
**Acoustics — Rating of sound
insulation in buildings and of building
elements —**

**Part 2:
Impact sound insulation**

*Acoustique — Évaluation de l'isolement acoustique des immeubles et
des éléments de construction —*

Partie 2: Protection contre le bruit de choc



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Foreword

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

- A new [Annex D](#) with a method for rating heavy/soft impact sound insulation using an A-weighted maximum impact sound pressure level.

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Introduction

Methods of measurement of impact sound insulation in buildings and of building elements have been standardized in ISO 10140-3 and ISO 16283-2. These methods give values for the impact sound insulation which are frequency dependent. The purpose of this document is to standardize a method whereby the frequency-dependent values of impact sound insulation can be converted into a single number characterizing the acoustical performance.

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Part 2: Impact sound insulation

1 Scope

This document

- a) defines single-number quantities for impact sound insulation in buildings and of floors,
- b) gives rules for determining these quantities from the results of measurements carried out in one-third-octave bands in accordance with ISO 10140-3 and ISO 16283-2, and in octave bands in accordance with that option in ISO 16283-2 for field measurements only,
- c) defines single-number quantities for the impact sound reduction of floor coverings and floating floors calculated from the results of measurements carried out in accordance with ISO 10140-3, and
- d) specifies a procedure for evaluating the weighted reduction in impact sound pressure level by floor coverings on lightweight floors.

The single-number quantities in accordance with this document are intended for rating impact sound insulation and for simplifying the formulation of acoustical requirements in building codes. An additional single-number evaluation in steps of 0,1 dB is indicated where it is needed for the expression of uncertainty (except for spectrum adaptation terms). Numerical values of the single-number quantities are specified where required for calculations.

The rating of measurements over an enlarged frequency range is given in [Annex A](#).

A method for obtaining single-number quantities for bare heavy floors according to their performance in combination with floor coverings is given in [Annex B](#).

Example calculations of single-number quantities are given in [Annex C](#).

The rating of measurements with a heavy and soft impact source (rubber ball) is given in [Annex D](#).

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 10140-1, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 1: Application rules for specific products*

ISO 10140-3:2010, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 3: Measurement of impact sound insulation*

ISO 10140-5, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 5: Requirements for test facilities and equipment*

ISO 12999-1, *Acoustics — Determination and application of measurement uncertainties in building acoustics — Part 1: Sound insulation*

ISO 16283-2:2018, *Acoustics — Field measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements — Part 2: Impact sound insulation*

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 single-number quantity for impact sound insulation rating

value of the relevant reference curve at 500 Hz after shifting it in accordance with the method specified in 4.3.1 or the value of the relevant reference curve at 500 Hz after shifting it in accordance with the method specified in 4.3.2, reduced by 5 dB

Note 1 to entry: Terms and symbols for the single-number quantity used depend on the type of measurement. Examples are listed in Table 1 for impact sound insulation properties of building elements and in Table 2 for impact sound insulation in buildings. In general, new single-number quantities are derived in a similar way.

Note 2 to entry: This quantity is expressed in decibels.

3.2 spectrum adaptation term

C_1

value to be added to the single-number quantity (e.g. L_n) to take account of the unweighted impact sound level, thereby representing the characteristics of typical walking noise spectra

Note 1 to entry: This quantity is expressed in decibels.

3.3 weighted reduction in impact sound pressure level

difference between the weighted normalized impact sound pressure levels derived with a bare heavy reference floor or a lightweight reference floor, without and with a floor covering

Note 1 to entry: The quantity derived with a bare heavy reference floor is denoted by ΔL_w and is expressed in decibels.

Note 2 to entry: The quantity derived with a lightweight reference floor is denoted by $\Delta L_{t,w}$ and is expressed in decibels. According to the type of reference floor it is denoted as $\Delta L_{t1,w}$, $\Delta L_{t2,w}$, $\Delta L_{t3,w}$

3.4 equivalent weighted normalized impact sound pressure level of a bare heavy floor

$L_{n,eq,0,w}$

sum of the weighted normalized impact sound pressure level of the bare floor under test with the reference floor covering and the weighted reduction in impact sound pressure level of the reference floor covering

Note 1 to entry: This quantity is calculated in accordance with the method specified in this document.

Note 2 to entry: This quantity is expressed in decibels.

3.5 A-weighted maximum impact sound pressure level

$L'_{iA,Fmax}$

A-weighted maximum impact sound pressure level determined with Fast time-weighting when measured with a heavy and soft impact source, the rubber ball

Note 1 to entry: This quantity is expressed in decibels.