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INTRODUCTION

IEC 60118-0 gives information on methods of measurement for air conduction hearing aids. The majority of hearing aids in use are of this type, but a small percentage use a bone vibrator instead of an earphone. The use of a bone vibrator requires a different method of measuring the output from the hearing aid and also makes it impractical to measure amplification directly in terms of acoustic gain.

Amplification in the case of an air conduction hearing aid is expressed as the difference between the output sound pressure level in an acoustic coupler or ear simulator and the input sound pressure level measured in a specified manner. However, with bone conduction hearing aids, the input is in terms of sound pressure level, but the output will be in terms of mechanical vibration measured as a vibratory force or force level.

By means of information provided in this document, the performance of hearing aids with bone vibrator outputs which do not form an integral part of the hearing aid, for example body-worn, behind-the-ear hearing aids, or bone conduction implant systems with an external bone vibrator, can be measured in a similar manner to aids with air conduction outputs as described in IEC 60118-0.

Where the bone vibrator forms an integral part of the hearing aid, or where it is attached in some fixed manner to the hearing aid, for example a bone coupled (bone anchored) hearing aid, its performance cannot be measured in the same way as for body-worn aids, due to the large dimensions of the mechanical coupler. This document recommends a pressure method of controlling the input sound pressure level to the hearing aid microphone. As an alternative to the pressure method, storage of a test enclosure frequency response correction curve can be used. This method is referred to as the "substitution method".

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