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International Standard IEC 60704-2-14 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 59: Performance of household and similar electrical appliances.

This second edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) the description of an appropriate test enclosure has been removed from this part of IEC 60704 and has been incorporated into Part 1 of IEC 60704-1;
- b) the values of standard deviations of sound power levels determined according to this part of IEC 60704 have been added.

The French version of this standard has not been voted upon.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This Part 2-14 is intended to be used in conjunction with the third edition (2010) of IEC 60704-1, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise – Part 1: General requirements*.

NOTE When "Part 1" is mentioned in this standard, it refers to IEC 60704-1.

The relevant text of Part 1 as amended by this publication establishes the test code for refrigerators, frozen-food storage cabinets and food freezers.

This Part 2-14 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60704-1. When a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this Part 2-14, that subclause is applicable as far as reasonable. Where this standard states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant requirements, test specifications or explanatory matter in Part 1 are to be adapted accordingly.

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INTRODUCTION

The measuring conditions specified in this part of 60704 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 household refrigerators, frozen-food storage cabinets and food freezers.

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 household refrigerators, frozen-food storage cabinets and food freezers.

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

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Part 2-14: Particular requirements for refrigerators, frozen-food storage cabinets and food freezers

1 Scope and object

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

1.1 Scope

1.1.1 General

Addition:

These particular requirements apply to ~~refrigerators, frozen-food storage cabinets and food freezers~~ refrigerating appliances (fitted with their accessories) for household and similar use, supplied from the mains or from batteries.

NOTE This document does not apply to air conditioners.

1.1.2 Types of noise

Replacement:

The methods specified in ISO 3743-1, ISO 3743-2 and ISO 3744 can be used for measuring noise emitted by ~~refrigerators, frozen-food storage cabinets and food freezers~~ refrigerating appliances.

1.1.3 Size of the source

Replacement:

The method specified in ISO 3744 is applicable to noise sources of any size. When applying ISO 3743-1 and ISO 3743-2:1994, care ~~should~~ shall be taken to ensure that the maximum size of the ~~refrigerator, frozen-food storage cabinet or food freezer~~ refrigerating appliance under test fulfils the requirements specified in ~~4.3~~ 1.2 of ISO 3743-1:2010 and 1.3 of ISO 3743-2:1994.

1.2 Object

Addition:

These described methods are specified for appliances without an operator present.

Requirements for the declaration of noise emission values are not within the scope of this standard.

NOTE 101 For determining and verifying noise emission values declared in product specifications, see IEC 60704-3.

1.3 Measurement uncertainty

Replacement:

The estimated values of standard deviations of sound power levels determined according to this standard are indicated in Table 101:

Table 101 – Standard deviations of sound power levels

Standard deviation (dB)	
σ_r (repeatability)	σ_R (reproducibility)
0,4	0,7

Addition:

1.101 Standard deviation for declaration and verification

For the purpose of determining and verifying declared noise emission values according to IEC 60704-3, the values indicated in Table 102 apply:

Table 102 – Standard deviations for declaration and verification

Standard deviation (dB)		
σ_P (production)	σ_t (total)	σ_M (reference)
0,7 to 1,5	1,0 to 1,7	2,0

2 Normative references

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Addition:

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

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

3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

Addition:

3.101 running period

~~for a refrigerator, frozen food storage cabinet or and food freezer, period which begins when the compressor turns on and ends when the compressor turns off~~

~~Note 1 to entry: If, however, the compressor runs for longer than 4 h, an aperiodic behaviour with no specific running period can be identified.~~

period which begins when the compressor or another cooling system turns on and ends when the compressor or the cooling system turns off

3.102

accessory

detachable part intended to be loaded by things to be cooled

3.103

temperature control cycle

time within the repetitive temperature pattern between two successive temperature warmest points or two successive temperature coldest points

3.104

steady state

considered as being achieved when the mean values of the compartment internal temperatures as stated in 6.4.2 are within the mentioned tolerances over a temperature control cycle

3.105

refrigerating appliance

insulated cabinet with one or more compartments that are controlled at specific temperatures and are of suitable size and equipped for household use, cooled by natural convection or a forced convection system whereby the cooling is obtained by one or more energy-consuming means

Note 1 to entry: From the point of view of installation, there are various types of household refrigerating appliances (free-standing, portable, wall-mounted, built-in, etc.).

3.106

aperiodic behaviour

behaviour without specific running period when the compressor or the cooling system (in appliances without compressor) runs for longer than 4 h

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4 Measurement methods and acoustical environments

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

4.2 Direct method

Addition:

NOTE 101 If pure tone components are present in the noise emitted by the source, the estimated standard deviation of the measured sound pressure levels in the special reverberation room can increase. In such cases additional microphone positions or source positions could be necessary as specified in ISO 3743-2.

4.3 Comparison method

Addition:

NOTE 101 If pure tone components are present in the noise emitted by the source, the estimated standard deviation of the measured sound pressure levels in the hard-walled test room or in the special reverberation room can increase. In such cases additional microphone positions or source positions could be necessary as specified in ISO 3743-1 or ISO 3743-2.

5 Instrumentation

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

5.2.1

Replacement:

The temperature is determined with instruments having an accuracy of $\pm 0,5$ °C.

6 Operation and location of appliances under test

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

6.1 Equipping and pre-conditioning of appliances

6.1.1

Addition:

Loose accessories inside the appliance (e.g. racks or ice-trays) which could unusually vibrate when empty shall be adjusted or fixed, for example by tape. Doors or lids shall be closed.

If available, adjustable feet shall be adjusted according to the manufacturer's instructions to give minimum noise emission.

6.1.3

Replacement:

Prior to noise measurements, the appliance, equipped as for intended use, shall have been in operation for the running-in for at least 16 h at an ambient temperature as specified in 6.3.

During the running-in the thermostat adjustment has to be ascertained which establishes the test temperature as specified in 6.4.2.

6.1.4

Replacement:

Immediately before each series of noise measurements, the appliance shall be operated until a steady state has been reached but at least for three complete running periods.

6.2 Supply of electrical energy and of water or gas

6.2.4 Not applicable.

6.3 Climatic conditions

Modification:

ambient temperature $t = 23$ °C \pm 3 °C

6.4 Loading and operating of appliances during test

6.4.1

Replacement:

The appliance shall operate without a load (i.e. empty).