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Foreword

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Annexes A and B form an integral part of this International Standard. Annexes C to G are for information only.

Introduction

The sound power radiated into a duct by a fan depends to some extent on the type of duct, characterized by its acoustical impedance. For a measurement method, the duct has, therefore, to be clearly specified. In this International Standard, the duct is of circular cross-section and terminated nearly anechoically. Details of typical anechoic terminations are given in annex C. The sound power obtained under these special conditions is a representative value for actual applications, as the anechoic termination forms an impedance about midway between the higher and lower impedances found in practice. The sound power radiated in actual applications can, in theory, be estimated from data on fans and duct impedances. Since this information is at present incomplete, these effects are not usually considered in acoustical calculations.

In order to suppress the turbulent pressure fluctuations at the microphone, the use of a long cylindrical windscreen ("sampling tube") is stipulated. The microphone, with the sampling tube, is mounted at a radial position such that the sound pressure is acceptably well related to the sound power by the plane wave formula, even in the frequency range in which radial standing waves (cross-modes) are possible.

The testing precision is given in terms of the standard deviation to be expected if the measurements were repeated in many different laboratories.

The procedures for measuring the operating conditions (performance measurements) are not specified in detail in this International Standard. The operating conditions are intended to be specified in a separate code which will be the subject of a future International Standard.

This International Standard is one of a series specifying different methods for determining the sound power levels of fans.

Acoustics — Determination of sound power radiated into a duct by fans — In-duct method

1 Scope

1.1 Measurement conditions

This International Standard specifies a method for testing ducted fans to determine the sound power radiated into an anechoically-terminated duct on the inlet and/or outlet side of the equipment. It applies to fans which emit steady, broad-band, narrow-band and discrete-frequency sound. It applies to air temperatures between – 50 °C and + 70 °C.

The test duct diameter range is from 0,15 m to 2 m. The maximum flow velocity is 30 m/s and the maximum swirl angle is 15°. An example of a method for determining the angle of swirl is given in annex F.

The one-third octave band centre frequency range is from 50 Hz to 10 000 Hz.

NOTE — The flow noise suppression of the sampling tube (see 6.2.1) may be insufficient at higher velocities and at higher angles of swirl.

1.2 Types of source

The method applies to a sound source in which a fan is usually connected to ducts on at least one side.

Examples of the ducted fans and fan equipment covered by this International Standard are

— ducted centrifugal fans;

— ducted axial flow fans;

— ducted mixed flow fans.

This International Standard may also apply to other aerodynamic sources, such as boxes, dampers and throttle devices.

This International Standard does not apply to non-ducted fans or non-ducted fan equipment.

1.3 Precision of the method of measurement

The precision of the method of measurement is given in terms of the standard deviation of the sound power level. It includes the effects of end reflections, transitions, the possible errors in computing sound power from pressure measurements, and the tolerance of the instrument calibration. The estimated standard deviations are given in table 1.

Table 1 — Precision of the method of measurement

One-third octave band centre frequency Hz	Standard deviation dB
50	3,5
63	3
80; 100	2,5
125 to 4 000	2
5 000	2,5
6 300	3
8 000	3,5
10 000	4

The standard deviations given in table 1 reflect the cumulative effects of all causes of measurement uncertainty, excluding variations in the sound power from machine to machine or from test to test which may be caused, for example, by changes in the mounting or operating conditions of the source.

NOTES

1 The standard deviations given in table 1 are derived from information in [3], [5] and [19].

2 The precision data will increase in the presence of swirling flows.

3 If discrete frequency components are present or if measurements are not averaged over a sufficiently long period, the precision will be less than that indicated.

