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**Filters for the measurement of audible sound  
in the presence of ultrasound  
(IEC 61012:1990)**

Filtres pour la mesure des sons audibles  
en présence d'ultrasons  
(CEI 61012:1990)

Filter für die Messung von hörbarem  
Schall im Beisein von Ultraschall  
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NOTE: When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

| <u>Publication</u> | <u>Year</u>        | <u>Title</u>  | <u>EN/HD</u> | <u>Year</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|---|--------------|-------------|
| IEC 60651          | 1979               | Sound level meters                                  | EN 60651     | 1994        |
| ISO 266            | 1975 <sup>1)</sup> | Acoustics<br>Preferred frequencies for measurements | -            | -           |

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1) Replaced by ISO 266:1997.

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 FILTERS FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF AUDIBLE SOUND  
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## FOREWORD

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## PREFACE

This standard has been prepared by IEC Technical Committee No. 29: Electroacoustics.

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

| Six Months' Rule | Report on Voting |
|------------------|------------------|
| 29(C0)141        | 29(C0)154        |

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

*The following IEC publication is quoted in this standard:*

Publication No. 651 (1979): Sound level meters.

*Other publication quoted:*

ISO Standard 266 (1975): Acoustics - Preferred frequencies for measurements.

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## FILTERS FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF AUDIBLE SOUND IN THE PRESENCE OF ULTRASOUND

### INTRODUCTION

The frequency response characteristics of sound level meters described in IEC 651 are not specified above 20 000 Hz. Consequently these instruments are not suitable for measuring the ultrasonic airborne energy emitted, for example, by ultrasonic cleaners, mechanical tools and welders which operate at frequencies above 20 000 Hz. Moreover, these instruments are also unsuitable for measuring the audio-frequency part of the sound emitted by such equipment, because the ultrasound will give rise to inflated readings if the frequency response of a particular sound level meter happens to extend to the operating frequency of the ultrasonic equipment.

The noise which is usually of interest with ultrasonic equipment arises from audible sounds produced by the ultrasonic process, for example, the cavitation noise which is audible in ultrasonic cleaners. To achieve reproducible measurements of the audible sound with existing sound level meters which comply with IEC 651, the practice is to use the A-weighting response in conjunction with a low-pass filter which has a very sharp cut-off above 20 000 Hz. The purpose of this standard is to specify the characteristics of such a low-pass filter.

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When the filter characteristic is used with the sound level meter A-weighting specified in IEC 651, the resulting nominal values of the overall frequency response fall within the scope of Type 1 tolerances.

Where the measurement of the ultrasonic component frequencies is required, the practice is to measure the unweighted sound pressure level using a microphone system which is known to have a frequency response extending sufficiently, for example, to at least the operating frequency of the ultrasonic equipment. A narrow band or one-third octave band filter is usually included in the measuring chain. However, this standard is not concerned with the measurement of such components, nor with any possible hazard from them.

#### 1. Scope

This standard specifies the electrical characteristics of a U-weighting filter mainly for use with sound level meters meeting the requirements of IEC 651 for the measurement of audible sound in the presence of ultrasound.