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European foreword

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Introduction

Ideally, sound exposure assessment should be done with a normalized dosimeter located close to the head (ears) of the user during the whole time of the exposure. However, in the context of leisure activities, and for evident practical and economical reasons, this ideal methodology cannot be applied. For a user of a Personal Music Player (PMP), a dosimeter would even have to sit inside the ear canal, close to the tympanic membrane, with exposure data transformed to diffuse field equivalent. The aim of this European Standard is to define an alternative and more applicable methodology for estimating sound exposure from PMPs.

A PMP should inform the user about potentially harmful sound exposure, long-term as well as short-term. This is accomplished by including a rolling calculation of sound dose, *CSD*, and an estimation of momentary sound exposure level, *MEL*. In case *CSD* or *MEL* exceeds defined thresholds, the user is warned and/or PMP gain is lowered. All protections should remain in place when listening to any kind of typical PMP source (music, broadcast, game etc.), but not when, for instance, having a phone call. Annex A shows a block diagram of how a complete protection system might be realized.

By adding actual PMP dose estimation to EN 50332-1 and EN 50332-2, rather than assuming the average energy of programs and tracks, warnings become more relevant to the user. Relevance and trustworthiness is essential for one of the standard's objectives: its educational value.

If estimation relies only on feed-forward principles, some uncertainty in the prediction of *in vivo* dose will persist, for instance how earplugs or headphones are mounted, spread between transducers, spectral properties of transducers, broken transducers etc. Some uncertainties can be effectively dealt with when known combinations of PMPs and headphones are employed, while it may add to the uncertainty when components are acquired separately.

Regardless that earphones, earbuds or headphones for use with PMPs may not exceed defined limits with regard to sensitivity, it is acknowledged that extra uncertainty in the exposure estimation with arbitrary combinations of PMPs and transducers will persist. However, with this part 3, actual electrical measurement of source audio as part of dose estimation, a major contributor to warning errors in general, is eliminated.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies sound dose measurement, and the alerts associated, to reduce the risk of listeners developing hearing impairment when using a Personal Music Player (PMP). The standard does not cover exposure from other sources than PMPs.

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.

EN 50332-1:2013, Sound system equipment: Headphones and earphones associated with personal music players - Maximum sound pressure level measurement methodology - Part 1: General method for "one package equipment"

EN 50332-2:2013, Sound system equipment: Headphones and earphones associated with personal music players - Maximum sound pressure level measurement methodology - Part 2: Matching of sets with headphones if either or both are offered separately, or are offered as one package equipment but with standardised connectors between the two allowing to combine components of different manufacturers or different design

EN 62368-1, Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment - Part 1: Safety requirements (IEC 62368-1:2014)

HD 483.1 S2, Sound system equipment - Part 1: General

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