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*Acoustique — Détermination des propriétés acoustiques aux tubes d'impédance —
Partie 2: Méthode à deux microphones pour le coefficient d'absorption sonore normal et
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— the introduction of the measurement procedure to estimate the characteristic properties of porous materials (characteristic impedance, wavenumber, dynamic mass density, dynamic bulk modulus) in an informative annex. The signal processing techniques have been updated since the first version of this ~~standard, which was published in 1998~~document.

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Acoustics — Determination of acoustic properties in impedance tubes — Part 2: Two-microphone technique for normal incidence sound absorption coefficient and normal incidence surface impedance

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1 Scope

This test method covers the use of an impedance tube, two microphone locations and a frequency analysis system for the determination of the sound absorption coefficient of sound absorbing materials for normal incidence sound incidence. It can also be applied for the determination of the acoustical surface impedance or surface admittance of sound absorbing materials. As an extension, it can also be used to assess intrinsic properties of homogeneous acoustical materials such as their characteristic impedance, characteristic wavenumber, dynamic mass density and dynamic bulk modulus.

The test method is similar to the test method specified in [ISO 10534-1^{\[1\]}](#) in that it uses an impedance tube with a sound source connected to one end and the test sample mounted in the tube at the other end. However, the measurement technique is different. In this test method, plane waves are generated in a tube by a sound source, and the decomposition of the interference field is achieved by the measurement of acoustic pressures at two fixed locations using wall-mounted microphones or an in-tube traversing microphone, and subsequent calculation of the complex acoustic transfer function and quantities reported in the previous paragraph. The test method is intended to provide an alternative, and generally much faster, measurement technique than that of [ISO 10534-1^{\[1\]}](#).

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Normal incidence absorption coefficients coming from impedance tube measurements are not comparable with random incidence absorption coefficients measured in reverberation rooms according to [ISO 354^{\[2\]}](#). The reverberation room method will (under ideal conditions) determine the sound absorption coefficient for diffuse sound incidence. However, the reverberation room method requires test specimens which are rather large. The impedance tube method is limited to studies at normal and plane incidence and requires samples of the test object which are of the same size as the cross-section of the impedance tube. For materials that are locally reacting only, diffuse incidence sound absorption coefficients can be estimated from measurement results obtained by the impedance tube method (see [Annex E](#)).

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2 Normative references

~~The following document is referred to in the text in such a way that some of its content constitutes requirements to this document. The latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.~~

~~<std>[ISO 266, Acoustics — Preferred frequencies](#)</std>~~

~~There are no normative references in this document.~~

3 Terms, ~~Definitions~~ definitions and symbols

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

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— IEC Electropedia: available at ~~https://www.electropedia.org/~~**https://www.electropedia.org/**

3.1 sound absorption coefficient at normal incidence

α_n
ratio of the sound power dissipated inside the test object to the incident sound power for a plane wave at normal incidence

Note 1 to entry: "Plane wave" here describes a wave whose value, at any moment, is constant over any plane perpendicular to its direction of propagation. "Normal incidence" describes the direction of the longest axis of the impedance tube.

3.2 sound pressure reflection coefficient at normal incidence

r
complex ratio of the reflected wave sound pressure amplitude to that of the incident wave in the reference plane for a plane wave at normal incidence

3.3 reference plane

cross-section of the impedance tube for which the reflection factor r or the impedance Z or the admittance G are determined and which is usually the surface of the test object, if flat

Note 1 to entry: The reference plane is assumed to be at $x = 0$.

3.4 normal-incidence surface impedance

Z
ratio of the complex sound pressure $p(x=0)$ to the normal component of the complex sound particle velocity $v(x=0)$ at an individual frequency in the reference plane defined as $x=0$

Note 1 to entry: The particle velocity vector has a positive direction pointing towards the interior of the tested object.

Note 2 to entry: Z is expressed in newton second per cubic meter (Ns/m^3)

3.5 normal-incidence surface admittance

G
inverse of the normal-incidence surface impedance Z

Note 1 to entry: G is expressed in cubic meter per newton per second ($\text{m}^3/\text{N}/\text{s}$)

3.6 wave number in air

k_0
variable, expressed in radian per metre, defined by

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where

ω is the angular frequency,

f is the frequency,

c_0 is the speed of sound in the air,

λ_0 is the wavelength in air.

Note 1 to entry: In general, the wave number is complex, so that $k_0 = k'_0 - jk''_0$ where k'_0 is the real component and k''_0 is the imaginary component (which is the attenuation constant).

Note 2 to entry: k'_0 is expression in radian per metre.

