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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2000. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) introduction of a measuring method on hard floors;
- b) inclusion of values for measurement uncertainty;
- c) inclusion of values for standard deviation for declaration and verification;

d) update of the definition of the standard test carpet.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
59F/255/FDIS	59F/259/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This Part 2-1 is intended to be used in conjunction with IEC 60704-1:2010, *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 standard establishes the test code for vacuum cleaners.

This Part 2-1 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60704-1. When a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this Part 2-1, 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 should be adapted accordingly.

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Unless notes are in a new subclause or involve notes in Part 1, they are numbered starting from 101, including those in a replaced clause or subclause.

A list of all the parts in the IEC 60704 series, published under the general title *Household and similar electrical appliances – Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise*, can be found on the IEC website.

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INTRODUCTION

The measuring conditions specified in this part of IEC 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 vacuum cleaners.

It is recommended to consider the determination of noise levels as part of a comprehensive testing procedure covering many aspects of properties and performance of household vacuum cleaners.

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

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Part 2-1: Particular requirements for vacuum cleaners

1 Scope and object

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

1.1 Scope

1.1.1 General

Replacement:

These particular requirements apply to electrical vacuum cleaners (including their accessories and their component parts) for household use in or under conditions similar to those in households.

This part of IEC 60704 applies as it is to electrical vacuum cleaners operating in dry conditions. Some additions and modifications for vacuum cleaners operating in wet conditions are under consideration. How to test robotic vacuum cleaners is under consideration for a future edition.

This part of IEC 60704 does not apply to vacuum cleaners for industrial or professional purposes.

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 electric vacuum cleaners.

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, care should be taken that the maximum size of the appliance under test fulfils the requirements specified in ISO 3743-1 and ISO 3743-2.

1.2 Object

Addition:

This part of IEC 60704 describes the determination of the noise emission of vacuum cleaners under normal operating conditions on carpet and hard floor according to 4.6 of IEC 60312-1:2010.

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

NOTE 102 If a boost position is incorporated, this is not taken into account.

NOTE 103 A boost position is a setting of a control for occasional use which results in a higher temporary fan speed.

1.3 Measurement uncertainty

Replacement:

For vacuum cleaners designed for cleaning carpets the estimated values of standard deviations of sound power levels determined according to this part of IEC 60704 are provided in Table 101:

Table 101 – Standard deviations of sound power levels determined on carpets

Standard deviation (dB)	
σ_r (repeatability)	σ_R (reproducibility)
0,3	0,8

For vacuum cleaners designed for cleaning hard floors the estimated values of standard deviations of sound power levels determined according to this part of IEC 60704 are provided in Table 102:

Table 102 – Standard deviations of sound power levels determined on hard floors

Standard deviation (dB)	
σ_r (repeatability)	σ_R (reproducibility)
0,2	0,6

Addition:

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1.101 Standard deviation for declaration and verification

For the purpose of determining and verifying declared noise emission values for vacuum cleaners designed for cleaning carpets according to IEC 60704-3, the following values provided in Table 103 apply:

Table 103 – Standard deviations for declaration and verification for vacuum cleaners for carpets

Standard deviation (dB)		
σ_P (production)	σ_t (total)	σ_M (reference)
0,5 to 1,0	0,9 to 1,3	1,5

For the purpose of determining and verifying declared noise emission values for vacuum cleaners designed for cleaning hard floors according to IEC 60704-3, the following values provided in Table 104 apply:

Table 104 – Standard deviations for declaration and verification hard floors

Standard deviation (dB)		
σ_P (production)	σ_t (total)	σ_M (reference)
0,5 to 1,0	0,8 to 1,2	1,5

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

Addition:

IEC 60312-1:2010, *Vacuum cleaners for household use – Part 1: Dry vacuum cleaners – Methods for measuring the performance*

3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

Addition:

3.101 cleaning head

plain nozzle or a brush attached to a connecting tube, or a power nozzle, separate or part of the cleaner housing, and the part of a vacuum cleaner which is applied to the surface to be cleaned

[SOURCE: IEC 60312-1:2010, 3.3]

3.102 nozzle active nozzle

cleaning head provided with a driven agitation device to assist dirt removal

Note 1 to entry: The agitation device may be driven by an incorporated electric motor (motorized nozzle), an incorporated turbine powered by the air flow (air turbine nozzle) or an incorporated friction or gear mechanism actuated by moving the cleaning head over the surface to be cleaned (mechanical nozzle).

