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# This standard specifies a method for measuring the spatial sound distribution curve(s) of a given workroom. A method is given for determining, from the measured data, two descriptors of the acoustical performance of a workroom, i.e. the excess of sound pressure level with respect to a free field and the sound pressure level decay per distance doubling.

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## Introduction

According to ISO 11690-1, the spatial sound distribution in a workroom is described by a curve characterizing the sound pressure level from a point source with a known sound power level, and with steady emission and omnidirectional sound radiation as a function of the distance from the source. This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of that spatial sound distribution curve, and for the derivation of two characteristics (rate of spatial decay of sound pressure levels per distance doubling and excess of sound pressure level) for the room in question.

Data obtained using this International Standard are of use for the following:

- acoustical qualification of a room with respect to noise control;
- determination of appropriate positions of a machine and of work stations in a room;
- assessment of the necessity to increase the sound absorption in the room;
- qualitative estimation of the potential performance of screens installed in the room;
- expec. calculation of the noise-immission levels to be expected when machines with known emission are operated at specified positions in the room.

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for measuring the spatial sound distribution curve(s) of a given workroom. A method is given for determining, from the measured data, two descriptors of the acoustical performance of a workroom regarding noise control: i.e. the excess of sound pressure level with respect to a free field, and the sound pressure level decay per distance doubling.

This International Standard does not deal with assessment of the acoustical quality with respect to speech communication or other psychological factors.

This International Standard is applicable to workrooms of any shape and any dimensions provided that the number of microphone positions allows the regression calculation to be performed.

## 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

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

ISO 3744:1994, 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 using sound pressure — Precision methods for anechoic and semi-anechoic rooms

ISO 6926, Acoustics — Requirements for the performance and calibration of reference sound sources used for the determination of sound power levels

IEC 60651, Sound level meters

IEC 60804, Integrating-averaging sound level meters

IEC 61260, Electroacoustics — Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters

## 3 Terms and definitions

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