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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by Standards Australia's Committee TE/8, Audio and Video Engineering and Recording. The Standard is identical with and reproduced from IEC Publication 98 (3rd Edition), *Analogue audio disk records and reproducing equipment*.

The purpose of this Standard is to specify the parameters which are necessary to ensure compatibility between analogue recordings (discs) and the corresponding reproducing equipment. These parameters are defined in the Standard which also specifies the units and symbols which should be used, the methods for making the drawings and the scales for presentation of the data. The Standard also defines the most important parameters affecting the performance of reproducing equipment and establishes uniform methods of measurement for them. In addition, examples of test records for a variety of measurements are described in appendices.

The IEC Publication attached includes in Clause 10.2.1 a roll-off in reproduction characteristic (see Figure 3, Page 51 of IEC 98) below 20 Hz, specified by an additional time-constant of 7950  $\mu$ s. This results in an overall response which is undesirable and is considered uncomplimentary to the recording characteristic, particularly in view of the increasing use of mid-range (sub-woofer) loudspeakers in reproduction.

The desirability of providing attenuation of this kind, to overcome limitations in specific playback equipment is recognized, in particular due to the number of turntables and to the fact that the acoustic output of some loudspeakers may fall at very low frequencies where the drivers are required to execute large excursions (up to some centimetres), the Committee considers the specification of a mandatory high-pass filtering undesirable. Rather, the provision of high-pass filters of the first or higher orders of magnitude, should be a matter for each manufacturer to determine in the light of the limitations of the remainder of the playback chain.

The Committee believes that the 7950  $\mu$ s time-constant specified herein should therefore, be considered optional rather than mandatory as stated in Clause 10.2.1.

The page numbers of the English text are given on the bottom left corner of each page of this Standard.

For the purpose of this Australian Standard, the text of the IEC Publication used herein should be modified as follows:

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- (b) *Cross-references*: The references to international Standards should be replaced by references to Australian Standards as follows:

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**1. Scope**

This standard applies to analogue audio disc records and the corresponding professional and domestic reproducing equipment. It excludes amplifiers and loudspeakers, methods of measurement for which can be found in IEC Publications 268-3 and 268-5 respectively. It also excludes all aspects of quality grading, which can be found in IEC Publication 581-3.

**2. Object**

This standard consists of three sections, the objects of which are as follows.

Section One lists all general information necessary to ensure correct interpretation of subsequent sections of this standard.

Section Two specifies the parameters which are necessary to ensure compatibility between analogue audio disc records and the corresponding reproducing equipment.

Section Three lists and defines the most important parameters affecting the performance of reproducing equipment, and establishes agreed methods of measurement for these parameters.

## SECTION ONE — GENERAL

**3. Definitions**

The following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this standard. In cases where the definition appears in the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) [IEC Publication 50], the appropriate reference is stated in brackets after the heading for the definition.

**3.1 Monophonic record** (IEV 806-03-67)

A record which carries one channel of information in the form of lateral displacements of a spiral groove.

**3.2 Stereophonic record** (IEV 806-03-68)

A record which carries two channels of information in the form of displacements of a single spiral groove in two mutually perpendicular directions.

**3.3 Rated value**

Exact theoretical or target value of a given parameter.

**3.4 Nominal value**

Approximate or abbreviated value of a given parameter.