[SOURCE: IEC 60312-1:2010, 3.4]

3.103 standard Wilton test carpet

Wilton type carpet according to the typical specification provided in Table 105 used for testing

Table 105 – Wilton type carpet specifications

Type	Wilton
Pile composition wool	8,6/2 x 2
Method of manufacturing	Wilton fabric
Colour	dark, one colour
Backing	jute and cotton with latex
Type	cut-pile
Total height	7,5 mm, see also tolerances
Pile height	6,4 mm, see also tolerances
Total weight/m ²	2 100 g/m ² , see also tolerances
Pile weight/m ²	1 500 g/m ² , see also tolerances
Number of knots/m ²	96 000 knots/m ² , see also tolerances
Reed	320 reed /m
Shots	300 shots/m
Standard width	400 cm
Tolerances	±5 %

Note 1 to entry: For acoustical reasons, the size of the carpet used is 1 m × 1 m.

Note 2 to entry: Carpets conforming to previous editions of this standard do not conform with this definition.

3.104

standard hard floor

part of the floor of at least 1 m by 1 m on which the vacuum cleaner and its nozzle is placed for the measurement, with a sound absorption coefficient lower than 0,1 and an areal density of at least 50 kg/m²

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Note 1 to entry: Scratches and other irregularities of the surface roughness shall be below 0,5 mm to prevent turbulence noise generated by these irregularities.

4 Measurement methods and acoustical environments

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

4.2 Direct method

Addition:

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 may increase. In such cases additional microphone positions or source positions may be necessary as specified in ISO 3743-2.

4.3 Comparison method

Addition:

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 may increase. In such cases additional microphone positions or source positions may be necessary as specified in ISO 3743-1 or ISO 3743-2.

5 Instrumentation

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

5.1 Instrumentation for measuring acoustical data

Addition:

The use of a windscreen is recommended. If necessary, the observed sound pressure level shall be corrected for changes in the microphone sensitivity, in accordance with the instructions accompanying the instrumentation.

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

Replacement:

The appliance is equipped with the ordinary cleaning head intended for dust removal from carpets or hard floors respectively and the necessary attachments, for example hoses and connecting tubes.

The vacuum cleaner and its attachments shall be used and adjusted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for normal operation for the test to be carried out. Height adjustment controls for the cleaning head shall be set as appropriate for the surface to be cleaned and the position noted.

NOTE 101 Additional measurements can be made for other settings (for instance: "boost" position, minimum speed). A boost position is a setting of a control for occasional use, which results in a higher temporary motor speed.

The tube grip of cleaners with suction hose or the handle of other cleaners shall be held as or normal operation at a height of (800 ± 50) mm above the test floor.

If the vacuum cleaner is designed to be used with disposable dust receptacles, it shall, prior to each measurement, be equipped with a new dust receptacle of the type recommended or supplied by the manufacturer of the vacuum cleaner.

If the vacuum cleaner is provided with a reusable dust receptacle (as the sole original dust receptacle or as an enclosure for disposable dust receptacles), the dust receptacle and any additional filters removable without the aid of tools shall, prior to each measurement, be cleaned according to manufacturer's instructions until its weight is within 1 % or 2 g of its original weight whichever is lower.

6.1.3

Replacement:

Prior to the first test on a new vacuum cleaner it shall be kept running with unrestricted air flow for at least 2 h to ensure adequate running-in. For active nozzles, the agitation device shall be running but not be in contact with the floor.