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AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD
Preferred Frequencies, Frequency Levels, and Band
Numbers for Acoustical Measurements

ABSTRACT

This standard defines the preferred frequencies, or nominal band-center frequencies to be used for acoustical measurements. Frequency levels or band numbers are associated with these sets of frequencies and the preferred frequencies are rounded values obtained from those for which the corresponding frequency levels or band numbers are integers.

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FOREWORD

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Standards, specifications, methods of measurement and test, and terminology, in the fields of physical acoustics, including architectural acoustics, electroacoustics, sonics and ultrasonics, and underwater sound, but excluding those aspects which pertain to biological safety, tolerance, and comfort.

This revision differs from S1.6-1967 (R1976), Preferred Frequencies and Band Numbers for Acoustical Measurements, in that the rarely used 1/2-octave bands have been deleted and the table of band numbers has been expanded in response to the wider range of band-center frequencies in modern instrumentation. The preferred frequencies recommended by this standard agree with those recommended in ISO 266-1975.

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