4 At high frequencies, particularly above about 4 000 Hz, the precision data quoted in table 1 may increase when the noise spectrum being measured decreases rapidly with frequency. Under these conditions, the high-frequency sound pressure levels sensed by the microphone can be of small magnitude compared with those at lower frequencies, and electrical noise, particularly from the frequency analyser, can interfere with the sound signal at these high frequencies. In order to achieve correct determinations of sound power it may be necessary to repeat the high-frequency sound measurement by passing the microphone signal through a high pass filter before it is analysed by the frequency analyser.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 266 : 1975, *Acoustics — Preferred frequencies for measurements.*

ISO 5221 : 1984, *Air distribution and air diffusion — Rules to methods of measuring air flow rate in an air handling duct.*

ISO 7235 : —[1], *Acoustics — Measurement procedures for ducted silencers — Insertion loss, flow noise and total pressure loss.*

IEC 225 : 1966, *Octave, half-octave and third-octave band filters intended for the analysis of sounds and vibrations.*

IEC 651 : 1979, *Sound level meters.*

3 Definitions and symbols

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definitions and symbols apply.

3.1 fan inlet [outlet] area, S_f: The area of the fan fitting provided for connection to attached ductwork.

3.2 ducts: Any of the airways defined in 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.2.3.

3.2.1 test duct: The duct in which the fan sound power is measured. It has an anechoic termination.

3.2.2 terminating duct: The duct opposite to the test duct, if both sides of the fan are ducted. It has an anechoic termination.

3.2.3 intermediate duct: The duct fitted on the intake side and on the discharge side of the fan to ensure desired flow conditions. It connects to the test duct or the terminating duct, if necessary by a transition section (see figure 1).

3.3 measurement plane: The radial plane in the test duct in which the microphone diaphragm is located.

3.4 sound pressure level, L_p, in decibels: Ten times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the mean-square sound pressure of a sound to the square of the reference sound pressure. The width of a restricted frequency band shall be indicated, for example one-third octave band pressure level, A-weighted sound pressure level, etc. The reference sound pressure is 20 µPa.

L_{p1}, L_{p2}, L_{p3}, are the sound pressure levels at each of the three measurement positions in the test duct.

$\overline{L_{pm}}$ is the spatially averaged sound pressure level obtained from averaging over the measurement positions in the test duct. It may also be obtained from a continuous circumferential traverse (see 6.2.4).

$\overline{L_p}$ is the spatially averaged sound pressure level at the measurement plane, corrected for the combined free-field response C (see 3.9 and 7.1).

3.5 sound power level, L_W, in decibels: Ten times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of a given sound power to the reference sound power. The width of a restricted frequency band shall be indicated, for example one-third octave band power level, A-weighted sound power level, etc. The reference sound power is 1 pW.

3.6 fan sound power: The sound power radiated into the test duct by the fan.

3.7 frequency range of interest: For general purposes, the frequency range of interest includes the one-third octave bands with centre frequencies between 100 Hz and 10 000 Hz. For special purposes, the frequency range of interest may be extended down to 50 Hz. For fans which radiate predominantly high- or low-frequency sound, the frequency range of interest may be limited in order to reduce the costs of the test facilities and procedures. The limits of the restricted frequency range shall be given in the test report.

3.8 sampling tube: A tubular windscreen to be attached to a standard microphone designed to minimize its sensitivity to flow noise.

3.9 Further symbols

C_1 correction supplied by the manufacturer to be added to the calibrated microphone response to obtain the free field response, expressed in decibels

C_2 frequency response correction of the sampling tube of normal incidence, expressed in decibels, to be added to the calibrated microphone response [see 4.3.3 c)]

C_3 flow velocity correction for the frequency response required by the use of the sampling tube, expressed in decibels (see table 5)

C_4 modal correction for the frequency response required by the use of the sampling tube, expressed in decibels (see table 6)

$C = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + C_4$ combined frequency response correction, expressed in decibels

c speed of sound in the test duct

ϱ fluid density in the test duct

1) To be published.

d diameter of the fan inlet, fan outlet, test duct, intermediate ducts, terminating ducts (see figure 1)

l length of the ducts and transitions (see figure 1)

r radial distance from the test duct centreline to the sampling tube centreline

r_a pressure reflection coefficient defined as the ratio of the sound pressure amplitude of the sound wave reflected from the anechoic termination to the sound pressure amplitude of the incident wave

b, h cross-dimensions of the rectangular fan inlet or fan outlet

4 Test facilities and instrumentation

4.1 General requirements

The test arrangement shall consist of the fan to be tested, an intermediate duct, the test duct with anechoic termination, and the instrumentation (see figure 1). If a fan usually used with duct work on both sides is to be tested, a termination duct with anechoic termination plus an intermediate duct shall be connected opposite to the side on which the sound power is determined.

