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IEC 60704-2-7 has been prepared by subcommittee 59L: Small household appliances, of IEC technical committee 59: Performance of household and similar electrical appliances. It is an International Standard.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2020. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) alignment with IEC 60704-1:2021;
b) scope has been expanded to handheld, neckband and embedded fans;
c) positioning and mounting have been reworked;
d) test concept of partition ventilating fans has changed to measure both inlet and outlet side together.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for its approval can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

This document was drafted in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, and developed in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and ISO/IEC Directives, IEC Supplement, available at www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs. The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at www.iec.ch/publications.

This Part 2-7 is to be used in conjunction with IEC 60704-1:2021, *Household and similar electrical appliances - Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise - Part 1: General requirements.*

The relevant text of IEC 60704-1:2021 as amended by this standard establishes the test code for fans.

This Part 2-7 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60704-1:2021, so as to establish the test code for fans. When a particular subclause of IEC 60704-1:2021 is not mentioned in this Part 2-7, that subclause is applicable as far as reasonable. Where this standard states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant requirements, test specifications or explanatory matter in IEC 60704-1:2021 shall be adapted accordingly.

Subclauses, tables and figures that are numbered starting from 101 are additional to those in IEC 60704-1:2021.

Unless notes are in a new subclause or involve notes in IEC 60704-1:2021, they are numbered starting from 101, including those in a replaced clause or subclause.

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INTRODUCTION to IEC 60704-1:2021

Although the noise emitted by household appliances does not generally present a hazard to the hearing of the operator and other exposed persons, the need for standardization procedures for the determination of the noise emitted has been recognized for a long time. Such procedures should be specified, not only for special types of appliances, but also the principles should be applicable to the majority of appliances in general use.

Generally, the determination of noise levels is only part of a comprehensive testing procedure covering many aspects of the properties and performances of the appliance. It is therefore important that the requirements for noise measurements (such as test environment, instrumentation, and amount of labour involved) be kept at a modest level.

The results of noise measurements are used for many purposes, for example for noise declaration, as well as for comparing the noise emitted by a specific appliance to the noise emitted by other appliances of the same family. In other cases, the results are taken as a basis for engineering action in the development stages of new pieces of equipment, or in deciding on means for sound insulation. For all purposes, it is important to specify procedures with known accuracy so that the results of measurements taken by different laboratories can be compared.

These conditions have, as far as possible, been taken into account in the preparation of this test code. The acoustic measuring methods are based on those described in ISO 3743-1:2010, ISO 3743-2:2018 and ISO 3744:2010.

The adoption of these methods permits the use of hemi-anechoic rooms, special reverberation test rooms and hard-walled test rooms. The result of the measurements is the sound power level of the appliance. Within the measuring uncertainty specific to these methods, the results from the determination under free field conditions over a reflecting plane are equal to those obtained in reverberant fields.

The use of intensity methods as described in ISO 9614-1:1993, ISO 9614-2:1996, and ISO 9614-3:2002 is applicable under special conditions, which are described in specific parts of the IEC 60704-2 series.

This test code is concerned with airborne noise only. In some cases, structure-borne noise, for example transmitted to the adjoining room, can be of importance.

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The measuring conditions specified in this document provide for sufficient accuracy in determining the noise emitted and the comparison of the results of measurements taken by different laboratories, whilst simulating as far as possible the practical use of household fans.

It is recommended to consider the determination of noise levels as part of a comprehensive testing procedure covering many aspects of the properties and performance of household fans.

NOTE As stated in the introduction to IEC 60704-1, this test code is concerned with airborne noise only.

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60704 applies to electric appliances (including their accessories or components) for household and similar use, supplied from mains or from batteries.

By "similar use" is understood the use in conditions similar to those found in households, for example in inns, coffee houses, tea rooms, hotels, barber or hairdresser shops, launderettes, etc., if not otherwise specified in the IEC 60704-2 series.

This document does not apply to

– appliances, equipment, or machines designed exclusively for industrial or professional purposes;
– appliances that are integrated parts of a building or its installations, such as equipment for air conditioning, heating and ventilating (except household fans, cooker hoods, free-standing heating appliances, dehumidifiers, air cleaners, and stand-alone water heaters), oil burners for central heating, pumps for water supply and for sewage systems;
– separate motors or generators and
– appliances exclusively for outdoor use.

For determining and verifying noise emission values declared in product specifications, see IEC 60704-3:2019.

This part of IEC 60704 applies to electrical fans (including their accessories and their component parts) for household and similar use, designed for AC or DC supply.

The motor, the impeller and their housing, if any, form a single unit.

These particular requirements apply to:

– **comfort fans** (conventional and bladeless),
– table fans,
– pedestal fans,
– ceiling fans,
– **wall bracket fans**,
– **ceiling bracket fans**,
– louvre fans,
– tower fans,
– **handheld fans**,
– **neckband fans**,
– embedded fans,
– **ventilating fans**.

This document does not apply to:

– fans that are part of a central ventilation system,
– fans that are part of an appliance (for example cooling fans),
– fans with additional functions (for example heating, humidifying).

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.

IEC 60704-2 (all parts), *Household and similar electrical appliances – Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise*

IEC 60704-3:2019, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise – Part 3: Procedure for determining and verifying declared noise emission values*

IEC 61260-1:2014, *Electroacoustics – Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters – Part 1: Specifications*

IEC 61672-1:2013, *Electroacoustics – Sound level meters – Part 1: Specifications*

ISO 3743-1:2010, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources – Engineering methods for small, movable sources in reverberant fields – Part 1: Comparison method for hard-walled test rooms*

ISO 3743-2:2018, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering methods for small, movable sources in reverberant fields – Part 2: Methods for special reverberation test rooms*

ISO 3744:2010, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering method in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 9614-1:1993, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity – Part 1: Measurement at discrete points*

ISO 9614-2:1996, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity – Part 2: Measurement by scanning*

ISO 9614-3:2002, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity – Part 3: Precision method for measurement by scanning*

ISO 6926:2016, *Acoustics – Requirements for the performance and calibration of reference sound sources used for the determination of sound power levels*

ISO 12001:1996, *Acoustics – Noise emitted by machinery and equipment – Rules for the drafting and presentation of a noise test code*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply. Terms and definitions pertinent to the determination of sound power levels can be found in ISO 3743-1:2010, ISO 3743-2:2018 and ISO 3744:2010.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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