
**Mechanical vibration and shock —
Hand-arm vibration — Method for
measuring the vibration transmissibility of
resilient materials when loaded by the
hand-arm system**

*Vibrations et chocs mécaniques — Vibrations main-bras — Méthode pour
mesurer le facteur de transmission des vibrations par les matériaux
résilients chargés par le système main-bras*



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Introduction

This International Standard was developed in response to the growing demand to protect people from the risks of vibration damage caused by exposure to hand-transmitted vibration.

Various standards refer to measurement and assessment of risk to vibration exposure and to methods of type testing specific tools and processes.

Resilient materials are used to cover handles and make gloves. It is hoped that both of these will reduce the magnitude of the vibration exposure. This International Standard describes a method of measuring the vibration attenuation of a sample of the material in the form of a flat sheet or layer. In some cases the material may be of two or more layers forming a sheet. It is a laboratory measurement and offers a reproducible and reliable procedure.

This International Standard assumes that the material behaves in a linear way and that it has negligible mass compared with the mass loading. (A correction could be made for the material mass if required.) The method determines the impedance of the material when loaded by a mass providing a compression force equivalent to that found when the material is gripped by the hand. This is done by measuring the transfer function of the mass-loaded material at all the required frequencies. The vibration transmission when loaded by the hand is computed using standard values of hand-arm impedance and the measured values of the material impedance. The impedances used in this International Standard are for the palm of the hand when gripping a circular handle. The resulting transmissibility may not be applicable to the fingers. The impedance for the z_h direction of the hand-arm system where the material is under compression is used. The mathematical basis of the method is contained in annex B.

If the results of this measurement procedure show transmissibilities greater than 0,6 at all frequencies up to 500 Hz, then the material would probably not provide greater attenuation in the practical situation in the same frequency range. In the practical situation, the transmissibility as a function of frequency should be appropriate to the frequency spectrum of the source.