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## Introduction

This Technical Specification specifies methods for measuring the sound power level of combustion air inlet noise and the insertion loss of air cleaners installed on reciprocating internal combustion engines.

Sound power level of combustion air inlet noise, insertion loss, and transmission loss are parameters to characterize the acoustic performance of air cleaners. Sound power levels of combustion air inlet noise and insertion loss are important parameters to characterize the acoustic matching performance of air cleaners and reciprocating internal combustion engines. Transmission loss is the difference in sound power level of combustion air inlet noise between the noise before and after transmitting through the air cleaner, which is the parameter to characterize the acoustic performance of the air cleaner itself and is irrelevant with the reciprocating internal combustion engine. The matching parameters of the sound power level of combustion air inlet noise and the insertion loss are used in this Technical Specification as the measurement parameters.

The enveloping surface method of this Technical Specification is applicable for engineering method (accuracy grade 2) and survey method (accuracy grade 3). Engineering method allows the determination of the A-weighted and frequency-band sound power level, survey method allows the determination of the A-weighted sound power level. The measurement result of sound power level is rounded to the nearest 0,1 dB.

In the combustion air inlet noise control of air cleaner, the relevant members (including manufacturer, installation, and the user) should make effective communication of acoustic information which is obtained by measurement. The measurement result is valid only in the specified measurement conditions by using the instrumentation as specified in this Technical Specification to obtain a clear acoustic value. Engineering method or survey method may be selected according to the purpose of noise measurement and measurement conditions.

The measurement surface defined based on the characteristics of noise source under test in this Technical Specification is spherical. To meet the requirements of the measurement uncertainty, this Technical Specification gives specification of the distance from the installation location of the noise source to the reflecting plane (ground).

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## 1 Scope

This Technical Specification specifies the measurement method and requirements for combustion air inlet noise of air cleaners which are installed on reciprocating internal combustion engines, including laboratory measurement (engineering method and survey method) and site measurement (survey method).

This Technical Specification applies to all air cleaners installed on reciprocating internal combustion engines (reciprocating internal combustion engine is referred to as engine except particular explanation in the following text) falling within the field of application of ISO 3046-1 and/or other air induction installation.

## 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 3046-1, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Performance — Part 1: Declarations of power, fuel and lubricating oil consumptions, and test methods — Additional requirements for engines for general use*

ISO 3046-3, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Performance — Part 3: Test measurements*

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

IEC 60942, *Electroacoustics — Sound calibrators*

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

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

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions defined in ISO 3046-1, ISO 3046-3, ISO 6926, IEC 60942, IEC 61260 and IEC 61672-1 and the following apply.

**Sound pressure**

*p*  
difference between instantaneous pressure and static pressure

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in pascals.