All connections between the fan and the ducts shall be firm, unless a vibration-isolating coupling is an inherent part of the fan. The test ducts shall include provisions for mounting the microphone and sampling tube at the locations specified in 5.2.

Suitable provisions shall also be made for controlling the desired fan operating conditions.

NOTES

1 Examples of designs of anechoic terminations and throttling devices are given in annex C.

2 Measurement of mass flow is the preferred method of controlling the fan operating point (see ISO 5221); an alternative method is to measure the fan pressure rise.

3 The aerodynamic performance characteristics of the fan may be measured using a different test arrangement.

4.2 Duct specifications

4.2.1 Construction of ducts and transitions

The ducts shall be straight, coaxial with the fan inlet or outlet, and of uniformly circular cross-section. The ducts and transitions shall be manufactured either from steel having a minimum thickness 1 mm or from a material of equivalent mass per unit area and rigidity which ensures an acoustically hard and smooth interior surface.

The ducts and transitions should preferably be treated with a vibration-damping material on the outside.

NOTE — This International Standard prescribes ducts with circular cross-sections. Future International Standards may involve ducts with rectangular cross-sections.

4.2.2 Duct lengths

Duct lengths shall be as specified in figure 1.

4.2.3 Duct cross-sectional area

The duct cross-sectional areas shall be as specified in table 2, where the inlet or outlet area S_f is the area on the side to which the respective duct is connected.

Table 2 — Cross-sectional areas of ducts

Duct		Cross-sectional area min.	Cross-sectional area max.
Fan inlet side	Intermediate	1 S_f	1 S_f
	Test	1 S_f	2,1 S_f
	Terminating	1 S_f	2,1 S_f
Fan outlet side	Intermediate	0,95 S_f	1,07 S_f
	Test	0,7 S_f	2,1 S_f
	Terminating	0,7 S_f	2,1 S_f

4.2.4 Transitions

All transitions, including any transitions from rectangular fan outlets or inlets to the circular ducts, shall be coaxial and shall meet the following criteria:

a) the maximum enclosed angle of the sides shall be 15°;

b) the minimum length, l_{min}, shall be calculated from

$$\frac{l_{min}}{l_0} = \frac{\text{larger area}}{\text{smaller area}} - 1$$

with $l_0 = 1$ m

4.2.5 Anechoic termination

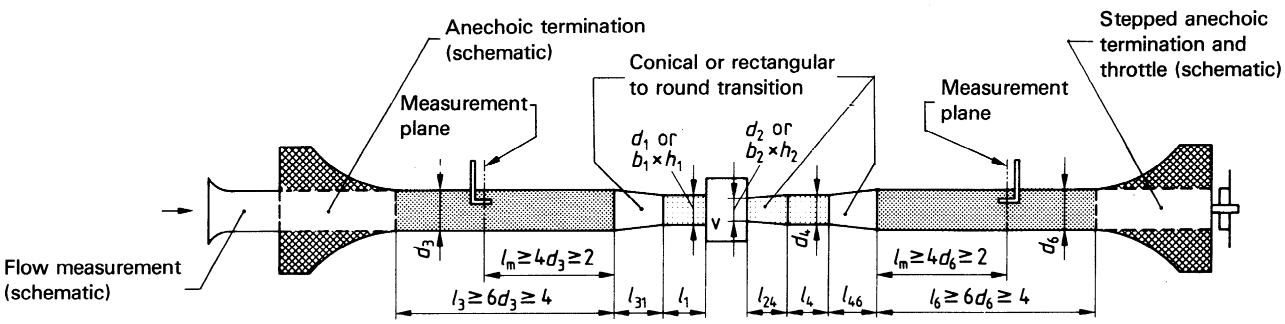
The pressure reflection coefficient, r_a, of the anechoic termination when installed and when a throttling device is fitted shall not exceed the values specified in table 3.

