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- a) Alignment with IEC 60704-1:2021.

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 This part 2-9 is intended to be used in conjunction with the fourth edition of IEC 60704-1:2021: *Household and similar electrical appliances – Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise – Part 1: General requirements*.

The relevant text of IEC 60704-1:2021 as amended by this standard establishes the test code for electric hair care appliances.

This document supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60704-1:2021. When a particular subclause of IEC 60704-1:2021 is not mentioned in this document, that subclause applies as far as reasonable. Where this standard states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant requirements, test specification or explanatory matter in IEC 60704-1:2021 is adapted accordingly.

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INTRODUCTION to 60704-1:2021

Although the noise emitted by household appliances does not generally present a hazard to the hearing of the operator and other exposed persons, the need for standardization procedures for the determination of the noise emitted has been recognized for a long time. Such procedures should be specified, not only for special types of appliances, but also the principles should be applicable to the majority of appliances in general use.

Generally, the determination of noise levels is only part of a comprehensive testing procedure covering many aspects of the properties and performances of the appliance. It is therefore important that the requirements for noise measurements (such as test environment, instrumentation, and amount of labour involved) be kept at a modest level.

The results of noise measurements are used for many purposes, for example for noise declaration, as well as for comparing the noise emitted by a specific appliance to the noise emitted by other appliances of the same family. In other cases, the results are taken as a basis for engineering action in the development stages of new pieces of equipment, or in deciding on means for sound insulation. For all purposes, it is important to specify procedures with known accuracy so that the results of measurements taken by different laboratories can be compared.

These conditions have, as far as possible, been taken into account in the preparation of this test code. The acoustic measuring methods are based on those described in ISO 3743-1:2010, ISO 3743-2:2018 and ISO 3744:2010.

The adoption of these methods permits the use of hemi-anechoic rooms, special reverberation test rooms and hard-walled test rooms. The result of the measurements is the sound power level of the appliance. Within the measuring uncertainty specific to these methods, the results from the determination under free field conditions over a reflecting plane are equal to those obtained in reverberant fields.

The use of intensity methods as described in ISO 9614-1:1993, ISO 9614-2:1996, and ISO 9614-3:2002 is applicable under special conditions, which are described in specific parts of the IEC 60704-2 series.

This test code is concerned with airborne noise only. In some cases, structure-borne noise, for example transmitted to the adjoining room, can be of importance.

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The measuring conditions specified in this document provide for sufficient accuracy in determining the noise emitted and comparing the results of measurements taken by different laboratories, whilst simulating as far as possible the practical use of hair care appliances.

It is recommended to consider the determination of noise levels as part of a comprehensive testing procedure covering many aspects of the properties and performance of electric hair care appliances.

NOTE As stated in the introduction to IEC 60704-1, this test code is concerned with airborne noise only.

HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – TEST CODE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF AIRBORNE ACOUSTICAL NOISE –

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60704 applies to electric hand-held hairdryers for household and similar use supplied from mains, which operate with a flow of air.

These particular requirements can also be applied to analogous electrically operated devices such as hairstyling appliances, which produce the airflow by a fan.

Helmet-type hairdryers are excluded from this document.

This document does not apply to hair care appliances with radiant heating.

For determining and verifying noise emission values declared in product specifications, see IEC 60704-3.

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 60704-2 (all parts), *Household and similar electrical appliances – Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise*

IEC 60704-3:2019, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise – Part 3: Procedure for determining and verifying declared noise emission values*

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

IEC 61672-1:2013, *Electroacoustics – Sound level meters – Part 1: Specifications*

ISO 3743-1:2010, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources – Engineering methods for small, movable sources in reverberant fields – Part 1: Comparison method for hard-walled test rooms*

ISO 3743-2:2018, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering methods for small, movable sources in reverberant fields – Part 2: Methods for special reverberation test rooms*

ISO 3744:2010, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering method in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 9614-1:1993, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity – Part 1: Measurement at discrete points*

ISO 9614-2:1996, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity – Part 2: Measurement by scanning*

ISO 9614-3:2002, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity – Part 3: Precision method for measurement by scanning*

