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SOUND SYSTEM EQUIPMENT –

Part 5: Loudspeakers

1 Scope

This standard applies to sound system loudspeakers, treated entirely as passive elements. Loudspeakers with built-in amplifiers are excluded.

NOTE 1 The term “loudspeaker” used in this standard relates to loudspeaker drive units themselves and also to loudspeaker systems, which comprise one or more loudspeaker drive units provided with a baffle, enclosure or horn and such relevant devices as built-in crossover filters, transformers and any other passive element.

The purpose of this standard is to give the characteristics to be specified and the relevant methods of measurement for loudspeakers using sinusoidal or specified noise or impulsive signals.

NOTE 2 The methods of measurement given in this standard have been chosen for their appropriateness to the characteristics.

NOTE 3 If equivalent results can be obtained using other methods of measurement, details of the methods used should be presented with the results.

NOTE 4 The following items are under consideration:

- loudspeakers with built-in amplifiers;
- measurements under conditions other than free-field, half-space free-field and diffuse field;
- measurements with signals other than sinusoidal or noise or impulsive signals.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60050(151), *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 151: Electrical and magnetic devices*

IEC 60263, *Scales and sizes for plotting frequency characteristics and polar diagrams*

IEC 60268-1, *Sound system equipment – Part 1: General*

IEC 60268-2, *Sound system equipment – Part 2: Explanation of general terms and calculation methods*

IEC 60268-3, *Sound system equipment – Part 3: Amplifiers*

IEC 60268-11, *Sound system equipment – Part 11: Application of connectors for the interconnection of sound system components*

IEC 60268-12, *Sound system equipment – Part 12: Application of connectors for broadcast and similar use*

IEC 60268-14, *Part 14: Circular and elliptical loudspeakers; outer frame diameters and mounting dimensions*

IEC 60651, *Sound level meters*

IEC 61260, *Electroacoustics – Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters*

ISO 3741, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Precision methods for reverberation rooms*

ISO 3744, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering method in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 3745, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources – Precision methods for anechoic and semi-anechoic rooms*