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**Acoustics — Specification of test  
tracks for measuring sound emitted  
by road vehicles and their tyres**

*Acoustique — Spécification des surfaces d'essai pour le mesurage du  
son émis par les véhicules routiers et leurs pneumatiques*

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## Foreword

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

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 10844:2014), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- various revisions to improve track reproducibility;
- reduce ambiguity in the document.

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## Introduction

In general, the road surface parameters affecting the sound emission of vehicles are the texture and sound absorption characteristics. In addition, the mechanical impedance and the skid resistance properties of the surface layer can influence measured sound levels.

In order to minimize the variation in rolling sound emission and vehicle sound emission measurements made at different testing locations, it is therefore necessary to specify the relevant surface properties and recommend carefully the properties of the materials, design, and construction of the test surface.

The principal objective of this document is to provide a specification of the surface which improves the reproducibility of measurement.

This document is designed in a way that test tracks conforming to this document are compatible with previous editions, but in addition the variability of properties is reduced.

It is important that the test provides a high degree of reproducibility between different test sites and that the surface design should not only minimize the inter-site variation of tyre or road sound, but should also ensure that the propagation of sound is unaffected by the surface used. This latter consideration precludes the use of road surfaces which have open textures and which have the property of absorbing sound from the power unit and other related sources.

In relation to the previous editions, this document includes more restrictive specifications of the surface and recommendations for the test track construction process and maintenance. The basic properties of the surface remain unchanged.

Furthermore, this document recommends a non-destructive test method for periodic checking of the surface characteristics.

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