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airborne sound insulation — Product  
descriptions, determination of  
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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 22897:2003), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- the calibration procedure has been removed and reference is now made to ISO 10140-1:2016, Annex D;
- the extension rules have been expanded;
- [Table 1](#) with typical performance data has been extended;
- [Annex A](#) on the characterization of polyvinyl butyral interlayers has been added.

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# Glass in building — Glazing and airborne sound insulation — Product descriptions, determination of properties and extension rules

## 1 Scope

This document establishes a method to determine and assess sound insulation performances of all transparent, translucent and opaque glass products, for basic, special basic or processed glass products, when intended to be used in glazed assemblies in buildings, and which exhibit properties of acoustic protection, either as a prime or supplementary characteristic.

This document refers to laboratory measurement method described in ISO 10140-1:2016, Annex D and defines extension rules that can be applied without further testing. It also provides typical performance data for a range of common glass products that can be used in the absence of measured data.

All the considerations of this document relate to panes of glass or glass products alone. Incorporation of them into windows can cause changes in acoustic performance as a result of other influences, e.g. frame design, frame material, glazing material or method, mounting method, air tightness. Measurements of the sound insulation of complete windows (glass and frame) can be undertaken to resolve such issues.

## 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 717-1, *Acoustics — Rating of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements — Part 1: Airborne sound insulation*

ISO 10140-1, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 1: Application rules for specific products*

ISO 10140-2, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 2: Measurement of airborne sound insulation*

ISO 10140-3, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 3: Measurement of impact sound insulation*

ISO 10140-4, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 4: Measurement procedures and requirements*

ISO 10140-5, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 5: Requirements for test facilities and equipment*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 717-1, ISO 10140 (all parts) and the following 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  
glass product**

product manufactured from glass, i.e. basic glass, special basic glass, processed glass, for use in buildings and constructions

**3.2  
monolithic glass**

single pane of glass, that includes annealed, strengthened or toughened (by heat or chemical treatment), and coated glasses

Note 1 to entry: This term excludes *laminated glass* (3.4) and *laminated safety glass* (3.5)

**3.3  
insulating glass unit**

**IGU**  
assembly consisting of at least two panes of glass, separated by one or more spacers, hermetically sealed along the periphery, mechanically stable and durable

**3.4  
laminated glass**

assembly consisting of one sheet of glass with one or more sheets of glass and/or plastics glazing sheet material joined together with one or more *interlayers* (3.6)

[SOURCE: ISO 12543-1:2021, 3.1.1, modified — Note 1 to entry has been deleted.]

**3.5  
laminated safety glass**

*laminated glass* (3.4) classified in accordance with a soft body impact standard where in the case of breakage the *interlayer* (3.6) serves to retain the glass fragments, limits the size of opening, offers residual resistance and reduces the risk of cutting or piercing injuries

Note 1 to entry: In this document, the expression "laminated glass" covers both laminated glass and laminated safety glass.

[SOURCE: ISO 12543-1:2021, 3.1.2, modified — Note 1 to entry has been replaced.]

**3.6  
interlayer**

one or more layer or material acting as an adhesive and separator between panes of glass and/or plastics glazing sheet material

[SOURCE: ISO 12543-1:2021, 3.2.7, modified — "plies" has been replaced with "panes" in the definition and Notes 1 and 2 to entry have been deleted.]

**3.7  
acoustic interlayer**

*interlayer* (3.6) that increases the sound reduction index of the *laminated glass* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: The interlayer may be evaluated according to ISO 16940.

**3.8  
loss factor**

parameter used to describe the damping characteristic of a *laminated glass* (3.4)

**3.9  
insert**

constituent included in the cavity of an insulating glass unit

EXAMPLE Georgian bars and blinds.