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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Intrinsic characteristics — Sound absorption in the laboratory under diffuse sound field conditions*
- *Part 2: Intrinsic characteristics — Airborne sound insulation in the laboratory under diffuse sound field conditions*
- *Part 3-1: Normalized railway noise spectrum and single number ratings for diffuse field applications*
- *Part 3-2: Normalized railway noise spectrum and single number ratings for direct field applications* ¹⁾
- *Part 4: Intrinsic characteristics — In situ values of sound diffraction under direct sound field conditions* ¹⁾
- *Part 5: Intrinsic characteristics — In situ values of sound reflection under direct sound field conditions* ²⁾
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Introduction

This document is to be read in conjunction with EN 16272-1 and EN 16272-2 and should be applied only to situations as described in those documents (diffuse sound field).

As the two main intrinsic acoustic characteristics of noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation in a diffuse sound field, sound absorption and airborne sound insulation are frequency dependent; and there is a need to define a reference railway noise spectrum for test purposes. This European Standard defines the basic properties of railway noise measured at the rail track side in terms of a characteristic normalised railway noise spectrum which is needed to evaluate single-number ratings of noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation in reverberant conditions, e.g. inside tunnels or deep trenches.

This European Standard should be read in conjunction with:

- EN 16272-1, *Railway applications — Track — Noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation — Test method for determining the acoustic performance — Part 1: Intrinsic characteristics — Sound absorption in the laboratory under diffuse sound field conditions*;
- EN 16272-2, *Railway applications — Track — Noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation — Test method for determining the acoustic performance — Part 2: Intrinsic characteristics — Airborne sound insulation in the laboratory under diffuse sound field conditions*.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a normalised railway noise spectrum for the evaluation and assessment of the acoustic performance of devices designed to reduce airborne railway noise near railways.

All noise reducing devices that differ from noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation, e.g. devices for attenuation of ground borne vibration and on board devices, are out of the scope of this European Standard.

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.

EN 16272-1, *Railway applications — Track — Noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation — Test method for determining the acoustic performance — Part 1: Intrinsic characteristics — Sound absorption in the laboratory under diffuse sound field conditions*

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3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

normalised railway noise spectrum

spectrum that is used for the calculation of the acoustic performance of noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation near railways, in terms of single-number ratings of sound absorption and airborne sound insulation

Note 1 to entry: The spectrum is expressed in terms of relative A-weighted sound pressure levels in decibels, for one-third octave bands, L_i , in the frequency range from 100 Hz to 5 kHz.

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one-third octave bands level L_i

relative A-weighted sound pressure levels in decibels, of a normalised railway noise spectrum for one-third octave bands with centre frequency f_i

4 Normalised railway noise spectrum

The normalised railway noise spectrum shown in Table 1 shall be used to assess the acoustic performance of noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation near railways.