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**Acoustics — Field measurement of  
sound insulation in buildings and of  
building elements —**

**Part 3:  
Façade sound insulation**

*Acoustique — Mesurage in situ de l'isolement acoustique  
des bâtiments et des éléments de construction —  
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## Foreword

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ISO 16283 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Acoustics — Field measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements*:

- *Part 1: Airborne sound insulation*
- *Part 2: Impact sound insulation*
- *Part 3: Façade sound insulation*

## Introduction

ISO 16283 (all parts) describes procedures for field measurements of sound insulation in buildings. Airborne, impact, and façade sound insulation are described in ISO 16283-1, ISO 16283-2, and in this part of ISO 16283, respectively.

Field sound insulation measurements that were described previously in ISO 140-4, ISO 140-5, and ISO 140-7 were (a) primarily intended for measurements where the sound field could be considered to be diffuse and (b) not explicit as to whether operators could be present in the rooms during the measurement. ISO 16283 differs from ISO 140-4, ISO 140-5, and ISO 140-7 in that (a) it applies to rooms in which the sound field can or cannot approximate to a diffuse field, (b) it clarifies how operators can measure the sound field using a hand-held microphone or sound level metre, and (c) it includes additional guidance that was previously contained in ISO 140-14.

NOTE Survey test methods for field measurements of façade sound insulation are dealt with in ISO 10052.

# Acoustics — Field measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements —

## Part 3: Façade sound insulation

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 16283 specifies procedures to determine the airborne sound insulation of façade elements (element methods) and whole façades (global methods) using sound pressure measurements. These procedures are intended for room volumes in the range from 10 m<sup>3</sup> to 250 m<sup>3</sup> in the frequency range from 50 Hz to 5 000 Hz.

The test results can be used to quantify, assess, and compare the airborne sound insulation in unfurnished or furnished rooms where the sound field can or cannot approximate to a diffuse field. The measured airborne sound insulation is frequency-dependent and can be converted into a single number quantity to characterize the acoustic performance using the rating procedures in ISO 717-1.

The element methods aim to estimate the sound reduction index of a façade element, for example, a window. The most accurate element method uses a loudspeaker as an artificial sound source. Other less accurate element methods use available traffic noise. The global methods, on the other hand, aim to estimate the outdoor/indoor sound level difference under actual traffic conditions. The most accurate global methods use the actual traffic as sound source. A loudspeaker can be used as an artificial sound source when there is insufficient level from traffic noise inside the room. An overview of the methods is given in [Table 1](#).

The element loudspeaker method yields an apparent sound reduction index which, under certain circumstances, can be compared with the sound reduction index measured in laboratories in accordance with ISO 10140. This method is the preferred method when the aim of the measurement is to evaluate the performance of a specified façade element in relation to its performance in the laboratory.

The element road traffic method will serve the same purposes as the element loudspeaker method. It is particularly useful when, for different practical reasons, the element loudspeaker method cannot be used. These two methods will often yield slightly different results. The road traffic method tends to result in lower values of the sound reduction index than the loudspeaker method. In [Annex D](#), this road traffic method is supplemented by the corresponding aircraft and railway traffic methods.

The global road traffic method yields the real reduction of a façade in a given place relative to a position 2 m in front of the façade. This method is the preferred method when the aim of the measurement is to evaluate the performance of a whole façade, including all flanking paths, in a specified position relative to nearby roads. The result cannot be compared with that of laboratory measurements.

The global loudspeaker method yields the sound reduction of a façade relative to a position that is 2 m in front of the façade. This method is particularly useful when, for practical reasons, the real source cannot be used; however, the result cannot be compared with that of laboratory measurements.

Table 1 — Overview of the different measurement methods

No.	Method Element	Reference in this part of ISO 16283	Result	Field of application
1	Element loudspeaker	<a href="#">9.5</a>	$R'_{45^\circ}$	Preferred method to estimate the apparent sound reduction index of façade elements
2	Element road traffic	<a href="#">10.3</a>	$R'_{tr,s}$	Alternative to method No.1 when road traffic as a sound source provides a sufficient level
3	Element railway traffic	<a href="#">Annex E</a>	$R'_{rt,s}$	Alternative to method No.1 when railway traffic as a sound source provides a sufficient level
4	Element aircraft traffic	<a href="#">Annex E</a>	$R'_{at,s}$	Alternative to method No.1 when aircraft traffic as a sound source provides a sufficient level
	<b>Global</b>			
5	Global loudspeaker	<a href="#">9.6</a>	$D_{ls,2m,nT}$ $D_{ls,2m,n}$	Alternative to methods Nos. 6, 7, and 8
6	Global road traffic	<a href="#">10.4</a>	$D_{tr,2m,nT}$ $D_{tr,2m,n}$	Preferred method to estimate the global sound insulation of a façade exposed to road traffic as a sound source
7	Global railway traffic	<a href="#">Annex E</a>	$D_{rt,2m,nT}$ $D_{rt,2m,n}$	Preferred method to estimate the global sound insulation of a façade exposed to railway traffic as a sound source
8	Global aircraft traffic	<a href="#">Annex E</a>	$D_{at,2m,nT}$ $D_{at,2m,n}$	Preferred method to estimate the global sound insulation of a façade exposed to aircraft traffic as a sound source

## 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 717-1, *Acoustics — Rating of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements — Part 1: Airborne sound insulation*

ISO 3382-2, *Acoustics — Measurement of room acoustic parameters — Part 2: Reverberation time in ordinary rooms*

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

ISO 15712-3, *Building acoustics — Estimation of acoustic performance of buildings from the performance of elements — Part 3: Airborne sound insulation against outdoor sound*

ISO 18233, *Acoustics — Application of new measurement methods in building and room acoustics*

IEC 60942, *Electroacoustics — Sound calibrators*

IEC 61183, *Electroacoustics — Random-incidence and diffuse-field calibration of sound level meters*

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

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