

~~2023-07-24~~

~~ISO/FDIS 15665:2023(E)~~

~~ISO TC 43/SC 1/AVG-66~~

~~2023-xx~~

Secretariat: DIN

**Acoustics — Acoustic insulation for pipes, valves and flanges**

*Acoustique — Isolation acoustique des tuyaux, clapets et brides*

**Style Definition:** Heading 1: Indent: Left: 0 pt, First line: 0 pt, Tab stops: Not at 21.6 pt

**Style Definition:** Heading 2: Font: Bold, Tab stops: Not at 18 pt

**Style Definition:** Heading 3: Font: Bold

**Style Definition:** Heading 4: Font: Bold

**Style Definition:** Heading 5: Font: Bold

**Style Definition:** Heading 6: Font: Bold

**Style Definition:** ANNEX

**Style Definition:** AMEND Terms Heading: Font: Bold

**Style Definition:** AMEND Heading 1 Unnumbered: Font: Bold

iTeh STANDARD PREVIEW  
(standards.iteh.ai)

ISO/FDIS 15665

<https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/6bb2451a-9e43-4076-ae15-e2dedaa857f8/iso-fdis-15665>

© ISO 2023

All rights reserved. Unless otherwise specified, or required in the context of its implementation, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized otherwise in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, or posting on the internet or an intranet, without prior written permission. Permission can be requested from either ISO at the address below or ISO's member body in the country of the requester.

ISO copyright office

CP 401 • Ch. de Blandonnet 8

CH-1214 Vernier, Geneva

Phone: +41 22 749 01 11

Email: [copyright@iso.org](mailto:copyright@iso.org)

Website: [www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

Published in Switzerland

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

iTeh STANDARD PREVIEW  
(standards.iteh.ai)

ISO/FDIS 15665

<https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/6bb2451a-9e43-4076-ae15-e2dedaa857f8/iso-fdis-15665>

**Contents**

<b>Foreword</b> .....	vi
<b>1 Scope</b> .....	1
<b>2 Normative references</b> .....	1
<b>3 Terms and definitions</b> .....	1
<b>4 Classes of acoustic insulation</b> .....	3
<b>5 Guidance to the reduction of noise from pipes</b> .....	8
<b>5.1 Required insertion loss: design phase steps</b> .....	8
5.1.1 Determination of sound pressure levels.....	8
5.1.2 Evaluation of sound pressure levels against limits.....	8
5.1.3 Determination of sound power levels.....	8
5.1.4 Contribution to noise in reverberant spaces or environmental noise.....	9
<b>5.2 Required insertion loss: operating plants</b> .....	10
<b>5.3 Length of acoustic insulation</b> .....	10
<b>5.4 Implications for piping design</b> .....	11
<b>5.5 Derivation of overall noise reduction</b> .....	12
<b>5.6 Typical noise reduction values</b> .....	14
<b>6 Construction of typical acoustic insulation systems</b> .....	15
<b>6.1 General</b> .....	15
<b>6.2 Cladding</b> .....	15
6.2.1 General.....	15
6.2.2 Materials for the outer layer.....	15
6.2.3 Materials for an additional layer.....	16
6.2.4 Vibro-acoustic seals.....	16
<b>6.3 Porous layer</b> .....	17
<b>6.4 Support of the cladding</b> .....	18
<b>6.5 Vibration isolation material at pipe supports</b> .....	18
<b>7 Installation</b> .....	18
<b>7.1 General</b> .....	18
<b>7.2 Extent of insulation</b> .....	19
<b>7.3 End caps</b> .....	19
<b>7.4 Acoustic enclosures and jackets</b> .....	19
<b>7.5 Prevention of mechanical damage</b> .....	20
<b>8 Combined thermal and acoustic insulation</b> .....	20
<b>8.1 General</b> .....	20
<b>8.2 Hot services</b> .....	20
<b>8.3 Cold services</b> .....	20
<b>9 Testing of acoustic insulation systems</b> .....	20
<b>9.1 General</b> .....	20
<b>9.2 Measurement method: Field measurement</b> .....	21
9.2.1 Sound power insulation, $D_w$ .....	21
9.2.2 Sound pressure insulation, $D_p$ .....	21
<b>9.3 Measurement method: Reverberation room</b> .....	22

