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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) In Table 2 and Table 3 cooling methods IC01, IC11, IC21 and IC31, IC71, IC81 are now covered.
- b) This edition adds Table 3 for 60 Hz machines, whereas Table 2, which covers only 50 Hz machines, has no change in levels.
- c) In Table 3, grade A is added to harmonize the highest levels seen in IEC and NEMA, whereas grade B was added to harmonize the lowest, more restrictive levels seen in IEC and NEMA.

- d) The clause “Determination of noise increments caused by converter supply” has been shifted to Annex B and renamed “Information on typical noise increments caused by converter supply”

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## INTRODUCTION

Acoustic quantities can be expressed in sound pressure terms or sound power terms. The use of a sound power level, which can be specified independently of the measurement surface and environmental conditions, avoids the complications associated with sound pressure levels, which require additional data to be specified. Sound power levels provide a measure of radiated energy and have advantages in acoustic analysis and design.

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# ROTATING ELECTRICAL MACHINES –

## Part 9: Noise limits

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60034:

- specifies test methods for the determination of sound power level of rotating electrical machines;
- specifies maximum A-weighted sound power levels for factory acceptance testing of network-supplied, rotating electrical machines in accordance with IEC 60034-1, having methods of cooling according to IEC 60034-6 and degrees of protection according to IEC 60034-5, and having the following characteristics:
  - standard design, either AC or DC, without additional special electrical, mechanical, or acoustical modifications intended to reduce the sound power level;
  - rated output from 1 kW (or kVA) up to and including 5 500 kW (or kVA)
  - rated speed not greater than 3 750 min<sup>-1</sup>

Excluded are noise limits for AC motors supplied by converters. For these conditions see Annex B for guidance.

The object of this document is to determine maximum A-weighted sound power levels,  $L_{WA}$  in decibels, dB, for airborne noise emitted by rotating electrical machines of standard design, as a function of power, speed and load, and to specify the method of measurement and the test conditions appropriate for the determination of the sound power level of the machines to provide a standardized evaluation of machine noise up to the maximum specified sound power levels. This document does not provide correction for the existence of tonal characteristics.

Sound pressure levels at a distance from the machine may be required in some applications, such as hearing protection programs. Information is provided on such a procedure in Clause 7 based on a standardized test environment.

NOTE 1 This document recognizes the economic reason for the availability of standard noise-level machines for use in non-critical areas (e.g. in industry) with supplementary means of noise attenuation.

NOTE 2 Where sound power levels lower than those specified in Table 1, Table 2 or Table 3 are required, these are agreed between the manufacturer and the purchaser, as special electrical, mechanical, or acoustical design may involve additional measures.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60034-1, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance*

IEC 60034-5, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 5: Degrees of protection provided by the integral design of rotating electrical machines (IP code) – Classification*

IEC 60034-6, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 6: Methods of cooling (IC Code)*