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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 3095:2013), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- the alignment of measurement conditions with ISO 3381:2021<sup>[6]</sup>;
- an improvement of the tonality assessment;
- the introduction of specific measurement conditions for hybrid vehicles;
- a new informative [Annex C](#) providing guidance information on the track influence on pass-by test results;
- an improved specification for additional noise measurements on bridges and other elevated structures in concrete bridge sections (see [Annex F](#));
- a new informative [Annex H](#) specifying the measurement method for noise from parked trains to support a potential regulation aiming at taking into account annoyance produced in that situation;
- a new informative [Annex I](#) outlining a procedure for assessing tonal noise using a narrow band analysis at standstill.

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## Introduction

Railway exterior noise is encountered both along open tracks and in and around depots, stops, stations and other holding locations. It includes a number of different physical sources such as rolling noise,[\[20\]](#)[\[28\]](#) [\[29\]](#)[\[30\]](#) impact noise, traction noise, aerodynamic noise, curving noise, braking noise, horn noise and noise from auxiliary equipment and other components. The noise for any given train type strongly depends on the rolling stock design, operating conditions and the track type and condition.

Rolling noise is one of the main sources from vehicle running on open tracks. It contains a significant and sometimes dominant noise contribution from the track. This document is intended to characterize the noise emission from the unit, minimizing the influence of the track.

These conditions are relevant for type testing of rolling stock, enabling comparisons of rolling stock noise emission levels for train operating and test conditions to comply with regulatory or contractual sound level limits. Where measurements are undertaken on other track designs or with different rolling stock operating conditions, noise levels can differ from the type test conditions described herein.

When project proponents are specifying project noise limits for rolling stock, they should include consideration of what is appropriate to their network/environment, temperature ranges, track type (ballast/slab/tunnel, light rail, etc.), and note that the limit values will be dependent on the network conditions, track decay rates, wheel/rail maintenance expectations, speed range, curves, and so on.

Railway environments carry particular safety risks. The measurement procedures specified in this document need to take into account relevant safe work methods applicable to each network.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies measurement methods and conditions to obtain reproducible and comparable exterior noise emission levels and spectra for all kinds of vehicles operating on rails or other types of fixed track, hereinafter conventionally called "unit".

This document is applicable to type testing of units.

It provides measurement procedures for vehicle exterior noise (in general, a vehicle type test is carried out using only a selected subset of these tests):

- when the vehicle is moving at constant speed;
- when the vehicle is accelerating or decelerating;
- when the vehicle is stationary in different operating conditions.

It does not include all the instructions to characterize the noise emission of the infrastructure related sources (bridges, crossings, switching, impact noise, curving noise, etc.).

This document does not apply to

- the noise emission of track maintenance units while working,
- environmental impact assessment (collection of data to be used in a prediction method for environmental assessment),
- noise immission assessment,
- guided buses, and
- warning signal noise.

The results can be used, for example

- to characterize the exterior noise emitted by units,
- to compare the noise emission of various units on a particular track section, and
- to collect basic source data for units.

NOTE Additional guidance is provided in [Annex E](#) for measurements in the specific case of urban rail vehicles.

## 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 60942:2017, *Electroacoustics — Sound calibrators*

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