9.4	Test facility .....	23
9.4.1	Test room .....	23
9.4.2	Installation .....	23
9.4.3	Pipe dimensions .....	24
9.5	Sound source .....	25
9.6	Test specimen .....	25
9.7	Measurements .....	25
9.8	Results .....	26
9.9	Information to be reported .....	26
<b>Annex A (informative) Acoustic insulation constructions that can meet the insulation class requirements .....</b>		<b>28</b>
A.1	General .....	28
A.2	Acoustic insulation constructions that can meet the insulation class requirements .....	28
A.3	Materials .....	29
A.3.1	General .....	29
A.3.2	Cladding .....	29
A.3.3	Porous layer .....	29
A.3.4	Vibro-acoustic seals .....	29
A.3.5	Vibration isolation material at pipe supports .....	30
<b>Annex B (informative) Equations for the calculation of the minimum required insertion loss <math>D_{w,min}</math> of the insulation classes .....</b>		<b>31</b>
<b>Annex C (informative) General construction of acoustic insulation .....</b>		<b>33</b>
<b>Annex D (informative) Examples of typical construction details .....</b>		<b>35</b>
<b>Bibliography .....</b>		<b>45</b>
<b>Foreword .....</b>		<b>vi</b>
1	Scope .....	1
2	Normative references .....	1
3	Terms and definitions .....	1
4	Classes of acoustic insulation .....	3
5	Guidance to the reduction of noise from pipes .....	8
5.1	Required insertion loss: design phase steps .....	8
5.1.1	Determination of sound pressure levels .....	8
5.1.2	Evaluation of sound pressure levels against limits .....	8
5.1.3	Determination of sound power levels .....	8
5.1.4	Contribution to noise in reverberant spaces or environmental noise .....	9
5.2	Required insertion loss: operating plants .....	10
5.3	Length of acoustic insulation .....	10
5.4	Implications for piping design .....	11
5.5	Derivation of overall noise reduction .....	12
5.6	Typical noise reduction values .....	14
6	Construction of typical acoustic insulation systems .....	15
6.1	General .....	15
6.2	Cladding .....	15
6.2.1	General .....	15

6.2.2	Materials for the outer layer .....	15
6.2.3	Materials for an additional layer .....	16
6.2.4	Vibro-acoustic seals .....	16
6.3	Porous layer .....	17
6.4	Support of the cladding .....	18
6.5	Vibration isolation material at pipe supports .....	18
7	Installation .....	18
7.1	General .....	18
7.2	Extent of insulation .....	19
7.3	End caps .....	19
7.4	Acoustic enclosures and jackets .....	19
7.5	Prevention of mechanical damage .....	20
8	Combined thermal and acoustic insulation .....	20
8.1	General .....	20
8.2	Hot services .....	20
8.3	Cold services .....	20
9	Testing of acoustic insulation systems .....	20
9.1	General .....	20
9.2	Measurement method: Field measurement .....	21
9.2.1	Sound power insulation, $D_w$ .....	21
9.2.2	Sound pressure insulation, $D_p$ .....	21
9.3	Measurement method: Reverberation room .....	22
9.4	Test facility .....	23
9.4.1	Test room .....	23
9.4.2	Installation .....	23
9.4.3	Pipe dimensions .....	24
9.5	Sound source .....	25
9.6	Test specimen .....	25
9.7	Measurements .....	25
9.8	Results .....	26
9.9	Information to be reported .....	26
<b>Annex A (informative) Acoustic insulation constructions that can meet the insulation class requirements .....</b>		<b>28</b>
<b>Annex B (informative) Equations for the calculation of the minimum required insertion loss <math>D_{w,min}</math> of the insulation classes .....</b>		<b>31</b>
<b>Annex C (informative) General construction of acoustic insulation .....</b>		<b>33</b>
<b>Annex D (informative) Examples of typical construction details .....</b>		<b>35</b>
<b>Bibliography .....</b>		<b>45</b>

## Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

**Formatted:** Adjust space between Latin and Asian text, Adjust space between Asian text and numbers

The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular, the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see [www.iso.org/directives](http://www.iso.org/directives)).

