sound pressure level at the ear simulator microphone with the reference point of the manikin at the test point within a diffuse-field measurement environment and the sound pressure level at the test point with the manikin absent

4 Construction

4.1 General

The simulator consists of a head mounted on a torso that extends to the waist. The head is equipped with simulated pinnae and one or two occluded-ear simulators formed of cavities having acoustic impedance terminations corresponding to that of a median human adult, and microphones located at positions corresponding to the eardrums. It has been designed to provide acoustic diffraction similar to that encountered around the median human head and torso. Measurement results obtained with a manikin can differ substantially from similar measurements made on an individual person, due to anatomical variations. Measurement results for a given hearing aid obtained with different models of manikin conforming to this document can also differ, depending on the type and the method of fitting the hearing aid. The same holds for measurement results obtained with the same manikin model but with different models of pinna simulators.

NOTE 1 Above 10 kHz, an occluded-ear simulator conforming to IEC 60318-4 does not simulate the acoustic impedance of the human ear and can only be used as an acoustic coupler in this frequency range.

The realization of the manikin conforming to this document can be either anatomically shaped (see Annex A) or geometrically shaped (see Annex B) and can have different anatomically shaped pinna simulators. The realization of the ear canal entrance, together with the additional ear canal extension, can be either cylindrical or tapered in shape. This enables measurements of all types of insert devices, for example behind-the-ear (BTE) and in-the-ear (ITE) hearing aid designs.

NOTE 2 Nevertheless, some specific ITE hearing aid models might not be compatible.

This document covers both the geometrical dimensions of the manikin's head, torso, pinnae and ear canals and the manikin's acoustical characteristics. As a minimum, the manikin shall be specified with cylindrical ear canal extensions and comply with the appropriate acoustical characteristics. Optionally, tapered ear canal extensions may also be specified. The model and type of the manikin used (see 3.2) and the model of the pinna simulator used shall be stated when giving results of measurements made with the manikin.

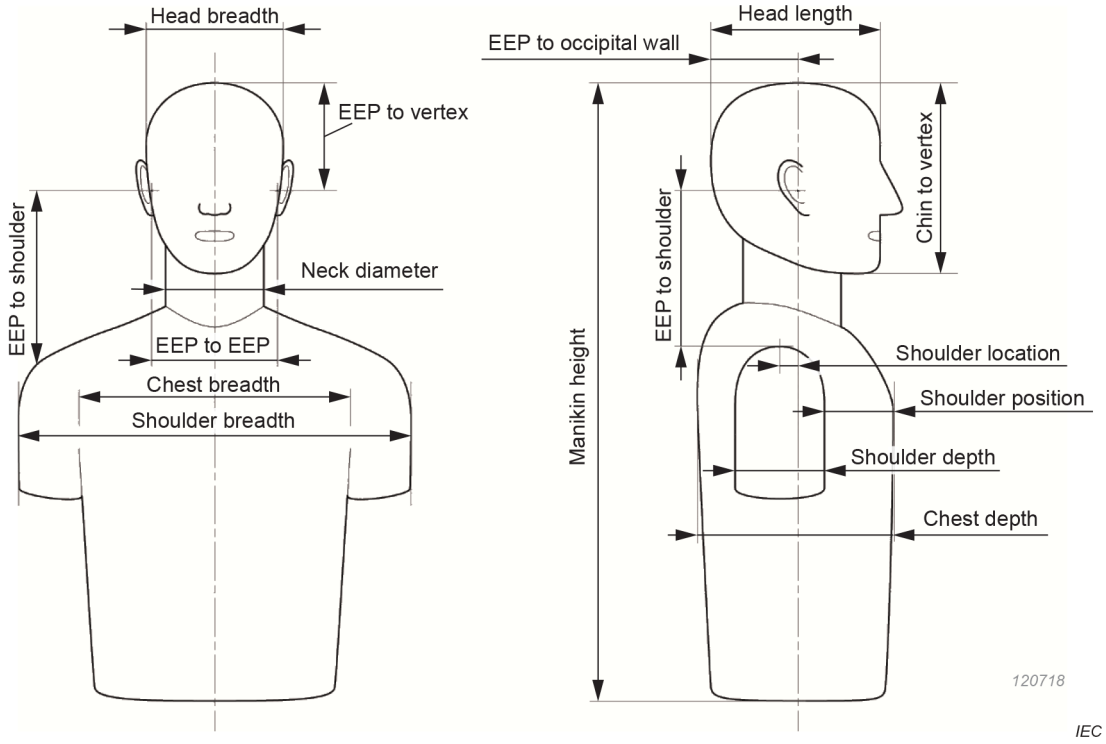
4.2 Geometrical dimensions of the manikin

