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**Acoustics — Laboratory measurement  
of sound insulation of building  
elements —**

Part 1:  
**Application rules for specific products**

*Acoustique — Mesurage en laboratoire de l'isolation acoustique des  
éléments de construction —*

*Partie 1: Règles d'application pour produits particuliers*



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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 10140-1:2016), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- all references in the text have been updated;
- in [Clause 2](#), the normative references have been updated;
- [D.4.2.1](#) regarding reference IGUs has been edited;
- former Clause G.6, "Additional information", has been removed;
- [H.6.2.2](#) has been edited;
- in [Annex K](#), rooflights have been added.

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## Introduction

ISO 10140 (all parts) concerns laboratory measurement of the sound insulation of building elements (see [Table 1](#)).

This document specifies the application rules for specific elements and products, including specific requirements for the preparation and mounting of the test elements, and for the operating and test conditions. ISO 10140-2 and ISO 10140-3 contain the general procedures for airborne and impact sound insulation measurements, respectively, and refer to ISO 10140-4 and ISO 10140-5 where appropriate. For elements and products without a specific application rule described in this document, it is possible to apply ISO 10140-2 and ISO 10140-3. ISO 10140-4 contains basic measurement techniques and processes. ISO 10140-5 contains the requirements for test facilities and equipment. For the structure of ISO 10140 (all parts), see [Table 1](#).

ISO 10140 (all parts) was developed to improve the layout for laboratory measurements, ensure consistency and simplify future changes and additions regarding mounting conditions of test elements in laboratory and field measurements. ISO 10140 (all parts) aims at presenting a well-written and arranged format for laboratory measurements.

This document is planned to be updated with application rules for other products.

**Table 1 — Structure and contents of ISO 10140 (all parts)**

Relevant part of ISO 10140	Main purpose, contents and use	Detailed content
ISO 10140-1	It indicates the appropriate test procedure for elements and products. For certain types of element/product, it can contain additional and more specific instructions about quantities and test element size and about preparation, mounting and operating conditions. Where no specific details are included, the general guidelines are according to ISO 10140-2 and ISO 10140-3.	Appropriate references to ISO 10140-2 and ISO 10140-3 and product-related, specific and additional instructions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— specific quantities measured;</li> <li>— size of test element;</li> <li>— boundary and mounting conditions;</li> <li>— conditioning, testing and operating conditions;</li> <li>— additional specifics for test report.</li> </ul>
ISO 10140-2	It gives a procedure for airborne sound insulation measurements according to ISO 10140-4 and ISO 10140-5. For products without specific application rules, it is sufficiently complete and general for the execution of measurements. However, for products with specific application rules, measurements are carried out according to ISO 10140-1, if available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Definitions of main quantities measured</li> <li>— General mounting and boundary conditions</li> <li>— General measurement procedure</li> <li>— Data processing</li> <li>— Test report (general points)</li> </ul>
ISO 10140-3	It gives a procedure for impact sound insulation measurements according to ISO 10140-4 and ISO 10140-5. For products without specific application rules, it is sufficiently complete and general for the execution of measurements. However, for products with specific application rules, measurements are carried out according to ISO 10140-1, if available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Definitions of main quantities measured</li> <li>— General mounting and boundary conditions</li> <li>— General measurement procedure</li> <li>— Data processing</li> <li>— Test report (general points)</li> </ul>

**Table 1** (continued)

Relevant part of ISO 10140	Main purpose, contents and use	Detailed content
ISO 10140-4	It gives all the basic measurement techniques and processes for measurement according to ISO 10140-2 and ISO 10140-3, or facility qualifications according to ISO 10140-5. Much of the content is implemented in software.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Definitions</li> <li>— Frequency range</li> <li>— Microphone positions</li> <li>— SPL measurements</li> <li>— Averaging, space and time</li> <li>— Correction for background noise</li> <li>— Reverberation time measurements</li> <li>— Loss factor measurements</li> <li>— Low-frequency measurements</li> <li>— Radiated sound power by velocity measurement</li> </ul>
ISO 10140-5	It specifies all information needed to design, construct and qualify the laboratory facility, its additional accessories and measurement equipment (hardware).	<p>Test facilities, design criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— volumes, dimensions;</li> <li>— flanking transmission;</li> <li>— laboratory loss factor;</li> <li>— maximum achievable sound reduction index;</li> <li>— reverberation time;</li> <li>— influence of lack of diffusivity in the laboratory.</li> </ul> <p>Test openings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— standard openings for walls and floors;</li> <li>— other openings (windows, doors, small technical elements);</li> <li>— filler walls in general.</li> </ul> <p>Requirements for equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— loudspeakers, number, positions;</li> <li>— tapping machine and other impact sources;</li> <li>— measurement equipment.</li> </ul> <p>Reference constructions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— basic elements for airborne and impact insulation improvement;</li> <li>— corresponding reference performance curves.</li> </ul>

# Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements —

## Part 1: Application rules for specific products

### 1 Scope

This document specifies test requirements for the laboratory measurement of the sound insulation of building elements and products, including detailed requirements for the preparation and mounting of the test elements, and for the operating and test conditions. It also specifies the applicable quantities, and provides additional test information for reporting.

The general procedures for airborne and impact sound insulation measurements are given in ISO 10140-2 and ISO 10140-3, respectively.

### 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 10140-2:2021, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 2: Measurement of airborne sound insulation*

ISO 10140-3:2021, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 3: Measurement of impact sound insulation*

ISO 10140-4, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 4: Measurement procedures and requirements*

ISO 10140-5:2021, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 5: Requirements for test facilities and equipment*

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

ISO 16940, *Glass in building — Glazing and airborne sound insulation — Measurement of the mechanical impedance of laminated glass*

EN 572-1, *Glass in building — Basic soda lime silicate glass products — Part 1: Definitions and general physical and mechanical properties*

EN 572-2, *Glass in building — Basic soda lime silicate glass products — Part 2: Float glass*

### 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.