Table 3 — Maximum pressure reflection coefficients

One-third octave band centre frequency Hz	Maximum pressure reflection coefficient
50	0,4
63	0,35
80	0,3
100	0,25
⩾ 125	0,15

NOTE — Guidelines for the design of the anechoic terminations and a method for measuring the pressure reflection coefficient of the termination are given in annexes C and D.

Dimensions in metres



For circular fan inlet, diameter d_1

$1 < (d_3/d_1)^2 < 2,1$

$2d_1 < l_1 < 5d_1$

$l_{31} > 3,8\,(d_3 - d_1)$ and $> (d_3/d_1)^2 - 1$

For rectangular fan inlet, $b_1 \times h_1$

$$1 < \frac{\pi d_3^2}{4b_1h_1} < 2,1$$

$$2\sqrt{\frac{4b_1h_1}{\pi}} < l_1 < 5\sqrt{\frac{4b_1h_1}{\pi}}$$

$$b_{31} > 3,8\left|\sqrt{b_1^2 + h_1^2} - d_3\right| \text{ and } > \frac{\pi d_3^2}{4b_1h_1} - 1$$

$2d_4 < l_4 < 5d_4$

$l_{46} > 3,8\,(d_6 - d_4)$ and $> (d_6/d_4)^2 - 1$
for $d_6 > d_4$

$l_{46} > 3,8\,(d_4 - d_6)$ and $> (d_4/d_6)^2 - 1$
for $d_4 > d_6$

For circular fan outlet, diameter d_2

$0,95 < (d_4/d_2)^2 < 1,07$

$0,7 < (d_6/d_2)^2 < 2,1$

$l_{24} > 3,8\,(d_4 - d_2)$ and $> (d_4/d_2)^2 - 1$
for $d_4 > d_2$

$l_{24} > 3,8\,(d_2 - d_4)$ and $> (d_2/d_4)^2 - 1$
for $d_2 > d_4$

For rectangular fan outlet, $b_2 \times h_2$

$$0,95 < \frac{\pi d_4^2}{4b_2h_2} < 1,07$$

$$0,7 < \frac{\pi d_6^2}{4b_2h_2} < 2,1$$

$$l_{24} > 3,8\left|\sqrt{b_2^2 + h_2^2} - d_4\right| \text{ and } > \frac{\pi d_4^2}{4b_2h_2} - 1$$

for $\frac{\pi}{4} d_4^2 > b_2h_2$

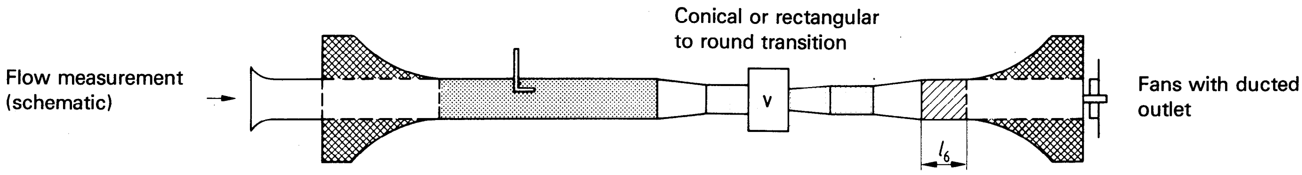
$$l_{24} > 3,8\left|\sqrt{b_2^2 + h_2^2} - d_4\right| \text{ and } > \frac{4b_2h_2}{\pi d_4^2} - 1$$

for $b_2h_2 > \frac{\pi}{4} d_4^2$

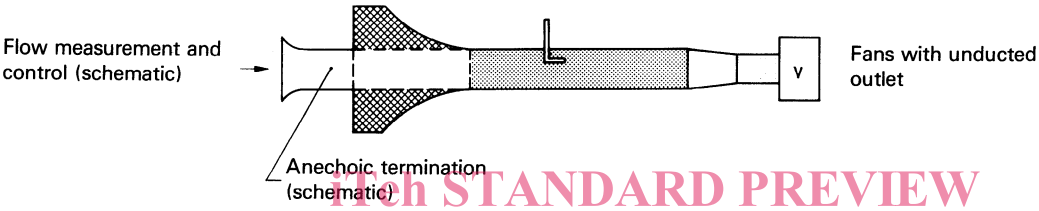
a) Simultaneous measurement of inlet and outlet in-duct noise