~~Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements implementation of this document may involve the subject of (a) patent(s). ISO takes no position concerning the evidence, validity or applicability of any claimed patent rights. ISO in respect thereof. As of the date of publication of this document, ISO had not received notice of (a) patent(s) which may be required to implement this document. However, implementers are cautioned that this may not represent the latest information, which may be obtained from the patent database available at [www.iso.org/patents](http://www.iso.org/patents). ISO shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights. Details of any patent rights identified during the development of the document will be in the Introduction and/or on the ISO list of patent declarations received (see [www.iso.org/patents](http://www.iso.org/patents)).~~

Any trade name used in this document is information given for the convenience of users and does not constitute an endorsement.

For an explanation of the voluntary nature of standards, the meaning of ISO-specific terms and expressions related to conformity assessment, as well as information about ISO's adherence to the World Trade Organization (WTO) principles in the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), see [www.iso.org/iso/foreword.html](http://www.iso.org/iso/foreword.html).

**Formatted:** English (United States)

This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 43, *Acoustics*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Noise*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 15665:2003), which has been technically revised.

**Formatted:** Pattern: Clear

**Formatted:** Pattern: Clear

**Formatted:** Pattern: Clear

The main changes are as follows:

- addition of Class D2 and D3 Insertion Loss from Shell DEP 31.46.00.31 to expand the purview of this document;
- addition of new pipe sound sources to incorporate pneumatic pumps and solid pellet conveyors;
- updates to Clause 6 relating to insulation construction and system material components to incorporate newer technologies and materials;
- change of previous Clause 9: "Acoustic insulation constructions that meet the insulation class requirements" into Annex A to update and expand the use of various, newer material system

**Formatted:** Pattern: Clear

**Formatted:** Pattern: Clear

**Formatted:** Pattern: Clear

**ISO/FDIS 15665:2023(E)**

constructions. Additional emphasis placed on the requirement for insertion loss testing, as defined in this standard, for determining acoustic performance of pipework insulation systems

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html)

iTeh STANDARD PREVIEW  
(standards.iteh.ai)

ISO/FDIS 15665

<https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/6bb2451a-9e43-4076-ae15-e2dedaa857f8/iso-fdis-15665>





## Acoustics — Acoustic insulation for pipes, valves and flanges

### 1 Scope

This document defines the acoustic performance of four classes (Classes A, B, C and D) of pipe insulation. It also defines a standardized test method for measuring the acoustic performance of any type of material system construction, thereby allowing existing and new insulation constructions to be rated against the four classes. Furthermore, this document presents some typical types of construction that would be expected to meet these acoustic performance classes.

This document is applicable to the acoustic insulation of cylindrical steel pipes and to their piping components. It is valid for pipes up to 1 m in diameter and a minimum wall thickness of 4,2 mm for diameters below 300 mm, and 6,3 mm for diameters from 300 mm and above. It is not applicable to the acoustic insulation of rectangular ducting and vessels or machinery.

This document covers both design and installation aspects of acoustic insulation and provides guidance to assist noise control engineers in determining the required class and extent of insulation needed for a particular application. It gives typical examples of construction methods, but the examples are for information only and not meant to be prescriptive.

This document emphasises the aspects of acoustic insulation that are different from those of thermal insulation, serving to guide both the installer and the noise control engineer. Details of thermal insulation are beyond the scope of this document.

