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Foreword

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In this standard the annexes A and B are informative.

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Introduction

This standard for "Hearing Protectors – Safety requirements and testing – Part 7: Level-dependent ear-plugs", specifies procedures for the testing of personal hearing protection devices in relation to Directive 89/686/EEC - Personal Protective Equipment.

EN 352-1 deals with requirements for ear-muffs, EN 352-2 with ear-plugs, EN 352-3 with ear-muffs attached to industrial safety helmets. EN 13819-1 and EN 13819-2 deal with testing plans common to all types of hearing protectors covered by this series of ENs.

Additional safety requirements and the associated test procedures for level-dependent ear-muffs are contained in EN 352-4, for ear-muffs with active noise reduction in EN 352-5 and for ear-muffs with electrical audio input facility in EN 352-6. An associated standard EN 458, covers selection, use, care and maintenance of hearing protection.

The particular requirement for hearing protectors in relation to their ability to reduce noise to below daily limit levels set by Directive 86/188/EEC - "on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to noise at work" is addressed in the standard by means of a requirement to report in which noise environments the hearing protector may be used without exceeding the relevant action level set by that Directive.

The test method for hearing protector attenuation described in EN 24869-1 and applied in Parts 1, 2 and 3 is not sufficient for level-dependent ear-plugs. Additional methods of measurement, for the purposes of determining the sound delivered to the wearer's ear from the sound restoration circuit, are under consideration. Until such time as this work is completed, the test method described in Annex B of this standard is recommended for level-dependent ear-plugs, in addition to the EN 24869-1 test.

Level-dependent ear-plugs are designed to provide restoration of external sounds, while providing attenuation of sounds at high levels. They may be selected for use in intermittent or impulsive noise environments and where external warning sounds are required to be heard. This standard is concerned with those ear-plugs having an electronic sound restoration circuit.

This part of the standard is a specification intended for type approval purposes, for which 4 sets of specimen ear-plugs are tested, (further samples may be required for testing under EN 352-2).

The requirements and tests of the standard are concerned primarily with the level-dependent performance of the ear-plugs.

1 Scope

This European Standard is concerned with ear-plugs fitted with an electronic level-dependent sound restoration function. It specifies additional constructional, design and performance requirements, methods of test, marking requirements and user information relating to the incorporation of the level-dependency facility. The performance of the ear-plug in impulsive noise is not addressed.

The requirements of this standard are intended to take account of the ergonomic interaction between the wearer, the device and, where possible, the working environment in which the device is likely to be used (see Annex ZA of this standard and EN 458)

2 Normative references

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EN 352-2:2002, *Hearing protectors - General requirements - Part 2: Ear-plugs*

EN 13819-1, *Hearing protectors - Testing - Part 1: Physical test methods*