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INTRODUCTION

Measurements of the electrical and mechanical state variables have become increasingly important for the following reasons:

- Maximum sound pressure output is limited by voice coil heating and transducer nonlinearities. The large signal behaviour of loudspeakers can be described by nonlinear and thermal models using lumped parameters. These physical characteristics are important for transducer design and system integration.
- Mechanical vibration of the diaphragm determines the radiated sound. The modal vibration of the radiator's surface can be predicted by numerical simulations (FEA) and directly measured by laser vibrometry. This data represents important transducer characteristics that can be used to design the desired directivity into the system's acoustical output.
- DSP plays an important role in active systems. Digital pre-processing of the audio stream requires reliable transducer property information to protect the transducer against thermal and mechanical overload and to actively compensate for linear and nonlinear distortion generated in the output signal.

SOUND SYSTEM EQUIPMENT –

Part 22: Electrical and mechanical measurements on transducers

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60268 applies to transducers converting an electrical input signal into a mechanical or acoustical output signal. However, if the electrical input terminals and the surface of the radiator are accessible, this document can also apply to passive and active sound systems such as loudspeakers, headphones, TV-sets, multi-media devices, personal portable audio devices, automotive sound systems and professional equipment. This document describes only electrical and mechanical measurements that help assess the transfer behaviour of the device under test (DUT). This includes operating the DUT in both the small- and large-signal domains. The influence of the target application's acoustical boundary conditions (e.g. car interior) can also be considered in the physical evaluation of the sound system. Perception and cognitive evaluations of the reproduced sound and the impact of perceived sound quality are outside the scope of this document.

NOTE This document does not apply to microphones and other sensors. Implementation of this document does not require access to the sound pressures generated in the near or far fields of the radiator. Directivity and other characteristics describing the electro-acoustical transfer properties are described in IEC 60268-21, which covers acoustical measurements. The practical application of the measurements for research and development (R&D), end-of-line testing (QC) and evaluation in the final target application (TA) is discussed in Annex A.

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