
**Acoustics — Determination of airborne
sound power levels emitted by machinery
using vibration measurement —**

**Part 1:
Survey method using a fixed radiation
factor**

*Acoustique — Détermination des niveaux de puissance acoustique
aériens émis par les machines par mesurage des vibrations —*

*Partie 1: Méthode de contrôle employant un facteur de rayonnement
fixe*



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Foreword

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This first edition of ISO/TS 7849-1, together with ISO/TS 7849-2, cancel and replace the first edition of ISO/TR 7849:1987, which has been technically revised.

ISO/TS 7849 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Acoustics — Determination of airborne sound power levels emitted by machinery using vibration measurement*:

- *Part 1: Survey method using a fixed radiation factor*
- *Part 2: Engineering method including determination of the adequate radiation factor*

The following part is under preparation:

- *Part 3: Amplitude and phase measurements*

Introduction

This part of ISO/TS 7849 gives a procedure for the determination of the sound power of the airborne noise caused by machinery vibration.

The determination of airborne noise emission of a machine by measuring vibration of the machine's outer surface may be of interest when:

- undesired background noise (e.g. noise from other machines or sound reflected by room boundaries) is high compared with the noise radiated directly by the machine under test;
- noise radiated by structure vibration is to be separated from noise of aerodynamic origin;
- noise radiated by structure vibration is high compared to the aerodynamic component so that the total noise radiation is predominantly affected by the structure vibration;
- sound intensity measurement techniques [ISO 9614 (all parts)]^[12] cannot easily be applied;
- structure vibration generated noise from only a part of a machine, or from a component of a machine set, is to be determined in the presence of noise from the other parts of the whole machine.

ISO/TS 7849 (all parts) describes methods for the determination of the airborne noise emission of a machine caused by vibration of its outer surface, expressed by the associated A-weighted airborne sound power being related to normalized meteorological conditions. This airborne sound power is determined under the assumption that this quantity is proportional to the mean square value of the normal component of the velocity averaged over the area of the vibrating outer surface of the machine, and is directly proportional to the area of the vibrating surface.

The calculation of the airborne sound power needs data of the radiation factor in principle. For this part of ISO/TS 7849 a radiation factor of 1 is assumed allowing the determination of an upper limit for the radiated A-weighted sound power level. For typical machines this upper limit may exceed the true A-weighted sound power level determined by the intensity procedure of ISO 9614 (all parts)^[12] by up to 10 dB. The A-weighted sound power level determined according to this part of ISO/TS 7849 can be used for sound power level comparison of relevant vibrating machinery noise of the same family with similar design.

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Part 1: Survey method using a fixed radiation factor

1 Scope

This part of ISO/TS 7849 gives basic requirements for reproducible methods for the determination of an upper limit for the A-weighted sound power level of the noise emitted by machinery or equipment by using surface vibration measurements. The method is only applicable to noise which is emitted by vibrating surfaces of solid structures and not to noise generated aerodynamically.

This vibration measurement method is especially applicable in cases where accurate direct airborne noise measurements, e.g. as specified in ISO 3746^[7], ISO 3747^[8], and ISO 9614 (all parts)^[12], are not possible because of high background noise or other parasitic environmental interferences; or if a distinction is required between the total radiated sound power and its structure vibration generated component.

NOTE 1 One of the applications of this part of ISO/TS 7849 is the distinction between the radiation of airborne sound power generated by structure vibration and the aerodynamic sound power components. Such a distinction is not feasible with ISO 3746^[7] and ISO 9614 (all parts)^[12].

NOTE 2 Problems can occur if the noise is generated by small parts of machinery surfaces (sliding contacts, e.g. slip ring brush or the commutator and the brush in electrical machines).

The methods described in this part of ISO/TS 7849 apply mainly to processes that are stationary with respect to time.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 5348, *Mechanical vibration and shock — Mechanical mounting of accelerometers*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

IEC 61672-1, *Electroacoustics — Sound level meters — Part 1: Specifications*