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- a) personal sound exposure meters are required to provide indications of time-averaged sound level and peak sound level;
- b) sound exposure is an optional quantity for indication;
- c) specifications for physical quantities that do not follow the principle of equal-energy exchange rate have been added;
- d) specifications for directional response have been added;

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- e) specifications for frequency weightings apply to the relative diffuse-field frequency response;
- f) determination of conformance to specifications takes account of uncertainties of measurement;
- g) detailed requirements for pattern-evaluation tests and periodic testing have been added.

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INTRODUCTION

The principal application for a personal sound exposure meter is the measurement of sound immission in the vicinity of a person's head, for example for assessment of occupational noise exposure in accordance with International Standards such as ISO 1999 and ISO 9612.

The microphone of a personal sound exposure meter is typically worn on the shoulder, collar, or other location close to the ear. In many practical situations, the sound immission indicated by an instrument worn on a person is likely to be different from that which would be measured in the absence of a person. The influence of the person wearing a personal sound exposure meter should be considered when estimating the sound immission that would have been measured with the person absent.

The most common physical quantities for characterisation of sound immission are time-averaged sound levels and peak sound levels. For this reason, this document requires a personal sound exposure meter to provide indications of these sound levels.

Other quantities which are sometimes measured include sound exposure and sound exposure levels. Therefore, this document optionally allows a personal sound exposure meter to indicate these quantities.

Sound exposure is a physical measure that accounts for both the sound pressure and its duration, at a given location, through the time integral of the square of the instantaneous frequency-weighted sound pressure. A doubling (or halving) of the integration time of a constant sound level yields a doubling (or halving) of sound exposure. Similarly, an increase (or decrease) of 3 dB in a constant input sound level for a constant integration time yields a doubling (or halving) of the sound exposure. The same operating principle ("equal-energy exchange rate") underlies the measurement of sound exposure level.

The term "dose" is sometimes used to refer to a percentage of a predetermined criterion for exposure to noise in terms of a specified upper limit (often a legal limit) of a specified physical quantity. The physical quantity and the value of the limit vary between jurisdictions, and some jurisdictions specify quantities that are not based on the principle of equal-energy exchange. Therefore, this document allows a personal sound exposure meter to indicate these quantities and distinguishes between equal-energy-based and non-equal-energy-based quantities.

This document specifies performance requirements for personal sound exposure meters of one performance class. The specifications generally correspond to those for a class 2 integrating-averaging sound level meter as given in IEC 61672-1:2013 for an A-weighted sound pressure level range at least from 67 dB to 137 dB and a nominal frequency range from 20 Hz to 8 kHz. The design goals and the acceptance limits for deviations from the design goals are representative of the performance of practical instruments. Personal sound exposure meters are unlikely to be suitable for measurement of sound levels outside these ranges.

The title of this document has been changed with respect to IEC 61252:1993 because this document includes requirements for pattern-evaluation tests and periodic testing in addition to performance specifications.

The purpose of pattern evaluation is to determine whether a model of personal sound exposure meter conforms to all the performance specifications given in this document.

The purpose of periodic testing is to assure the user that the individual personal sound exposure meter conforms to the applicable performance specifications for a limited set of key tests and for the environmental conditions under which the tests are performed. The extent of the periodic tests is deliberately restricted to the minimum considered necessary. Because of the limited extent of the periodic tests, evidence of pattern approval is necessary to state that the individual personal sound exposure meter conforms to the complete set of specifications of this document.

The aim is to ensure that pattern evaluation and periodic testing are performed in a consistent manner by all laboratories.

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1 Scope

This document specifies

- performance specifications for personal sound exposure meters,
- details of the tests necessary to verify conformance to all mandatory specifications for the purpose of pattern evaluation, and
- procedures for periodic testing of a personal sound exposure meter.

Personal sound exposure meters conforming to the requirements of this document have a specified frequency response for sound incident on the microphone from all directions.

This document is applicable to instruments that are designed to be worn on a person in a configuration specified by the manufacturer for the measurement of sound immission resulting from steady, intermittent, fluctuating, irregular, or impulsive sounds. For reproducibility of results, specifications and tests for the response to sound waves apply without an operator present in the sound field.

Pattern evaluation tests and periodic tests described in this document apply to personal sound exposure meters for which the manufacturer claims conformance to the specifications given in this document.

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