Figure 1 — Test arrangement and limiting dimensions of test ducts, intermediate ducts and transitions

Dimensions in metres



All dimensions as for figure 1 a) except for l_6
$l_6 \geqslant d_6$ and $\geqslant 1$



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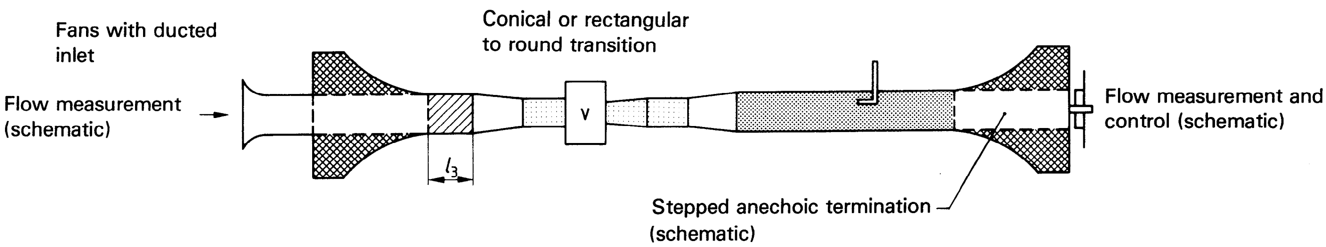
b) Measurement of inlet in-duct noise only

Figure 1 — *(continued)*

Dimensions in metres



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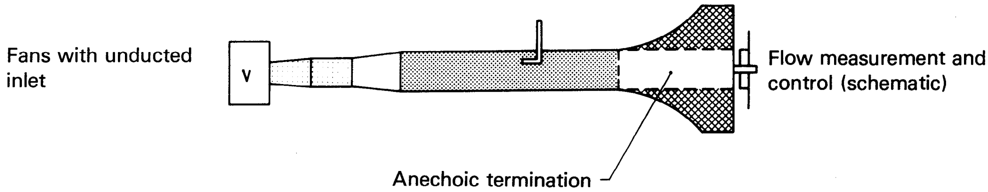
$l_3 \geqslant 4d_3$ and $\geqslant 1$



All dimensions as for figure 1 a)

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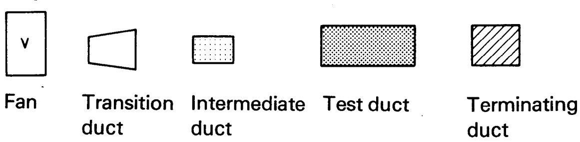

c) Measurement of outlet in-duct noise only

Figure 1 — *(concluded)*

4.2.6 Throttling device

An adjustable throttling device, if necessary, shall be provided at the end of the anechoic termination remote from the fan. No other throttle shall be placed between the fan and the anechoic termination. The throttling section shall provide control to adjust the operating conditions under which it is desired to determine the sound power of the fan.

The throttling device and the anechoic termination shall be designed so that the sound pressure level generated in the test duct by the throttling device is at least 10 dB below the fan sound pressure level in the test duct.

Suggested throttling arrangements are shown in figure C.5.

4.3 Instrumentation

4.3.1 Measuring system

4.3.1.1 Microphone

A microphone of a sound level meter complying with the requirements for a type 1 instrument as specified in IEC 651 shall be used. The dimensions shall be compatible with those of the sampling tube.

4.3.1.2 Microphone cable

The microphone/cable system shall be such that the sensitivity does not change with temperature in the range prevailing during the test. Cable flexing arising from either microphone traversing or from airflow across the cable shall not introduce noise which interferes with the measurements.

4.3.1.3 Sound level meter or other microphone amplifier

The sound level meter or other amplifier used to amplify the microphone signal shall conform to the electrical requirement for a type 1 sound level meter as specified in IEC 651. The frequency response characteristic designated Lin shall be used.

4.3.2 Frequency analyser

A one-third octave band filter set complying with the requirements of IEC 225 shall be used. The filter band centre frequencies shall be those tabulated in ISO 266.

