
**Agricultural and forestry tractors —
Measurement of noise emitted when
in motion**

*Tracteurs agricoles et forestiers — Mesurage du bruit émis en
mouvement*

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Foreword

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Introduction

Technical harmonization with OECD is ensured by the Maintenance Agency operating as specified in [Annex A](#).

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for measuring the A-weighted sound pressure level of the noise emitted by agricultural and forestry tractors while the vehicle is in motion.

The conditions specified for the operation of the agricultural and forestry tractors during the measurements are defined to provide a realistic and repeatable assessment of the maximum noise emitted when it is in motion.

This International Standard is applicable to agricultural and forestry tractors, fitted with elastic tyres or rubber tracks.

It is not applicable to special forestry machinery, for example, forwarders, skidders, etc., as defined in ISO 6814 and agricultural and forestry tractors, fitted with steel tracks.

NOTE The test method calls for an acoustical environment which can only be obtained in an extensive open space.

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.

IEC 61672-1, *Electroacoustics — Sound level meters*

IEC 60942, *Electroacoustics — Sound calibrators*

ISO 6814:2009, *Machinery for forestry — Mobile and self-propelled machinery — Terms, definitions and classification*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

agricultural tractor

self-propelled agricultural vehicle having at least two axles and wheels, or endless tracks, particularly designed to pull agricultural trailers and pull, push, carry and operate implements used for agricultural work (including forestry work), which may be provided with a detachable loading platform

Note 1 to entry: The agricultural vehicle has a maximum design speed of not less than 6 km/h and may be equipped with one or more seats.

[SOURCE: ISO 12934:2013, 3.1]

3.2

unballasted tractor mass

mass in the tractor in working order with tanks and radiators full, roll-over protective structure with cladding, and any track equipment or additional front-wheel drive components required for normal use

Note 1 to entry: Not included are the operator, optional ballast weights, additional wheel equipment, special equipment and loads.

[SOURCE: ISO 5700:2013, 3.2]

4 Measurement units and tolerances

The following units and tolerances apply to the maximum value measured:

—	rotational frequency (r/min)	$\pm 0,5 \%$;
—	time (s)	$\pm 0,2 \text{ s}$;
—	distance (m or mm)	$\pm 0,5 \%$;
—	force (N)	$\pm 1,0 \%$;
—	mass (kg)	$\pm 0,5 \%$;
—	atmospheric pressure (kPa)	$\pm 0,2 \text{ kPa}$;
—	tyre pressure (Pa)	$\pm 5 \%$.

5 Instrumentation

5.1 A precision quality sound level meter shall be used meeting or exceeding the requirements of IEC 61672-1 for a class 1 instrument. If alternative measuring equipment is used, the tolerances shall not exceed those given in the relevant clauses of IEC 61672-1 for a class 1 instrument. Measurement shall be carried out with a frequency weighting network in conformity with curve A and set to give fast response as is described in the IEC publication.

5.2 The calibration of the equipment at the time of measurement shall be in accordance in all respects with the specifications of IEC 61672-1 for a class 1 instrument. Checking of the calibration shall be carried out at appropriate intervals and at least before and after each measurement session, using an acoustical calibrator in accordance with the specifications of IEC 60942 for a class 1 instrument. The calibrator shall be checked annually to verify its output and its calibration shall be traceable to a national standards laboratory.

6 Circumstances for testing

6.1 Acoustical environment

6.1.1 Measurements shall be made in a sufficiently silent, flat, and open zone. This area shall be an open space of 50 m radius, of which the central part of at least 20 m radius shall be practically level and made concrete, asphalt, or similar material and shall not be covered with powdery snow, high grass, friable soil or cinders.

6.1.2 The surface of the test track shall be of such a kind that pneumatic tyres or rubber tracks do not cause excessive noise. The surface shall be as clean and dry as possible (e.g. free of gravel, leaves, snow, etc.).

6.2 Ambient conditions

6.2.1 Measurements shall be made in fine weather with little or no wind. The level of background noise and the level of wind noise at the microphone location shall be at least 10 dB(A) below the noise level measured during the test. Any extraneous noise occurring during the reading, which is not connected to general sound level measurement, shall not be taken into consideration.

6.2.2 No correction shall be made to the test results for the atmospheric conditions or other factors. Atmospheric pressure shall not be less than 96,6 kPa. If this is not possible because of conditions of altitude, a modified injection pump setting may have to be used, details of which will be included in the report.

