
**Building acoustics — Estimation of
acoustic performance of buildings
from the performance of elements —**

**Part 1:
Airborne sound insulation between
rooms**

*Acoustique du bâtiment — Calcul de la performance acoustique des
bâtiments à partir de la performance des éléments —*

Partie 1: Isolement acoustique aux bruits aériens entre des locaux



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Foreword

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Introduction

This document is part of a series specifying calculation models in building acoustics.

Although this document covers the main types of building construction it cannot as yet cover all variations in the construction of buildings. It sets out an approach for gaining experience for future improvements and developments.

The accuracy of this document can only be specified in detail after widespread comparisons with field data, which can only be gathered over a period of time after establishing the prediction model. To help the user in the meantime, indications of the accuracy have been given, based on earlier comparisons with comparable prediction models and an estimation procedure has been presented in [Annex K](#). It is the responsibility of the user (i.e. a person, an organization, the authorities) to address the consequences of the accuracy, inherent for all measurement and prediction methods, by specifying requirements for the input data and/or applying a safety margin to the results or applying some other correction.

This document is intended for acoustical experts and provides the framework for the development of application documents and tools for other users in the field of building construction, taking into account local circumstances.

The calculation models described use the most general approach for engineering purposes, with a clear link to measurable quantities that specify the performance of building elements. The known limitations of these calculation models are described in this document. Other calculation models also exist, each with their own applicability and restrictions.

The models are based on experience with predictions for dwellings; they could also be used for other types of buildings provided the construction systems and dimensions of elements are not too different from those in dwellings.

The document also provides details for application to lightweight constructions (typically steel or wood framed lightweight elements as opposed to heavier masonry or concrete elements).

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1 Scope

This document specifies calculation models designed to estimate the airborne sound insulation between adjacent rooms in buildings, primarily using measured data which characterize direct or indirect flanking transmission by the participating building elements, and theoretically-derived methods of sound propagation in structural elements.

A detailed model is described for calculation in frequency bands, in the frequency range 1/3 octave 100 Hz to 3 150 Hz in accordance with ISO 717-1, possibly extended down to 1/3 octave 50 Hz if element data and junction data are available (see [Annex I](#)); the single number rating can be determined from the calculation results. A simplified model with a restricted field of application is deduced from this, calculating directly the single number rating, using the single number ratings of the elements; a method to determine uncertainty is proposed for the simplified model (see [Annex K](#)).

This document describes the principles of the calculation scheme, lists the relevant quantities and defines its applications and restrictions.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 717-1, *Acoustics — Rating of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements — Part 1: Airborne sound insulation*

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

ISO 10848-1, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of the flanking transmission of airborne and impact sound between adjoining rooms — Part 1: Frame document*

ISO 10848-2, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of the flanking transmission of airborne and impact sound between adjoining rooms — Part 2: Application to light elements when the junction has a small influence*

ISO 10848-3, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of the flanking transmission of airborne and impact sound between adjoining rooms — Part 3: Application to light elements when the junction has a substantial influence*

ISO 10848-4, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of the flanking transmission of airborne and impact sound between adjoining rooms — Part 4: Application to junctions with at least one heavy element*

ISO 15186-3, *Acoustics — Measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements using sound intensity — Part 3: Laboratory measurements at low frequencies*