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This edition includes the following significant technical changes:

- this edition reduces the no-load noise limits for single-speed, cage-induction motors according to Table 2;
- it also provides informative guidance on
 - the measurement surface to be used during some tests,
 - a method for the determination of an average sound pressure level,
 - an indication of "uncertainty" based upon the category of test procedure.

This consolidated version of IEC 60034-9 consists of the fourth edition (2003) [documents 2/1256/FDIS and 2/1272/RVD] and its amendment 1 (2007) [documents 2/1383/CDV and 2/1413/RVC].

The technical content is therefore identical to the base edition and its amendment(s) and has been prepared for user convenience.

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INTRODUCTION

Acoustic quantities can be expressed in sound pressure terms or sound power terms. The use of a sound power level, which can be specified independently of the measurement surface and environmental conditions, avoids the complications associated with sound pressure levels, which require additional data to be specified. Sound power levels provide a measure of radiated energy and have advantages in acoustic analysis and design.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60034:

- specifies test methods for the determination of sound power level of rotating electrical machines;
- specifies maximum A-weighted sound power levels for factory acceptance testing of network-supplied, rotating electrical machines in accordance with IEC 60034-1, having methods of cooling according to IEC 60034-6 and degrees of protection according to IEC 60034-5, and having the following characteristics:
 - standard design, either a.c. or d.c., without additional special electrical, mechanical, or acoustical modifications intended to reduce the sound power level;
 - rated output from 1 kW (or kVA) up to and including 5 500 kW (or kVA);
 - rated speed not greater than 3 750 min⁻¹.
- provides guidance for the determination of noise levels for a.c. cage induction motors supplied by converters.

Excluded are a.c. motors supplied by converters. For these conditions see IEC 60034-17 for guidance.

The object of this standard is to determine maximum A-weighted sound power levels, L_{WA} in decibels, dB, for airborne noise emitted by rotating electrical machines of standard design, as a function of power, speed and load, and to specify the method of measurement and the test conditions appropriate for the determination of the sound power level of the machines to provide a standardized evaluation of machine noise up to the maximum specified sound power levels. This standard does not provide correction for the existence of tonal characteristics.

Sound pressure levels at a distance from the machine may be required in some applications, such as hearing protection programs. Information is provided on such a procedure in Clause 8 based on a standardized test environment.

NOTE 1 This standard recognizes the economic reason for the availability of standard noise-level machines for use in non-critical areas or for use with supplementary means of noise attenuation.

NOTE 2 Where sound power levels lower than those specified in Tables 1 or 2 are required, these should be agreed between the manufacturer and the purchaser, as special electrical, mechanical, or acoustical design may involve additional measures.

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.

IEC 60034-1, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance*

IEC 60034-5, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 5: Degrees of protection provided by the integral design of rotating electrical machines (IP code) – Classification*

IEC 60034-6, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 6: Methods of cooling (IC Code)*

IEC 60034-17, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 17: Cage induction motors when fed from convertors – Application guide*

ISO 3741, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Precision methods for reverberation rooms*

ISO 3743-1, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources – Engineering methods for small, movable sources in reverberant fields – Part 1: Comparison method for hard-walled test rooms*

ISO 3743-2, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering methods for small, movable sources in reverberant fields – Part 2: Method for special reverberation test rooms*

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 3745, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources – Precision methods for anechoic and semi-anechoic rooms*

ISO 3746, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Survey method using an enveloping measurement surface over a reflecting plane*

ISO 3747, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Comparison method in situ*

ISO 4871, *Acoustics – Declaration and verification of noise emission values of machinery and equipment*

ISO 9614-1, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity – Part 1: Measurement at discrete points*

ISO 9614-2, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity – Part 2: Measurement by scanning*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in the standards listed in the normative references together with the following apply.

3.1

sound power level

L_w

ten times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the sound power radiated by the source under test to the reference sound power [$W_0 = 1 \text{ pW}$ (10^{-12} W)] expressed in decibels

3.2

sound pressure level

L_p

ten times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the square of the sound pressure to the square of the reference sound pressure [$P_0 = 20 \text{ } \mu\text{Pa}$ ($2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Pa}$)] expressed in decibels