### 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.

~~ISO 354, Acoustics — Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room~~

~~ISO 3741:2010, Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Precision methods for reverberation test rooms~~

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1 piping

cylindrical pipes and fittings such as valves, flanges, bellows and supports

ISO/FDIS 15665

<https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/6bb2451a-9e43-4076-ae15->

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: English (United States)

Formatted: Adjust space between Latin and Asian text, Adjust space between Asian text and numbers, Tab stops: Not at 19.85 pt + 39.7 pt + 59.55 pt + 79.4 pt + 99.25 pt + 119.05 pt + 138.9 pt + 158.75 pt + 178.6 pt + 198.45 pt

Formatted: English (United States)

Formatted: English (United States)

Formatted: English (United States)

## ISO/FDIS 15665:2023(E)

Note 1 to entry:—Piping is a pipe, or a system of pipes used to convey fluids (solids, liquid or gas) from one location to another. Piping fittings: Fittings are used in pipe systems to connect straight sections of pipe and adapt to different sizes or shapes.

### 3.2

#### acoustic insulation

#### acoustic lagging

outer cover applied with the aim of reducing the noise radiated from the pipe

Note 1 to entry:—Acoustic insulation/acoustic lagging typically consists of a sound-absorbing and/or resilient material (“porous layer”) on the piping and an impermeable outer cover (“cladding”). The term “insulation” used for the remainder of this standard refers to insulation and to lagging, which are both considered to be the same thing.

### 3.3

#### airflow resistivity

pressure drop per unit thickness of a porous material encountered by a steady air flow of unit velocity through the material

Note 1 to entry:—Airflow resistivity equals the pressure drop divided by the product of the air velocity and the thickness of the sample.

Note 2 to entry:—The unit of airflow resistivity is  $\text{N s/m}^4 = \text{Pa s/m}^2$ .

Note 3 to entry:—Procedures for determining the flow resistivity are described in [ISO 9053-1](#) and [ISO 9053-2](#).

### 3.4

#### insertion loss

#### sound power insulation

$D_W$   
difference in the sound power level radiated from a noise source before and after the application of the acoustic insulation for any octave or one-third-octave band

Note 1 to entry:—Insertion loss is measured in decibels.

Note 2 to entry:—See Notes [to entry 2](#) and [4](#) to [3.5](#).

### 3.5

#### sound pressure insulation

$D_p$   
difference in the sound pressure level, at a specified position relative to the noise source, before and after the application of the acoustic insulation for any octave or one-third-octave band

Note 1 to entry:—Sound pressure insulation is measured in decibels.

Note 2 to entry:—For noise sources located indoors, especially for laboratory measurements, the determination of sound power insulation— $D_W$ ,  $D_{W_i}$ , is most appropriate.  $D_W$ ,  $D_{W_i}$  can be determined in a reverberation room or with sound intensity measurements. Sound intensity measurements can also be used to obtain  $D_W$ ,  $D_{W_i}$  in the field.

Methodology for determining sound power using sound intensity should refer to [ISO 9614 parts 1](#) or [ISO 9614-2](#) as is most appropriate.

Note 3 to entry:—For piping outdoors in field situations, the determination of sound pressure insulation— $D_p$ ,  $D_{p_i}$ , is less accurate but can be a more practical approach provided extraneous noise sources do not significantly impinge upon the measurements. The sound pressure measurement positions should be selected in relation to the design goal of the acoustic insulation, which will in general be in a circle around the piping. It is preferable to use a

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: std\_docPartNumber

Formatted: std\_docPartNumber

measurement distance of 1 m from the pipe surface, or 2,5 times the pipe diameter for pipes less than or equal to 0,33 m in diameter, to minimize near field measurement effects.

Note 4 to entry:—The measurement positions and plant operational conditions for determination of  $D_W$  or  $D_P$  should be the same with and without the acoustic insulation. If the radiation patterns of both the untreated and acoustical insulated piping are “cylindrical omni-directional”, the two measures ( $D_W$  and  $D_P$ ) yield the same result.

