
**Acoustics — Assessment of noise
annoyance by means of social and
socio-acoustic surveys**

*Acoustique — Évaluation de la gêne causée par le bruit au moyen
d'enquêtes sociales et d'enquêtes socio-acoustiques*

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

- A relaxation of the requirement to ask both the 5-point verbal scale and the 11-point numerical scale. Both questions can still be asked but guidance has been provided about the advantages and disadvantages of each scale to aid question choice in situations where only one question will be asked.
- Clarification regarding assumptions that the question covers a 24 h period (day, evening and night) and the indoor and outdoor home environment.
- Additional guidance has been added in [Clause 6](#) describing the conventional cut-offs to define “highly” annoyed” for the 5-point verbal scale and the 11-point numerical scale, to enable comparisons between different surveys and contexts.
- Updated references.

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