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OF AIRBORNE ACOUSTICAL NOISE –**

**Part 2-18: Particular requirements for electric water heaters**

**FOREWORD**

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The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

This document is intended to be used in conjunction with IEC 60704-1:2021, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise – Part 1: General requirements*.

The relevant text of IEC 60704-1:2021 as amended by this publication establishes the test code for electrical water heaters.

This document supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60704-1:2021. When a particular subclause of IEC 60704-1:2021 is not mentioned in this document, that subclause is applicable as far as reasonable. Where this document states "addition", "modification", "replacement" or "deletion", the relevant requirements, test specifications or explanatory matter in IEC 60704-1:2021 should be adapted accordingly.

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A list of all the parts in the IEC 60704 series, under the general title *Household and similar electrical appliances – Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise*, can be found on the IEC website.

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## INTRODUCTION

The measuring conditions specified in this part of IEC 60704 provide for sufficient accuracy in determining the noise emitted and comparing the results of measurements taken by different laboratories whilst simulating, as far as possible, the practical use of household water heaters.

It is recommended to consider the determination of noise levels as part of a comprehensive testing procedure covering many aspects of the properties and performance of household water heaters.

Special forms of electric water heaters generate remarkable noise, which is not common for conventional electric water heaters. In order to capture these special products, this document was developed. It provides a noise measurement procedure, which serves as an instrument for realizing technical improvements on the products and prevents false declarations in regulatory systems (e.g. European regulation on energy labelling).

NOTE As stated in the introduction to IEC 60704-1, this test code is concerned with airborne noise only.

# HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – TEST CODE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF AIRBORNE ACOUSTICAL NOISE –

## Part 2-18: Particular requirements for electric water heaters

### 1 Scope

This clause of IEC 60704-1:2021 is applicable except as follows:

*Addition:*

These particular requirements apply to single-unit electric water heaters for household and similar use intended for placing on the floor against a wall, for building-in or placing under a counter, a kitchen worktop or under a sink, for wall-mounting or on a counter.

NOTE 1 Conventional electric water heaters that make use of the Joule effect in electric resistance heating elements normally do not produce any noise emissions. However, there are products with noise-producing components on the market. Examples of such components are motors and pumps e.g. for increasing water pressure.

NOTE 2 Noise of control elements is disregarded because of the sporadic character and its normally very low sound level.

This document does not apply to:

- combustion water heaters;
- water kettles;
- heat pump water heaters;
- conventional electric storage water heaters as defined in IEC 60335-2-21:2012, Clause 1;
- instantaneous electric water heaters without any noise-producing components such as motors and pumps.

### 2 Normative references

This clause of IEC 60704-1:2021 is applicable except as follows:

*Addition:*

IEC 60379-1, *Methods for measuring the performance of electric storage water-heaters for household purposes*

IEC 60704-1:2021, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Test code for the determination of airborne acoustical noise – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 63159-1, *Electric instantaneous water heaters – Methods for measuring the performance – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 63159-2-1, *Electric instantaneous water heaters – Methods for measuring the performance – Part 2-1: Multifunctional electric instantaneous water heaters*

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