ISO 6926:2016, *Acoustics – Requirements for the performance and calibration of reference sound sources used for the determination of sound power levels*

ISO 12001:1996, *Acoustics – Noise emitted by machinery and equipment – Rules for the drafting and presentation of a noise test code*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply. Terms and definitions pertinent to the determination of sound power levels can be found in ISO 3743-1:2010, ISO 3743-2:2018 and ISO 3744:2010.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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3.1 measurement time interval

portion or a multiple of an operational period or operational cycle for which the sound power levels are determined

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3.2 operational period

interval of time during which a specified process is accomplished by the appliance under test (for example, washing or rinsing or drying for a dishwasher)

3.3 operational cycle

specific sequence of operational periods occurring while the appliance under test performs a complete work cycle

Note 1 to entry: During the operational cycle, each operational period is associated with a specific process that can occur only once, or can be repeated (for example, washing and rinsing and drying for a dishwasher).

3.4 time history

continuous recording of the sound pressure level (for a distinct microphone position) as a function of time, which is obtained during one or more operational periods of an operational cycle

3.5 reference box

hypothetical right parallelepiped terminating on the reflecting plane(s) on which the noise source under test is located, that just encloses the source including all the significant sound radiating components and any test table on which the source is mounted

[SOURCE: ISO 3744:2010, 3.10, modified – The note has been omitted.]

3.6 test enclosure

enclosure used for simulating the typical acoustic built-in or/and mounting conditions

3.101

hand-held hairdryer

hairdryer which is held by hand during normal permanent use

3.102

hairstyling appliance

appliance for styling and/or curling hairs

Note 1 to entry: Hair styling appliances can comprise brushes and combs.

3.103

helmet-type hairdryer

hairdryer, in which the drying is performed under a rigid or flexible hood

4 Measurement methods and acoustical environments

4.1 General

This document is concerned with objective methods of engineering accuracy grade 2 in accordance with ISO 12001:1996 for determining sound power levels L_W , expressed in decibels (dB), with reference to a sound power of one picowatt (1 pW), of airborne acoustical noise within the specified frequency range of interest (generally including the octave-bands with centre frequencies from 125 Hz to 8 000 Hz), and for prescribed operating conditions of the appliance to be measured.

Methods for determining sound power levels with precision accuracy grade 1 in accordance with ISO 12001:1996, as specified for example in ISO 3741 and ISO 3745, are not included in this document. They may, however, be applied if the appropriate test environment and instrumentation are available.

NOTE 1 The noise values obtained under the described conditions of this document will not necessarily correspond to the noise experienced under the operational conditions of practical use.

NOTE 2 For quality control during production etc., simplified methods can be appropriate. For noise reduction purposes, other measurement methods employing, for example, narrow-band analysis or intensity techniques usually have to be applied. These methods are not covered by this document.

The total noise emitted by machinery or equipment and radiated in all directions to the space surrounding the machine can be characterized by the sound power of the machine. Within the accuracy range of this document, the sound power of a machine is basically independent of the environment in which the machine is installed

Therefore, the concept of sound power level has been chosen for expressing the noise emission of appliances for household and similar purposes.

The preferred noise emission quantity is the A-weighted sound power level, L_{WA} , in dB (re 1 pW).

According to this document, two principal methods exist, the direct method and the comparison method, as described in 4.2 and 4.3. These two methods can be used alternatively.

Different types of environments, as described in 4.4, may be used. A part of the IEC 60704-2 series may, if necessary, exclude one or several combinations among those available.

4.2 Direct method

The direct method can be used only for measurements in qualified test environments in accordance with ISO 3744:2010 for free field conditions over reflecting plane(s), and in accordance with ISO 3743-2:2018 for special reverberation test rooms.

With this method, the sound power level is determined

- in free field conditions over reflecting plane(s), from time-averaged sound pressure levels (on a mean-square basis) over the measurement surface and from the area of the measurement surface, S , or
- in reverberation and special reverberation test rooms, from averaged sound pressure levels, and from the reverberation time and the volume of the test room.