4.3.3 Sampling tube

The sampling tube reduces the turbulent pressure fluctuations at the measurement positions in order to maintain a sufficient signal-to-noise ratio (see 6.2.1).

The sampling tube and its use shall comply with the following requirements:

a) The turbulence noise shall be suppressed by at least 10 dB in the frequency range of interest as compared with a nose cone. The actual values of turbulence noise suppression as a function of frequency and flow velocity shall be known in order to determine the signal-to-noise ratio as specified in 6.2.1 (see also annex B and table E.1).

b) The maximum diameter of the sampling tube shall be 22 mm.

c) The frequency response correction C_2 of the sampling tube for each one-third octave band of interest shall be determined to within ± 0,5 dB in a plane-wave field incident axially from the front. If tests are carried out in a free field, a minimum distance of 3 m between the loudspeaker and the sampling tube being tested shall be maintained, and the reference microphone position shall be at the mid-point of the sampling tube length. It is essential that the frequency response correction curve be smooth. Alternatively, a manufacturer's calibration curve, obtained in compliance with the requirements for the frequency response correction, shall be used.

d) The directivity of the sampling tube, when measured in a free field with broad-band noise of one-third octave bandwidth, shall be within the limits given in figure 2.

NOTES

1 Curves illustrated in figure 2 are given by the following equation:

$$\Delta L = 20 \lg \frac{1}{1 + f_o \times K \times \Theta^3} \quad \text{for } 0 < \Theta < 1{,}31 \text{ rad } (75°)$$

where

ΔL is the reduction of sensitivity, in decibels, at an incidence angle Θ compared with incidence axially from front ($\Theta = 0°$);

K is the directivity constant;

f_o is the centre frequency of the one-third octave band, in hertz;

Θ is the angle of incidence, in radians.

The limiting values of the directivity constant K are given in table 4.

Table 4 — Limiting values of the directivity constant K

One-third octave band centre frequency Hz	K_{min}	K_{max}
1 000	$0{,}35 \times 10^{-3}$	$1{,}5 \times 10^{-3}$
2 000	$0{,}35 \times 10^{-3}$	$1{,}5 \times 10^{-3}$
4 000	$0{,}35 \times 10^{-3}$	$2{,}2 \times 10^{-3}$
8 000	$0{,}35 \times 10^{-3}$	$2{,}2 \times 10^{-3}$

2 A manufacturer's statement that the sampling tube directivity is within the limits specified by figure 2 may be used.

e) Values for the flow velocity correction, C_3, shall be taken from table 5.

NOTE — Sampling tubes are available commercially. See for example figure E.1.

f) Values for the modal correction, C_4, shall be taken from table 6.