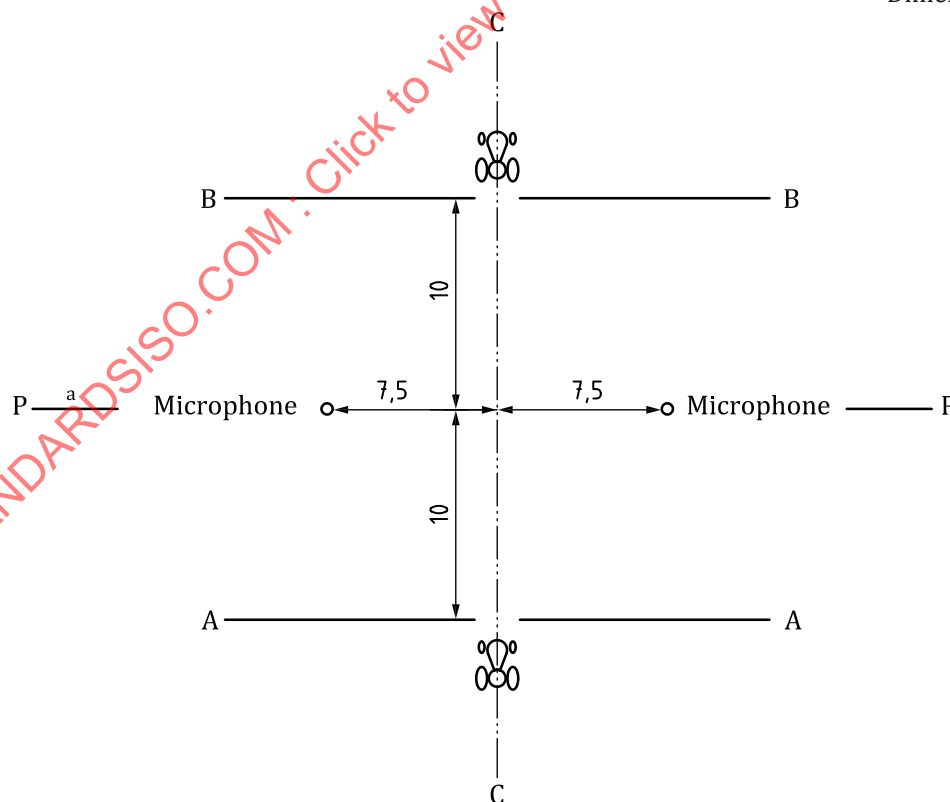
7 Layout of the test area

7.1 The centreline of the track (CC), a line (PP) perpendicular to it and passing through the centre of the test area and two lines (AA and BB) parallel to line PP and 10 m from it shall be marked on the track (see [Figure 1](#)).

7.2 The microphone shall be placed 1,2 m above ground and a distance of 7,5 m from the axis of forward movement of the tractor, measured along the perpendicular PP to the axis (see [Figure 1](#)).

The microphone shall be oriented in a direction normal to the centreline of the path of travel on the track.

Dimensions in metres



- ^a One microphone position may be eliminated, in which case an additional test run from BB to AA is required.

Figure 1 — Layout of the test area — Microphone position

8 Condition of tractor

8.1 Measurement will be made on the unballasted tractor with no load and without trailer or semi-trailer.

8.2 Immediately before the test, the engine shall be brought to its normal operating temperature.

8.3 The stabilized ground speed to be used will be equal to three-quarters of the attainable maximum in the transmission gear or setting giving the highest speed used for roadwork.

9 Test procedure

9.1 At least two measurements shall be carried out on each side of the tractor. Preliminary measurements to establish governor control setting may be made but shall not be taken into consideration.

9.2 Tractors shall be driven at stabilized ground speed, under the conditions specified in [Clause 8](#), as far as line AA. At this moment, the governor control lever shall quickly be fully opened. The lever shall be held in this position until the tractor has passed line BB and then brought to the minimum position as quickly as possible.

10 Interpretation of results

10.1 Measurements shall be considered valid if the difference between two consecutive measurements on the same side of the tractor does not exceed 2 dB(A).

10.2 The highest sound level measured shall constitute the test result.

11 Test report

The test report shall include the following details:

- a) reference to this International Standard
- b) name and address of the manufacturer
- c) the tractor type, model serial number and transmission type
- d) the type and rated speed of the engine
- e) a brief description of the silencing system (if provide)
- f) whether the tractor is two- or four-wheel drive
- g) details of the test site, the testing ground conditions and meteorological conditions
- h) sound level meter, make, model, type
- i) the number of measurements and the sound pressure levels recorded
- j) overall test results
- k) date and place of test and signature of the tester.

Annex A (informative)

Designation of Maintenance Agency

A.1 A Maintenance Agency has been established by the ISO Technical Management Board (TMB) to ensure that technical harmonization can be maintained between ISO/TC 23/SC 2 Standards and OECD Tractor Test Codes. It operates through guidelines approved by the TMB, accessible at <http://standards.iso.org/iso/7216> that entrust it to the following functions:

- a) to receive the requests for changes from recognized ISO/TC 23/SC 2 P-members;
- b) to evaluate and resolve the requests for changes;
- c) to publish the approved changes.

A.2 Changes to this International Standard will be announced by the MA Secretariat to ISO/TC 23/SC 2 and will be made publicly available at <http://standards.iso.org/iso/7216>. They constitute authoritative amendments to [Clauses 1](#) to [11](#) of this International Standard.

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