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International Standard IEC 60704-2-1 has been prepared by subcommittee 59F: Surface cleaning appliances, of IEC technical committee 59: Performance of household and similar electrical appliances.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition published in 2014. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) product scope is extended to cordless and similar vacuum cleaners;
- b) definitions of "cleaning head", "active nozzle" and "standard Wilton test carpet" have been added;
- c) specification of standard Wilton test carpet has been removed; reference is made to IEC TS 62885-1;

- d) specific requirements on equipping and pre-conditioning have been added;
- e) topic ageing of test carpet is addressed.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
59F/399/FDIS	59F/408/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This Part 2-1 is intended to be used in conjunction with IEC 60704-1:2010, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise – Part 1: General requirements*.

NOTE When "Part 1" is mentioned in this standard, it refers to IEC 60704-1:2010.

The relevant text of Part 1 as amended by this document establishes the test code for vacuum cleaners.

This Part 2-1 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60704-1:2010. When a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this Part 2-1, that subclause is applicable as far as reasonable. Where this standard states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant requirements, test specifications or explanatory matter in Part 1 should be adapted accordingly.

Subclauses, tables, and figures that are additional to those in Part 1 are numbered starting from 101. Additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc.

Unless notes are in a new subclause or involve notes in Part 1, they are numbered starting from 101, including those in a replaced clause or subclause.

A list of all the parts in the IEC 60704 series, published under the general title *Household and similar electrical appliances – Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise*, can be found on the IEC website.

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INTRODUCTION

The measuring conditions specified in this part of IEC 60704 provide for sufficient accuracy in determining the noise emitted and comparing the results of measurements taken by different laboratories, whilst simulating as far as possible the practical use of vacuum cleaners.

It is recommended to consider the determination of noise levels as part of a comprehensive testing procedure covering many aspects of properties and performance of household vacuum cleaners.

NOTE As stated in the introduction to IEC 60704-1, this test code is concerned with airborne noise only.

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1 Scope and object

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

1.1 Scope

1.1.1 General

Replacement:

This part of IEC 60704 is applicable for the determination of airborne acoustical noise of mains operated and cordless dry vacuum cleaners for household use or under conditions similar to those in households.

This part of IEC 60704 does not apply to vacuum cleaners for industrial or professional purposes.

NOTE Particular requirements for dry cleaning robots are specified in IEC 60704-2-17.

1.1.2 Types of noise

Replacement:

The methods specified in ISO 3743-1, ISO 3743-2 and ISO 3744 can be used for measuring noise emitted by electric vacuum cleaners.

1.1.3 Size of the source

Replacement:

The method specified in ISO 3744 is applicable to noise sources of any size. When applying ISO 3743-1 and ISO 3743-2, the maximum size of the appliance under test should fulfil the requirements specified in 1.2 of ISO 3743-1:2010 and 1.3 of ISO 3743-2:1994.

1.2 Object

Addition:

This part of IEC 60704 describes the determination of the noise emission of vacuum cleaners under normal operating conditions on carpet and hard floor in accordance with 4.6 of IEC 62885-2.

NOTE 101 For determining and verifying noise emission values declared in product specifications, see IEC 60704-3.

1.3 Measurement uncertainty

Replacement:

For vacuum cleaners designed for cleaning carpets the estimated values of standard deviations of sound power levels determined in accordance with this part of IEC 60704 are provided in Table 101.

Table 101 – Standard deviations of sound power levels determined on carpets

Standard deviation (dB)	
σ_r (repeatability)	σ_R (reproducibility)
0,3	0,8

For vacuum cleaners designed for cleaning hard floors the estimated values of standard deviations of sound power levels determined in accordance with this part of IEC 60704 are provided in Table 102.

Table 102 – Standard deviations of sound power levels determined on hard floors

Standard deviation (dB)	
σ_r (repeatability)	σ_R (reproducibility)
0,2	0,6

NOTE 101 The values in Table 101 and Table 102 are derived from the results of a round robin test (RRT) conducted in 2010/2011 with 4 different vacuum cleaners (passive and active) in 8 participating laboratories.

Addition:

1.101 Standard deviation for declaration and verification

For the purpose of determining and verifying declared noise emission values for vacuum cleaners designed for cleaning carpets, in accordance with IEC 60704-3, the following values provided in Table 103 apply:

Table 103 – Standard deviations for declaration and verification for vacuum cleaners for carpets

Standard deviation (dB)		
σ_P (production)	σ_t (total)	σ_M (reference)
0,5 to 1,0	0,9 to 1,3	1,5

For the purpose of determining and verifying declared noise emission values for vacuum cleaners designed for cleaning hard floors, in accordance with IEC 60704-3, the following values provided in Table 104 apply:

**Table 104 – Standard deviations for declaration and verification
for vacuum cleaners for hard floors**

Standard deviation (dB)		
σ_P (production)	σ_t (total)	σ_M (reference)
0,5 to 1,0	0,8 to 1,2	1,5

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

Addition:

IEC TS 62885-1, *Surface cleaning appliances – Part 1: General requirements on test material and test equipment*

ISO 3743-1:2010, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering methods for small movable sources in reverberant fields – Part 1: Comparison method for a hard-walled test room*

ISO 3744:2010, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

Addition:

3.101 cleaning head

plain nozzle or brush attached to a connecting tube, or a power nozzle, separate or part of the cleaner housing, and that part of a dry vacuum cleaner which is applied to a surface to be cleaned

[SOURCE: IEC 62885-2:2016, 3.3]

3.102 active nozzle

cleaning head provided with a driven agitation device to assist dirt removal

Note 1 to entry: The agitation device can be driven by an incorporated electric motor (motorized nozzle), an incorporated turbine powered by the air flow (air-turbine nozzle) or an incorporated friction or gear mechanism actuated by moving the cleaning head over the surface to be cleaned (mechanical nozzle).

[SOURCE: IEC 62885-2:2016, 3.4]

3.103 standard Wilton test carpet

Wilton carpet on which the vacuum cleaner and its cleaning head is placed for the measurement

Note 1 to entry: The specification of the standard Wilton test carpet can be found in IEC TS 62885-1.