**3.6 anechoic termination**

non-reflecting acoustic assembly located at the end of a pipe or duct, which transforms a pipe or duct of finite length into an acoustically infinite long pipe/duct, specifically for in-pipe/duct aero-acoustic measurements

**4 Classes of acoustic insulation**

This clause defines four classes of acoustic insulation or acoustic lagging, denoted Classes A, B, C and D, in terms of requirements for minimum insertion loss. The minimum insertion loss is specified in Table 1 and illustrated in Figures 1 to 4. Formulae for the approximate calculations of the required insertion loss (within 0,5 dB) are presented in Annex B.

The insertion loss of acoustic insulation or acoustic lagging is related to the diameter of the pipe on which it is applied. The pipe diameters are divided into three pipe size groups and the insulation class will consist of a letter/number combination indicating the diameter on which the insulation is applied.

The pipe sizes used are:

- less than 300 mm outside diameter;
- greater than or equal to 300 mm but less than 650 mm;
- greater than or equal to 650 mm diameter but less than 1 000 mm.

Formatted: Pattern: Clear  
Formatted: Pattern: Clear  
Formatted: Pattern: Clear

**Table 1 — Minimum insertion loss required for each class**

Class	Range of nominal diameter <i>D</i> mm	Octave band centre frequency, Hz						
		125	250	500	1 000	2 000	4 000	8 000
		Minimum insertion loss $D_W$ dB						
A1	$D < 300$	-4	-4	2	9	16	22	29
A2	$300 \leq D < 650$	-4	-4	2	9	16	22	29
A3	$650 \leq D < 1\ 000$	-4	2	7	13	19	24	30
B1	$D < 300$	-9	-3	3	11	19	27	35
B2	$300 \leq D < 650$	-9	-3	6	15	24	33	42
B3	$650 \leq D < 1\ 000$	-7	2	11	20	29	36	42
C1	$D < 300$	-5	-1	11	23	34	38	42
C2	$300 \leq D < 650$	-7	4	14	24	34	38	42
C3	$650 \leq D < 1\ 000$	1	9	17	26	34	38	42
D2	$300 \leq D < 650$	-3	4	15	36	45	45	45

ISO/FDIS 15665:2023(E)

D3	$650 \leq D < 1\ 000$	3	9	26	36	45	40	40
----	-----------------------	---	---	----	----	----	----	----

In order to conform to a given class, the insertion loss of all seven octave bands shall exceed or be equal to the levels specified. An acoustic insulation that does not fully satisfy the above requirement shall be designated as “unclassified”.

Acoustic insulation will reduce the noise radiated directly from the pipe but there is a counteracting effect: for radiation of any residual vibrations as the insulation cladding has a larger radiating area than the surface area of the bare pipe. Furthermore, the cladding can have a higher radiation efficiency than the pipe, at low frequencies. These effects are relatively more important on small diameter pipes and pose a limit to the applicability of the various classes of insulation.

Acoustic insulation will also exhibit a resonance at low frequency due to the mass of the cladding and the spring action of the trapped air and the porous layer. The resonance frequency in hertz, if the mechanical stiffness contribution of the porous material is low, is approximately given by Formula (1):

$$f_0 = \frac{60}{\sqrt{m''d}} \quad f_0 = \frac{60}{\sqrt{m''d}} \quad (1)$$

where

$m''$  is the numerical value of the mass per unit area of the cladding, expressed in kilograms per square metre,

$d$  is the numerical value of the distance between the tube wall and the cladding, expressed in metres.

The insertion loss of the acoustic insulation is expected to be negative for frequencies below  $1,4 f_0$ .

