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Introduction

ISO 8041-1 specifies instruments for measuring human exposure to vibration. These instruments are used for temporary, short time measurements or controlled measurements.

This document specifies personal vibration exposure meters (abbreviated to PVEM) for measuring human exposure to vibration over long time periods, e.g. a whole working shift.

It is not necessary for PVEM to fulfil all of the specifications given in ISO 8041-1. On the other hand, it is necessary for them to fulfil other requirements which allow non-controlled measurements or stand-alone measurements over longer time periods. In combination with alarm functions, PVEM can make it possible to alert the user before vibration exposure reaches certain values (action value, limit value). For this reason, it is necessary to distinguish PVEM from the instrumentation specified in ISO 8041-1.

Whilst some potential applications and artefacts are covered in the informative annexes, this standard is an instrument standard and does not cover all potential applications of the PVEM. The reader should refer to measurement standards and guidance for further information.

[Annex A](#) describes the treatment of transient acceleration artefacts, [Annexes B](#) and [C](#) describe possible extension features with additional information for the measurement procedure.

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