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**Acoustics — Field measurement of  
sound insulation in buildings and of  
building elements —**

**Part 2:  
Impact sound insulation**

*Acoustique — Mesurage in situ de l'isolation acoustique des  
bâtiments et des éléments de construction —*

*Partie 2: Isolation des bruits d'impacts*





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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 16283-2:2015), which has been technically revised.

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

- amended text in [7.3.2](#) so that the choice of microphone positions applies to any impact source.

A list of all parts in the ISO 16283 series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

ISO 16283 (all parts) describes procedures for field measurements of sound insulation in buildings. Airborne, impact and façade sound insulation are described in ISO 16283-1, this document (ISO 16283-2) and ISO 16283-3, respectively.

Field sound insulation measurements that were described previously in ISO 140-4<sup>1)</sup>, ISO 140-5<sup>2)</sup>, and ISO 140-7<sup>3)</sup> were a) primarily intended for measurements where the sound field could be considered to be diffuse, and b) not explicit as to whether operators could be present in the rooms during the measurement. ISO 16283 (all parts) differs from ISO 140-4, ISO 140-5, and ISO 140-7 in that:

- a) it applies to rooms in which the sound field may or may not approximate to a diffuse field;
- b) it clarifies how operators can measure the sound field using a hand-held microphone or sound level meter;
- c) it includes additional guidance that was previously contained in ISO 140-14<sup>4)</sup>.

NOTE Survey test methods for field measurements of airborne and impact sound insulation are dealt with in ISO 10052.

Two impact sources are described: the tapping machine and the rubber ball. These impact sources do not exactly replicate all possible types of real impacts on floors or stairs in buildings.

The tapping machine can be used to assess a variety of light, hard impacts such as footsteps from walkers wearing hard-heeled footwear or dropped objects. A single number quantity can be calculated using the rating procedures in ISO 717-2. This single number quantity links the measured impact sound insulation using the tapping machine to subjective assessment of general impacts in dwellings that occur on floors or stairs in a building. The tapping machine is also well-suited to the prediction of impact sound insulation using ISO 12354-2. These two aspects facilitate the specification of impact sound insulation in national building requirements using only measurements with the tapping machine as an impact source.

The rubber ball can be used to assess heavy, soft impacts such as from walkers in bare feet or children jumping, as well as quantifying absolute values that can be related to human disturbance in terms of a Fast time-weighted maximum sound pressure level. Calculation procedures for a single number quantity do not currently exist in an International Standard.

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# Acoustics — Field measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements —

## Part 2: Impact sound insulation

### 1 Scope

This document specifies procedures to determine the impact sound insulation using sound pressure measurements with an impact source operating on a floor or stairs in a building. These procedures are intended for room volumes in the range from 10 m<sup>3</sup> to 250 m<sup>3</sup> in the frequency range from 50 Hz to 5 000 Hz. The test results can be used to quantify, assess and compare the impact sound insulation in unfurnished or furnished rooms where the sound field can approximate to a diffuse field.

### 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 3382-2, *Acoustics — Measurement of room acoustic parameters — Part 2: Reverberation time in ordinary rooms*

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

ISO 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

ISO 18233, *Acoustics — Application of new measurement methods in building and room acoustics*

IEC 60942, *Electroacoustics — Sound calibrators*

IEC 61183, *Electroacoustics — Random-incidence and diffuse-field calibration of sound level meters*

IEC 61260 (all parts), *Electroacoustics — Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters*

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

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>