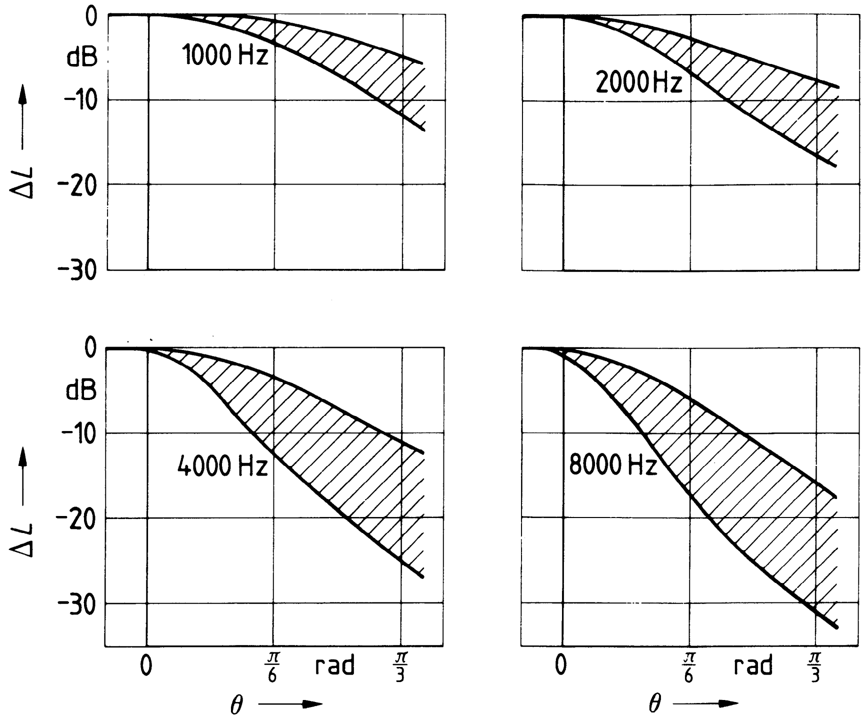

Figure 2 — Limiting curves for the directivity of the sampling tube (broad-band noise of one-third octave bandwidth)

Table 5 — Flow velocity correction, C_3, in decibels, for the frequency response of the sampling tube

One-third octave band centre frequency	Range of flow Mach numbers (flow velocity/speed of sound)												
	0,011 7 to < 0,017 5	0,017 5 to < 0,023 3	0,023 3 to < 0,029 2	0,029 2 to < 0,035 0	0,035 0 to < 0,040 8	0,040 8 to < 0,046 6	0,046 6 to < 0,052 5	0,052 5 to < 0,058 3	0,058 3 to < 0,064 1	0,064 1 to < 0,070 0	0,070 0 to < 0,075 8	0,075 8 to < 0,081 6	0,081 6 to < 0,087 5
	Range of flow velocities, in metres per second, for measurements in air at 20 °C (i.e. speed of sound, c = 343 m/s)												
Hz	4 to < 6	6 to < 8	8 to < 10	10 to < 12	12 to < 14	14 to < 16	16 to < 18	18 to < 20	20 to < 22	22 to < 24	24 to < 26	26 to < 28	28 to < 30
1 000	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	0,2 —	0,2 —	0,2 —
1 250	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	0,2 —	0,2 —	0,2 —	0,2 —	0,3 —
1 600	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	0,2 —	0,2 —	0,2 —	0,3 0,2	0,3 0,2	0,3 0,3	0,4 0,3
2 000	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	0,2 —	0,2 —	0,3 0,2	0,3 0,2	0,4 0,3	0,4 0,4	0,5 0,4	0,5 0,5
2 500	— —	— —	— —	— —	0,2 —	0,2 0,2	0,3 0,3	0,4 0,3	0,4 0,4	0,5 0,5	0,6 0,6	0,7 0,7	0,8 0,9
3 150	— —	— —	— —	0,2 0,2	0,3 0,2	0,4 0,3	0,5 0,4	0,6 0,6	0,7 0,7	0,8 0,9	0,9 1	1 1,2	1,2 1,5
4 000	— —	— —	0,2 0,2	0,3 0,3	0,4 0,4	0,6 0,6	0,7 0,7	0,9 0,9	1 1,2	1,2 1,5	1,4 1,8	1,6 2,1	1,9 2,5
5 000	— —	0,2 0,2	0,3 0,3	0,5 0,5	0,6 0,7	0,8 0,9	1,1 1,2	1,3 1,5	1,6 1,9	1,9 2,3	2,2 2,8	2,6 3,4	2,9 4
6 300	0,2 —	0,3 0,3	0,5 0,5	0,7 0,8	1 1,1	1,3 1,5	1,7 2	2,1 2,5	2,5 3,1	3 3,8	3,5 4,6	4,1 5,5	4,6 6,5
8 000	0,3 0,2	0,5 0,5	0,8 0,8	1,2 1,3	1,6 1,8	2,1 2,5	2,7 3,2	3,4 4,1	4,1 5,2	4,9 6,4	5,7 7,7	6,6 9	7,5 10,4
10 000	0,4 0,4	0,8 0,8	1,2 1,3	1,8 2	2,5 2,9	3,3 3,9	4,3 5,2	5,3 6,6	6,4 8,2	7,7 9,9	8,9 11,4	10,1 12,4	11,1 12,6

NOTE — For each frequency, the upper values are for the outlet duct (sound and flow in the same direction) and the lower values are for the inlet duct (sound and flow in opposite directions).