If for a measurement in a free field, reverberation or special reverberation room is not possible because the appliance cannot be placed or operated in such an environment, the intensity method in accordance with ISO 9614-1:1993, ISO 9614-2:1996, and ISO 9614-3:2002 shall be applied. For the intensity method, the standard deviations given in the parts of the IEC 60704-2 series and IEC 60704-3:2019 are not applicable unless stated explicitly.

These methods yield results expressed in A-weighted sound power levels (and in octave- or 1/3 octave-band sound power levels, if required) that are calculated directly from measured sound pressure levels.

NOTE This method can also be used in conjunction with more precise methods, such as those given in ISO 3741 and ISO 3745.

If pure tone components are present in the noise emitted, proper precautions shall be taken as specified in ISO 3743-2.

4.3 Comparison method

The comparison method for measurement is explicitly described in ISO 3743-1:2010 and in ISO 3743-2:2018.

NOTE The term "comparison method" is not explicitly given in ISO 3744:2010, but when applying the "absolute comparison test" for the determination of the environmental correction given in A.3 of ISO 3744:2010, by using a reference sound source, the procedure is, in fact, a comparison method.

With this method, the sound power level is determined by comparing the averaged values (on a mean-square basis) of the sound pressure levels produced by the source in the test room to the averaged values of the sound pressure levels produced in the same room by a calibrated reference sound source (RSS) of known sound power output, complying with the requirements of ISO 6926:2016. The difference in sound pressure levels is equal to the difference in sound power levels when conditions are the same for both sets of measurements.

This method yields results expressed in octave- or 1/3 octave-band sound power levels, and the A-weighted sound power level is calculated from the octave- or 1/3 octave-band sound power levels.

To check whether there is a systematic difference between results obtained in different environments, the use of the comparison method is recommended.

If pure tone components are present in the noise emitted, proper precautions shall be taken as specified in ISO 3743-1 and ISO 3743-2.

4.4 Acoustical environments

4.4.1 General requirements and criterion for adequacy of the test environment

ISO 3743-1, ISO 3743-2 and ISO 3744 can be used for measuring noise emitted by electric hairdryers.

The method specified in ISO 3744 is applicable to noise sources of any size (limited only by the available test environment). When applying ISO 3743-1 and ISO 3743-2, the maximum size of the electric hair care appliance under test shall fulfil the requirements specified in ISO 3743-1:2010, 4.2 and in ISO 3743-2:2018, Clause 5.

4.4.2 Criterion for background noise level

Requirements for the background noise level are given in 4.5 of ISO 3743-1:2010, in 6.5 of ISO 3743-2:2018 and in 4.2 of ISO 3744:2010. Averaged over the microphone positions, the background noise level shall be at least 6 dB below, and preferably more than 15 dB below, the sound pressure level to be measured.

NOTE If the difference between the sound pressure levels of the background noise and the appliance noise is less than 6 dB, see 8.2.

4.4.3 Environmental conditions

Environmental conditions having an adverse effect on the microphone used for the measurements (for example, strong electric or magnetic fields, wind, impingement of air discharge from the equipment being tested, high or low temperatures) shall be avoided by proper selection or positioning of the microphone.

The instructions of the manufacturers of the measurement instruments regarding adverse environmental conditions shall be followed. The microphone shall always be oriented in such a way that the angle of incidence of the sound waves is that for which the microphone is calibrated.

4.5 Measurement uncertainties

4.5.1 General

The estimated values of the standard deviations of reproducibility of sound power levels determined in accordance with this document are given in 9.1 of ISO 3743-1:2010, in 11.1 of ISO 3743-2:2018 and in 9.1 of ISO 3744:2010. But for a particular family of appliances of similar size with similar operating conditions, the standard deviations of reproducibility can be smaller than these values. Hence, in the IEC 60704-2 series, standard deviations smaller than those listed in ISO standards can be stated if substantiation is available from the results of suitable interlaboratory tests.

In the case of discrepancies between the measurements where the results normally remain inside the foreseen standard deviation, it can be helpful to perform measurements according to the upper grade of accuracy: grade 1, laboratory or precision, as described in ISO 3741 or ISO 3745.