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**Safety of machinery — Laser  
processing machines —**

Part 3:  
**Noise reduction and noise  
measurement methods for laser  
processing machines and hand-held  
processing devices and associated  
auxiliary equipment (accuracy grade 2)**

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*Partie 3: Méthodes de mesure et de réduction du bruit des machines  
à laser, des dispositifs de traitement portatifs et des équipements  
auxiliaires connexes (classe de précision 2)*



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## Foreword

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ISO/IEC 11553-3 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 172, *Optics and photonics*, Subcommittee SC 9, *Electro-optical systems*, in collaboration with IEC/TC 76, *Optical radiation safety and laser equipment*.

ISO/IEC 11553 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Safety of machinery — Laser processing machines*:

- *Part 1: General safety requirements*
- *Part 2: Safety requirements for hand-held laser processing devices*
- *Part 3: Noise reduction and noise measurement methods for laser processing machines and hand-held processing devices and associated auxiliary equipment (accuracy grade 2)*

## Introduction

The Machinery Safety Directive issued by the Council of the EU outlines essential and mandatory requirements that must be met in order to ensure that machinery is safe. In response, CEN/CENELEC initiated a programme to produce safety standards for machines and their applications. This part of ISO/IEC 11553 is one in that series. It has been prepared as a harmonized standard to provide a means of conforming with the essential safety requirements of the Machinery Directive and associated EFTA Regulations.

This document is a type B standard as stated in ISO 12100. The provision of this document may be supplemented or modified by a type C standard.

For machines which are covered by the scope of a type C standard and which have been designed and built according to the provision of that standard, the provisions of that type C standard take precedence over the provisions of this type B standard.

It is applicable to machines using laser radiation to process materials. The purpose of this part of ISO/IEC 11553 is to prevent injuries to persons by

- listing potential hazards generated by machines containing lasers,
- specifying safety measures and verifications necessary for reducing the risk caused by specific hazardous conditions,
- providing references to pertinent standards, and
- specifying the information which is to be supplied to the users so that they can establish proper procedures and precautions.

# Safety of machinery — Laser processing machines —

## Part 3:

# Noise reduction and noise measurement methods for laser processing machines and hand-held processing devices and associated auxiliary equipment (accuracy grade 2)

## 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 11553 describes the requirements to deal with noise hazards and specifies all the information necessary to carry out efficiently and under standardized conditions the determination, declaration and verification of airborne noise emission from laser processing machines and hand-held laser processing devices within the scope of ISO/IEC 11553-1 and ISO/IEC 11553-2. It specifies the safety requirements relating to noise hazards. It specifies noise measurement methods, installation and operating conditions to be used for the test, together with the information to be supplied by manufacturers of such equipment.

This part of ISO/IEC 11553 applies to those laser processing machines and hand-held laser processing devices included in the scope of ISO/IEC 11553-1 and ISO/IEC 11553-2.

Noise emission characteristics include emission sound pressure levels at work stations and the sound power level. Declared noise emission values permit comparison of laser processing machines and hand-held laser processing devices on the market.

The use of this noise test code (see [Annex A](#)) ensures the reproducibility of the determination of the characteristic noise emission values within specific limits. These limits are determined by the accuracy grade of the noise emission measuring method used. Noise emission measurements specified by this part of ISO/IEC 11553 meet the requirements of an engineering method (accuracy grade 2).

## 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.

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 3746, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Survey method using an enveloping measurement surface over a reflecting plane*

ISO 4871, *Acoustics — Declaration and verification of noise emission values of machinery and equipment*

ISO 9614-2, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity — Part 2: Measurement by scanning*

ISO 11201, *Acoustics — Noise emitted by machinery and equipment — Determination of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane with negligible environmental corrections*

ISO 11202, *Acoustics — Noise emitted by machinery and equipment — Determination of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions applying approximate environmental corrections*

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ISO 11203:1995, *Acoustics — Noise emitted by machinery and equipment — Determination of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions from the sound power level*

ISO 11204, *Acoustics — Noise emitted by machinery and equipment — Determination of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions applying accurate environmental corrections*

ISO/IEC 11553-1, *Safety of machinery — Laser processing machines — Part 1: General safety requirements*

ISO/IEC 11553-2, *Safety of machinery — Laser processing machines — Part 2: Safety requirements for hand-held laser processing devices*

ISO 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*

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

EN 352-1, *Hearing protectors — General requirements — Part 1: Ear-Muffs*