4.2.1 Head and torso

The geometrical dimensions of the head and the torso are illustrated in Figure 3, and listed in Table 1. The realization of the head (excluding the pinnae) and of the torso can be either anatomically shaped or geometrically shaped. Anatomically shaped manikins are not necessarily completely symmetrical and may be described as "quasi-symmetrical", when staying within the allowable differences from the completely symmetrical manikin. Both anatomically and geometrically shaped manikins shall conform to the specified ranges of geometrical dimensions and acoustical characteristics specified in this document.

The acceptance interval of the quasi-symmetrical left and right portion of the manikin shall be ±2 mm for the head and ±3 mm for the torso with respect to the plane of symmetry.

NOTE For measurements that include both head and torso dimensions, for example EEP to shoulder, the acceptance interval sums up to ±5 mm.



NOTE For position of ear canal entrance point (EEP), see Figure 4.

Figure 3 – Illustration of manikin head and torso dimensions

Table 1 – Manikin head and torso dimensions

Linear dimension of	Nominal	Minimum	Maximum	Average human data [1][1]
	mm	mm	mm	mm
Head breadth	151	148	153	151
Head length	195	190	204	188
EEP to vertex	130	128	135	130
EEP to EEP distance	132	130	134	132
EEP to occipital wall	95	93	99	95
Chin-to-vertex length	220	217	225	222
EEP to shoulder[c]	175	169	181	176
Neck diameter	113	111	115	112
Shoulder breadth	432	399	456	427
Chest breadth	282	280	284	291
Chest depth	219	180	241	–
Shoulder depth[d]	110	108	161	–
Shoulder location [b, e]	6	–4	20	–
Shoulder position [a, f]	78	76	80	–
Manikin height	–	600	–	

NOTE To be independent of the type of pinna simulator used, this document uses the ear canal entrance point (EEP) rather than the tragion as a reference point. The differences between both sets of values are chosen in conformity with [2] to be 5 mm for EEP to vertex, –11 mm for left EEP to right EEP, –3 mm for EEP to occipital wall and –5 mm for EEP to shoulder.

[a] For anatomically shaped manikin only.

[b] For geometrically shaped manikin only.

[c] Measured from the shoulder surface, 175 mm sideways from the plane of symmetry, to the reference plane of the manikin.

[d] Measured between front and back shoulder points, 175 mm sideward from the plane of symmetry of the manikin.

[e] Measured from the point of the shoulder section, 175 mm sideward from the plane of symmetry, to the transverse plane of the manikin (positive behind transverse plane).

[f] Measured between front shoulder point, 175 mm sideward from the plane of symmetry of the manikin to the front-most point on the torso.

4.2.2 Pinna simulators for hearing aid measurements

The right and left pinna simulators shall be anatomically shaped.

NOTE 1 3D representations of example pinna simulators are shown in Annex D.

For each type of manikin, only one pair of pinna simulators with cylindrical ear canal extensions and optionally only one pair of pinna simulators with the tapered ear canal extensions shall be specified. Their principal dimensions and orientation are illustrated in Figure 4 a), b) and c), and listed in Table 2 and Table 3.

The acceptance intervals of the quasi-symmetrical left and right pinna simulator of the manikin shall be ±2 mm.

[1] Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.