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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 13347-3:2004), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 13347-3:2004/Cor 1:2006 and the Amendment ISO 13347-3:2004/Amd 1:2010.

The main changes are as follows:

- inclusion of acoustic methods for installation category E fans;
- symbols have been harmonized with those used in ISO 5801 and other ISO documents listed in the Normative references;
- editorial corrections have been incorporated.

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Introduction

This document gives a method for determining the sound power level of a fan. The method is reproducible in all laboratories which are qualified according to the requirements of this document.

The method employs standard sound measurement instrumentation, applied to rooms which are restricted in certain acoustic properties. The test set-ups are generally designed to represent the physical orientation of a fan as installed, in accordance with ISO 5801 or ISO 13350.

Since sound power levels are considered independent of the acoustic environment around the fan, a good comparison can be made between two or more fans proposed for any specific air performance condition. Moreover, these values establish an accurate base for estimating the acoustical outcome of the fan installation in terms of sound pressure levels. A successful estimate of sound pressure levels requires extensive information on the fan and the environment in which it is to be located.

It is often advantageous for the equipment user to employ acoustical consultation to ensure that all factors affecting final sound pressure levels are considered. More detailed information on the complexity of this situation can be found in acoustic text books.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the sound power level of a fan. This document is applicable to fans as defined in ISO 13349-1. The applicability of this document is limited to the determination of airborne sound emission for the specified set-ups. Vibration is not measured, nor is the sensitivity of airborne sound emission to vibration effects determined.

The sizes of fan which can be tested in accordance with this document are limited only by the practical aspects of the test set-up. Dimensional limitations, test fan dimensions, and air performance will control the room size, power and mounting requirements for the test fan.

NOTE Small fans can be tested according to this document or to ISO 10302-1, according to usage.

The test arrangements in this document establish the laboratory conditions necessary for a successful test. Rarely will it be possible to meet these requirements in situ and this document is not intended for field measurements.

NOTE Intending users are reminded that, in these situations, there can be additional acoustic system effects where inlet and outlet conditions at the fan are less than ideal.

The enveloping surface methods can be used for the determination of open inlet and/or open outlet sound power level of fans for the standardized installation categories given in [4.1](#).

An estimation (with increased uncertainty) of ducted sound power for fans too small, or otherwise inconvenient, for testing by the in-duct method described in ISO 5136 can also be obtained by the addition of end reflection corrections (see ISO 13347-1:2025, Annex C).

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 3744, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Engineering method in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 5136, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power radiated into a duct by fans and other air-moving devices — In-duct method*

ISO 5801, *Fans — Performance testing using standardized airways*

ISO 10302-1, *Acoustics — Measurement of airborne noise emitted and structure-borne vibration induced by small air-moving devices — Part 1: Airborne noise measurement*

ISO 13347-1:2025, *Fans — Determination of fan sound power levels under standardized laboratory conditions — Part 1: General overview*