
**Acoustics — Determination and
application of measurement
uncertainties in building acoustics —**

**Part 1:
Sound insulation**

*Acoustique — Détermination et application des incertitudes de
mesure dans l'acoustique des bâtiments —*

Partie 1: Isolation acoustique



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Foreword

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ISO 12999 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Acoustics — Determination and application of measurement uncertainties in building acoustics*:

— *Part 1: Sound insulation*

A part 2 dealing with sound absorption is under preparation.

Introduction

An assessment of uncertainties that is comprehensible and close to reality is indispensable for many questions in building acoustics. Whether a requirement is met, a laboratory delivers correct results or the acoustic properties of a product are better than the same properties of some other product can be decided only by adequately assessing the uncertainties associated with the quantities under consideration.

Uncertainties should preferably be determined following the principles of ISO/IEC Guide 98-3. This Guide specifies a detailed procedure for the uncertainty evaluation that is based upon a complete mathematical model of the measurement procedure. At the current knowledge, it seems to be impossible to formulate these models for the different quantities in building acoustics. Therefore, only the principles of such an uncertainty assessment are explained.

To come to uncertainties all the same, the concept of reproducibility and repeatability is incorporated which is the traditional way of uncertainty determination in building acoustics. This concept offers the possibility to state the uncertainty of a method and of measurements carried out according to the method, based on the results of inter-laboratory measurements.

Acoustics — Determination and application of measurement uncertainties in building acoustics —

Part 1: Sound insulation

1 Scope

This part of ISO 12999 specifies procedures for assessing the measurement uncertainty of sound insulation in building acoustics. It provides for

- a detailed uncertainty assessment;
- a determination of uncertainties by inter-laboratory tests;
- an application of uncertainties.

Furthermore, typical uncertainties are given for quantities determined according to ISO 10140, ISO 140-4, ISO 140-5, ISO 140-7 and ISO 717 (all parts).

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 140-4, *Acoustics — Measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements — Part 4: Field measurements of airborne sound insulation between rooms*

ISO 140-5, *Acoustics — Measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements — Part 5: Field measurements of airborne sound insulation of façade elements and façades*

ISO 140-7, *Acoustics — Measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements — Part 7: Field measurements of impact sound insulation of floors*

ISO 717 (all parts), *Acoustics — Rating of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements*

ISO 5725-1:1994, *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results — Part 1: General principles and definitions*

ISO 5725-2:1994, *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results — Part 2: Basic method for the determination of repeatability and reproducibility of a standard measurement method*

ISO 10140 (all parts), *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements*

3 Terms and definitions

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

NOTE Whenever applicable, they are equivalent to those given in ISO 5725-1, in the ISO/IEC Guide 98-3^[1] and in ISO/IEC Guide 99^[2]