3.7

material characteristic wave number

k_c

variable, expressed in radian per meter, defined by

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where

c is the speed of sound inside the material;

ρ_{eq} is the material dynamic mass density (defined in 3.9);

K_{eq} is the material bulk modulus (defined in 3.10)

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material characteristic impedance

Z_c

variable, expressed in Newton second per cubic metre, defined by

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material dynamic mass density

~~ρ_{eq}~~

ρ_{eq}

variable describing the visco-inertial dissipation inside the tested material.

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Note 1 to entry: The dynamic mass density can differ from the static (volume-averaged) value.

Note 2 to entry: It is expressed in kg/m³.

3.10 material dynamic bulk modulus

K_{eq}
variable describing the thermal dissipation inside the tested material.

Note 1 to entry: The dynamic bulk modulus can differ from the static (volume-averaged) value.

Note 2 to entry: It is expressed in N/m² (or equivalently in pascal).

3.11 complex sound pressure

p
frequency-domain spectrum of the sound pressure time signal

3.12 cross spectrum

S_{12}
product $p_2 p_1^*$, determined from the complex sound pressures p_1 and p_2 at two microphone positions

Note 1 to entry: * means the complex conjugate.

3.13 cross spectrum

~~S_{21}~~
 S_{21}
product $p_1 p_2^*$, determined from the complex sound pressures p_1 and p_2 at two microphone positions

Note 1 to entry: * means the complex conjugate.

3.14 auto spectrum

~~S_{11}~~
 S_{11}
product $p_1 p_1^*$, determined from the complex sound pressure p_1 at microphone position one

Note 1 to entry: * means the complex conjugate.

Note 2 to entry: S_{22} denotes the auto spectrum for pressure p_2 at microphone position two.

3.15 transfer function

H_{12}
transfer function from microphone position one to two, defined by the complex ratio $p_2 / p_1 = S_{12} / S_{11}$
or S_{22} / S_{21} , or $[(S_{12} / S_{11})(S_{22} / S_{21})]^{1/2}$

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3.16 calibration factor
 H_c

factor used to correct for amplitude and phase mismatches between the microphones

Note 1 to entry: See 8.5.2.

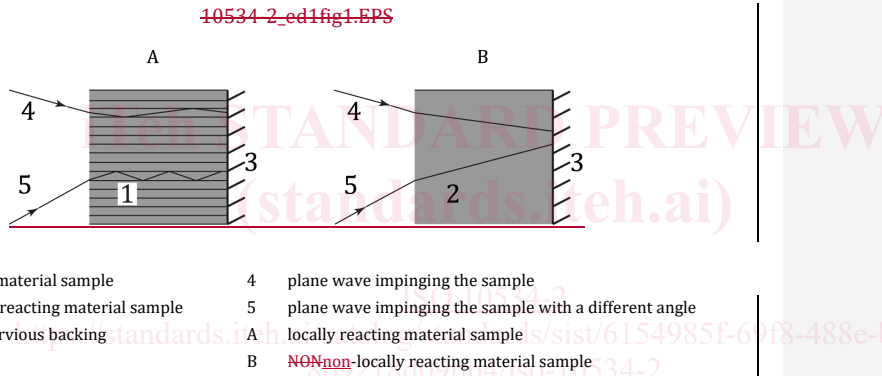
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3.17 local reacting material

material for which the pressure and velocity fields at a given point on the surface are independent on the behaviour at other points of the surface is called a locally reacting material

Note 1 to entry: This local reaction behaviour infers specific properties for a material: its surface impedance is independent on the incidence angle of a plane wave impinging the material. Homogeneous honeycomb structures and perforated plates are examples of possible locally reacting materials (see Figure 1, a). For a locally reacting material, its absorption coefficient depends on the angle of incidence as its reflection coefficient does as well

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- Key**
- 1 locally reacting material sample
 - 2 non-locally reacting material sample
 - 3 rigid and impervious backing
 - 4 plane wave impinging the sample
 - 5 plane wave impinging the sample with a different angle

Figure 1 — Propagation of plane waves inside a locally reacting material sample and comparison to a non-locally reacting material sample

3.18 bulk or extended reaction material

material for which the reaction does not occur only normal to the surface.

Note 1 to entry: The reaction in each point of the material is hence dependent on the reaction of the neighbouring points. Examples of materials experiencing bulk reactions are foams made of multiple pores and fibrous with fibres not parallel to each other's (see Figure 1, b).

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4 Principle

The test sample is mounted at one end of a straight, rigid, smooth and airtight impedance tube. Plane waves are generated in the tube by a sound source emitting a signal such as a random noise, pseudo-random sequence, or a deterministic signal such as a chirp signal, and the sound pressures are measured at two locations near to the sample. The complex acoustic transfer function of the two microphone signals is determined and used to compute the normal-incidence complex reflection coefficient (see Annex C), the normal-incidence absorption coefficient, and the normal incidence surface impedance of the test

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