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Vibration and shock in buildings
with sensitive equipment —**

**Part 2:
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Foreword

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ISO/TS 10811-2 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 108, *Mechanical vibration and shock*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Measurement and evaluation of mechanical vibration and shock as applied to machines, vehicles and structures*.

ISO/TS 10811 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Mechanical vibration and shock — Vibration and shock in buildings with sensitive equipment*:

- *Part 1: Measurement and evaluation*
- *Part 2: Classification*

Annex A of this part of ISO/TS 10811 is for information only.

Introduction

This part of ISO/TS 10811 provides a simplified means of classifying site measurement data using a simplified spectrum which is characterized by three numbers. The basic idea for the classification is to fit a simplified constant displacement/constant velocity/constant acceleration spectrum to the measured one. The simplified spectrum will then be characterized by three numbers: one velocity r.m.s. value and two transition frequencies.

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Part 2: Classification

1 Scope

This part of ISO/TS 10811 defines a method for the classification of shock and vibration in buildings from measurements in accordance with ISO/TS 10811-1. A classification system of environmental vibration conditions should serve as guidelines for designers, manufacturers and users of equipment sensitive to shock and vibration, and for building constructors.

The types of shock and vibration considered are those transmitted from floors, tables, walls, ceilings or isolation systems into an equipment unit. They can be generated by the following:

- a) external sources, for example traffic (by road, rail or air), or building and construction activities such as blasting, piling and vibratory compaction; the vibration response to sonic booms and acoustical excitations is also included, as well as weather-induced vibration;
- b) equipment for indoor use, such as punch presses, forging hammers, rotary equipment (air compressors, air conditioner systems, etc.) and heavy equipment transported or operated inside a building;
- c) human activities in connection with the service or operation of the equipment, for example, people walking, especially on raised floors.

The frequency range of interest is normally 2 Hz to 200 Hz. Normally the dominant frequencies are less than 100 Hz because they represent the response of the elements in the building.

This part of ISO/TS 10811 deals only with vibration from a maximum amplitude point of view. The concept of vibration dose (for example as for estimation of fatigue life) is not treated.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO/TS 10811. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO/TS 10811 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO/TS 10811-1, *Mechanical vibration and shock — Vibration and shock in buildings with sensitive equipment — Part 1: Measurement and evaluation.*

IEC 61260, *Electroacoustics — Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters.*

3 Vibration wave forms

The vibration wave forms in a building that could affect sensitive equipment may be of any kind: sinusoidal (periodic), random or transient. Typical examples of sources for different wave forms are the following:

- a) rotating machinery for sinusoidal vibration;
- b) road traffic (many vehicles) for random vibration;
- c) single road vehicles, piling, impacting and blasting for transient vibration.

The frequency content of the vibration is determined by the source but is also influenced by the dynamics of the building. The methods for measurement and analysis described in ISO/TS 10811-1 may be used for any type of vibration wave form.

4 Classification

4.1 General

The basis for classification is a response-equivalent peak velocity spectrum, as defined in ISO/TS 10811-1. The spectrum may be computed from several events, such as from several passing trains. If several spectra are to be considered, the maximum for each frequency should be taken. Spectra from different types of events can also be considered, using the same principle.

A typical response-equivalent peak velocity spectrum has a low-frequency part with a slope of 6 dB per octave and a high-frequency part with a slope of -6 dB per octave (see Figure A.2 for an example shown in a double-logarithmic presentation). The slope of 6 dB per octave corresponds to constant displacement versus frequency, while the slope of -6 dB per octave corresponds to constant acceleration.

The velocity r.m.s. value, in millimetres per second, is selected from the number series 1×10^n , 2×10^n and 5×10^n where n is a positive or negative integer. The transition frequencies are selected from the octave-band mid-frequencies according to IEC 61260 (see Table 1 or 2).

4.2 Classification procedure

The procedure (which may be performed manually or by a computer program) consists of the following steps.

- a) Let a horizontal line of constant velocity drop down on the measured spectrum in a double-logarithmic presentation, using the number series defined above, until at least two spectrum points are above the line. Then go up one level.
- b) Let a line of constant displacement (6 dB per octave) drop down on the spectrum until two spectrum points are above the line.
- c) Let a line of constant acceleration (-6 dB per octave) drop down on the spectrum until two spectrum points are above the line.
- d) The procedure normally generates two transition points. For classification, select for the low-frequency transition point (displacement) the frequency from Table 1 that is the first one lower than or equal to the low-frequency transition point. Select in the same manner from Table 2 for the high-frequency transition point (acceleration) the frequency which is the next higher or equal in frequency. The lowest selected transition frequency is 2 Hz. If the high transition frequency is greater than 125 Hz, 200 Hz shall be taken.
- e) An automated procedure may in some cases produce a selected displacement transition frequency that is higher than the selected acceleration transition frequency. In this case, the two frequencies shall be interchanged.

This procedure is explained in annex A, showing the special case of identical selected transition frequencies.

5 Numbers for displacement and acceleration lines

The following approximate numbers may be used for the displacement and acceleration lines. The values in the Tables 1 and 2 are values of displacement and acceleration, respectively. The velocity values given in the tables are 1 mm/s, 2 mm/s and 5 mm/s; for other velocity values, a simple scaling can be used.

Table 1 — Values of the displacement line

Velocity value mm/s	Displacement values μm						
	Transition frequency Hz						
	2	4	8	16	31,5	63	125
1	80	40	20	10	5	2,5	1,25
2	160	80	40	20	10	5	2,5
5	400	200	100	50	25	12,5	6,3

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Table 2 — Values of the acceleration line

Velocity value mm/s	Acceleration values mm/s^2						
	Transition frequency Hz						
	2	4	8	16	31,5	63	125
1	12,5	25	50	100	200	400	800
2	25	50	100	200	400	800	1600
5	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000

6 Designation of the environmental vibration condition in buildings

The environmental vibration condition in buildings is designated according to this part of ISO/TS 10811 by three numbers, namely

- the velocity value,
- the selected displacement transition frequency, and
- the selected acceleration transition frequency.

This shall be designated as follows:

Environmental vibration condition according to ISO/TS 10811: ... mm/s, ... Hz, ... Hz.