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: Adjust space between Latin and Asian text, Adjust space between Asian text and numbers, Tab stops: Not at 19.85 pt + 39.7 pt + 59.55 pt + 79.4 pt + 99.25 pt + 119.05 pt + 138.9 pt + 158.75 pt + 178.6 pt + 198.45 pt

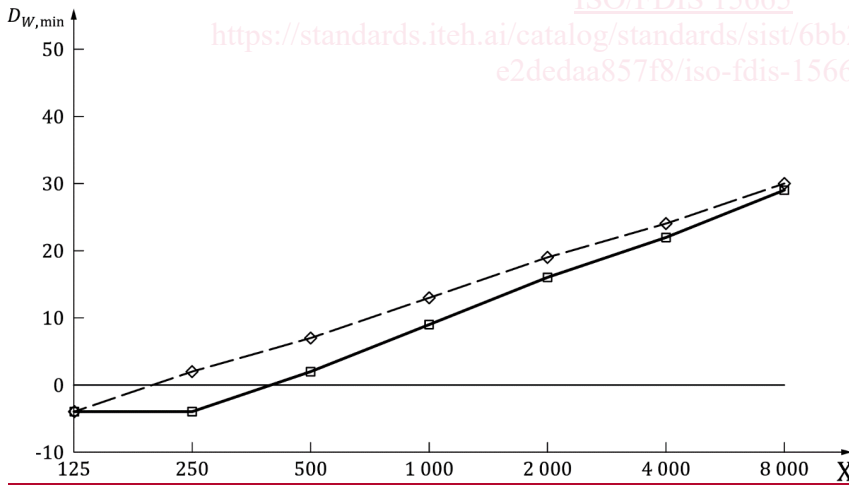
Field Code Changed

ITh STANDARD PREVIEW  
(standards.iteh.ai)

15665\_ed2fig1.EPS

ISO/FDIS 15665

<https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/6bb2451a-9e43-4076-ae15-e2dedaa857f8/iso-fdis-15665>



