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Part 2-1: Particular requirements for dry vacuum cleaners**

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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) alignment with IEC 60704-1:2021;
- b) addressing consumer relevant testing aspects;
- c) robustness of standards and closing potential loopholes
- d) enlarged scope to include noise measurement on **docking stations**.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

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This document is intended to be used in conjunction with IEC 60704-1:2021, *Household and similar electrical appliances - Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise - Part 1: General requirements*.

The relevant text of IEC 60704-1:2021 as amended by this document establishes the test code for **dry vacuum cleaners**.

This document supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60704-1:2021. When a particular subclause of IEC 60704-1:2021 is not mentioned in this document, that subclause is applicable as far as reasonable. Where this standard states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant requirements, test specifications or explanatory matter in Part 1 should be adapted accordingly.

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INTRODUCTION

The measuring conditions specified in this document provide for sufficient accuracy in determining the noise emitted and comparing the results of measurements taken by different laboratories, whilst simulating as far as possible the practical use of **dry vacuum cleaners**.

It is recommended to consider the determination of noise levels as part of a comprehensive testing procedure covering many aspects of properties and performance of household vacuum cleaners.

NOTE As stated in the introduction to IEC 60704-1, this test code is concerned with airborne noise only.

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1 Scope

Addition:

This document specifies the determination of airborne acoustical noise of mains operated and cordless **dry vacuum cleaners** including their accessories and **docking stations** for household use or under conditions similar to those in households.

For **wet and dry vacuum cleaners**, the dry cleaning function applies. The wet cleaning function is measured in accordance with IEC 60704-2-20.

NOTE 101 Particular requirements for floor cleaning robots are specified in IEC 60704-2-17¹.

This document describes the determination of the noise emission of **dry vacuum cleaners** under normal operating conditions on carpet and hard floor in accordance with IEC 62885-2:—, 4.6².

2 Normative references

Addition:

IEC 60704-2-20, *Household and similar electrical appliances - Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise - Part 2-20: Particular requirements for wet hard floor cleaning appliances*

IEC TS 62885-1, *Surface cleaning appliances - Part 1: General requirements on test material and test equipment*

IEC 62885-2:—,² *Surface cleaning appliances - Part 2: Dry vacuum cleaners for household and similar use - Methods for measuring the performance*

3 Terms and definitions

Addition:

3.101

dry vacuum cleaner

electrically operated appliance that removes dry material (for example, dust, fibre, threads, and debris) from the surface to be cleaned by an air flow created by a vacuum developed within the unit, the removed material being separated in the appliance and the cleaned suction air being returned to the ambient air

[SOURCE: IEC 62885-2: —, 3.8]

3.102

wet and dry vacuum cleaner

appliance designed to remove liquid in combination with the functionality of a **dry vacuum cleaner**

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