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## Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EV-010, Acoustics Community Noise, to supersede AS 3756—1990, *Acoustics—Measurement of high-frequency noise emitted by computer and business equipment*.

The objective of this Standard is to specify four methods for the determination of the sound power levels of high-frequency noise emitted by machinery and equipment in the frequency range covered by the octave band centred at 16 kHz, which includes frequencies between 11,2 kHz and 22,4 kHz. They are complementary to the methods described in ISO 3741 and ISO 3744. The first three methods are based on the reverberation test room technique. The fourth method makes use of a free field over a reflecting plane.

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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 43, *Acoustics*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Noise*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 9295:1988), which has been technically revised.

## Introduction

Some machinery and equipment emit high-frequency noise which might be broad-band noise (e.g. paper noise of high-speed printing) or narrow-band noise and discrete tones (e.g. noise of switching power supplies and video display units or medical devices).

This International Standard specifies methods for the determination of the sound power levels in the frequency range covered by the octave band centred at 16 kHz. The measured levels are not frequency-weighted. The principal objective of this International Standard is to prescribe methods for determining the sound power levels and frequencies of tones which are contained within the 16 kHz octave band.

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### 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies four methods for the determination of the sound power levels of high-frequency noise emitted by machinery and equipment in the frequency range covered by the octave band centred at 16 kHz, which includes frequencies between 11,2 kHz and 22,4 kHz. They are complementary to the methods described in ISO 3741 and ISO 3744. The first three methods are based on the reverberation test room technique. The fourth method makes use of a free field over a reflecting plane.

The test conditions which prescribe the installation and operation of the equipment are those specified in ISO 3741 or ISO 3744 as applicable.

### 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.

ISO 3741, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Precision methods for reverberation test rooms*

ISO 3744, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 6926, *Acoustics — Requirements for the performance and calibration of reference sound sources used for the determination of sound power levels*

ISO 9613-1, *Acoustics — Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors — Part 1: Calculation of the absorption of sound by the atmosphere*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 3741 and ISO 3744 apply.

### 4 Conformity requirements

A method for the measurement of high-frequency noise is in conformance with this International Standard if it satisfies all the mandatory requirements of one of the four methods described herein specified in [Clauses 6](#) to [9](#), and if the information recorded and reported is as specified in [Clauses 12](#) and [13](#), respectively.

### 5 Requirements for measurements in a reverberation test room

#### 5.1 General

This International Standard describes three methods using the reverberation test room technique of ISO 3741. The first and the second methods are usually called “direct methods” because they use directly measured or calculated reverberation times. The third method is a so-called “comparison method”. A calibrated reference sound source is used from which the sound power levels of the equipment are determined by comparison.