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**Acoustics — Determination of airflow  
resistance —**

**Part 2:  
Alternating airflow method**

*Acoustique — Détermination de la résistance à l'écoulement de l'air —  
Partie 2: Méthode avec écoulement d'air alternatif*



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This first edition of ISO 9053-2, together with ISO 9053-1:2018, cancels and replaces ISO 9053:1991, which has been technically revised.

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

- the former method B in ISO 9053:1991 has been transferred to this document;
- the requirement to the dimensions of the test specimen have been updated;
- a correction for heat conduction has been added.

A list of all parts in the ISO 9053 series can be found on the ISO website.

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# Acoustics — Determination of airflow resistance —

## Part 2: Alternating airflow method

### 1 Scope

This document specifies an alternating airflow method for the determination of the airflow resistance<sup>[5], [6]</sup> of porous materials for acoustical applications.

Determination of the airflow resistance based on static flow is described in ISO 9053-1.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

#### airflow resistance

$R$

quantity defined by

$$R = \frac{\Delta p}{q_v}$$

where

$\Delta p$  is the RMS air pressure difference, across the test specimen, due to the alternating airflow, in pascals;

$q_v$  is the RMS volumetric airflow rate, passing through the test specimen, in cubic metres per second.

Note 1 to entry: Airflow resistance is expressed in pascals seconds per cubic metre.