Key

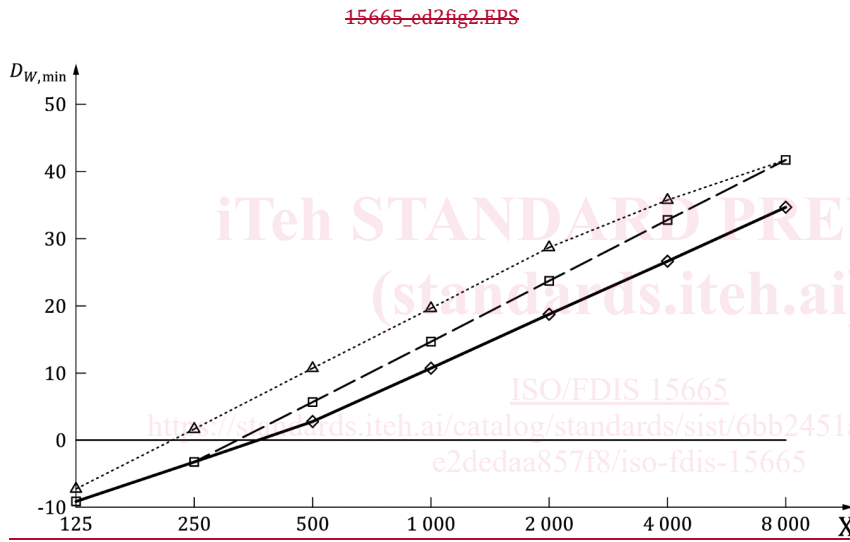
X octave band centre frequency in Hz

$D_{W,min}$  minimum insertion loss in dB

Classes A1 and A2

Class A3

Figure 1 — Minimum insertion loss required for Class A



Key

X octave band centre frequency in Hz

$D_{W,min}$  minimum insertion loss in dB

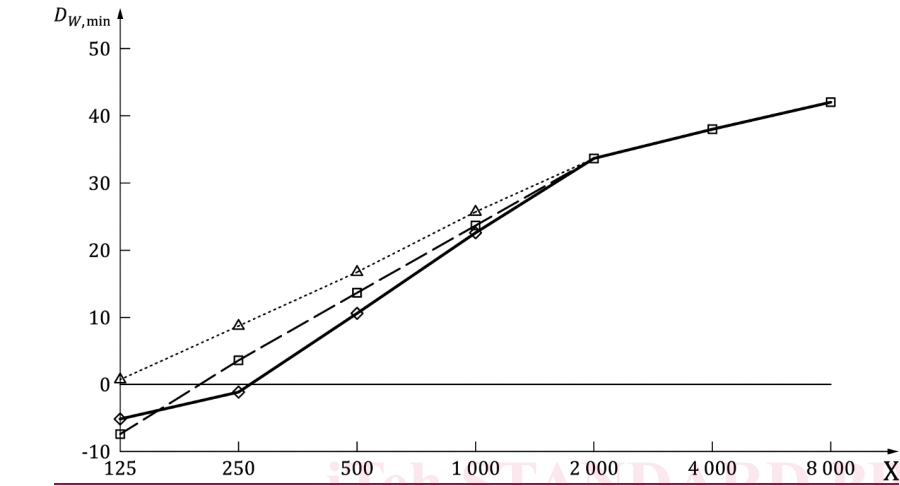
Class B1

Class B2

Class B3

Figure 2 — Minimum insertion loss required for Class B

15665\_ed2fig3.EPS



Key

X octave band centre frequency in Hz

$D_{W,min}$  minimum insertion loss in dB

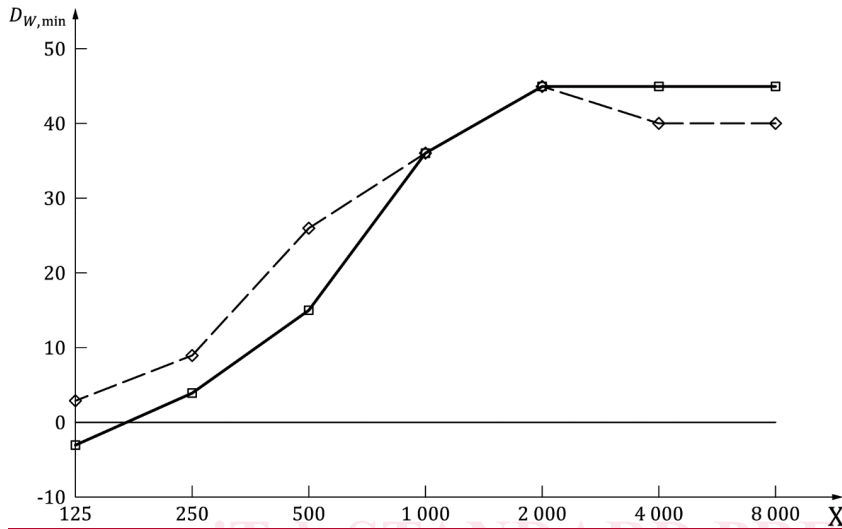
15665\_ed2fig3\_key1.EPS Class C1

15665\_ed2fig3\_key2.EPS Class C2

15665\_ed2fig3\_key3.EPS Class C3

Figure 3 — Minimum insertion loss required for Class C

15665\_ed2fig4.EPS



Key

X octave band centre frequency in Hz

15665-ed2fi  
g4\_key1.EPS Class D2

$D_{W,min}$  minimum insertion loss in dB

15665-ed2fi  
g4\_key2.EPS Class D3

Figure 4 — Minimum insertion loss required for Class D

NOTE 1 The reduction in overall A-weighted sound pressure level will depend on the frequency spectrum of the source. Some typical examples are given in 5.5 and 5.6.

NOTE 2 The values of the minimum required insertion loss given in Table 1 were derived from laboratory measurement results of about 60 different (standard) acoustic pipe insulation systems and obtained by statistical evaluation of the test data for each insulation class. For each octave band and each insulation class, the minimum required insertion loss was calculated as the arithmetic mean value of the respective test data minus their standard deviation (standard deviations were typically 3 dB in the octave bands 125 Hz to 1 000 Hz, and 9 dB from 2 000 Hz to 8 000 Hz). Slight simplifications led to the straight-line approximations displayed in Figures 1 to 4.

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: Pattern: Clear

Formatted: Pattern: Clear