
**Hand-held portable power tools — Test
methods for evaluation of vibration
emission —**

**Part 6:
Rammers**

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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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ISO 28927-6 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 118, *Compressors and pneumatic tools, machines and equipment*, Subcommittee SC 3, *Pneumatic tools and machines*.

This first edition of ISO 28927-6 cancels and replaces ISO 8662-9:1996, of which it constitutes a technical revision. The most important changes are

- vibration measurement in three axes and at both hand positions,
- new transducer positions, and
- improved definition of transducer positions and orientation.

ISO 28927 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Hand-held portable power tools — Test methods for evaluation of vibration emission*:

- *Part 1: Angle and vertical grinders*¹⁾
- *Part 2: Wrenches, nutrunners and screwdrivers*²⁾
- *Part 3: Polishers and rotary, orbital and random orbital sanders*³⁾
- *Part 4: Straight grinders*⁴⁾

1) Together with Part 4, replaces ISO 8662-4, *Hand-held portable power tools — Measurement of vibrations at the handle — Part 4: Grinders*.

2) Replaces ISO 8662-7, *Hand-held portable power tools — Measurement of vibrations at the handle — Part 7: Wrenches, screwdrivers nut runners with impact, impulse and ratcheting action*. All screwdrivers and nutrunners except for one-shot tools now covered.

3) Replaces ISO 8662-8, *Hand-held portable power tools — Measurement of vibrations at the handle — Part 8: Polishers and rotary, orbital and random orbital sanders*.

4) Together with Part 1, replaces ISO 8662-4, *Hand-held portable power tools — Measurement of vibrations at the handle — Part 4: Grinders*.

- Part 5: Drills and impact drills⁵⁾
- Part 6: Rammers
- Part 7: Nibblers and shears⁶⁾
- Part 8: Saws, polishing and filing machines with reciprocating action and small saws with oscillating or rotating action⁷⁾
- Part 9: Scaling hammers and needle scalers⁸⁾
- Part 10: Percussive drills, hammers and breakers⁹⁾
- Part 11: Stone hammers¹⁰⁾

5) Replaces ISO 8662-6, *Hand-held portable power tools — Measurement of vibrations at the handle — Part 6: Impact drills*. Non-impacting drills now covered.

6) Replaces ISO 8662-10, *Hand-held portable power tools — Measurement of vibrations at the handle — Part 10: Nibblers and shears*.

7) Replaces ISO 8662-12, *Hand-held portable power tools — Measurement of vibrations at the handle — Part 12: Saws and files with reciprocating action and saws with oscillating or rotating action*.

8) Together with Part 11, replaces ISO 8662-14, *Hand-held portable power tools — Measurement of vibrations at the handle — Part 14: Stone-working tools and needle scalers*.

9) Replaces ISO 8662-2, *Hand-held portable power tools — Measurement of vibrations at the handle — Part 2: Chipping hammers and riveting hammers*, ISO 8662-3, *Hand-held portable power tools — Measurement of vibrations at the handle — Part 3: Rock drills and rotary hammers*, and ISO 8662-5, *Hand-held portable power tools — Measurement of vibrations at the handle — Part 5: Pavement breakers and hammers for construction work*. Chipping and riveting hammers, rock drills and rotary hammers all covered.

10) Together with Part 9, replaces ISO 8662-14, *Hand-held portable power tools — Measurement of vibrations at the handle — Part 14: Stone-working tools and needle scalers*.

Introduction

This document is a type-C standard as stated in ISO 12100.

When requirements of this type-C standard are different from those which are stated in type-A or -B standards, the requirements of this type-C standard take precedence over the requirements of the other standards for machines that have been designed and built according to the requirements of this type-C standard.

The vibration test codes for portable hand-held machines given in ISO 28927 are based on ISO 20643, which gives general specifications for the measurement of the vibration emission of hand-held and hand-guided machinery. ISO 28927 specifies the operation of the machines under type-test conditions and other requirements for the performance of type tests. The structure/numbering of its clauses follows that of ISO 20643.

The basic principle for transducer positioning first introduced in the EN 60745 series of European standards is followed, representing a deviation from ISO 20643 for reasons of consistency. The transducers are primarily positioned next to the hand in the area between the thumb and the index finger, where they give the least disturbance to the operator gripping the machine.

It has been found that vibrations generated by rammers vary considerably in typical use. For rammers, the percussion action is the source of vibration, and the variation is largely due to variations in the handling of the rammer and the damping characteristics of the material worked on.

In order to provide a method that gives good measurement reproducibility, this part of ISO 28927 uses a working process where the rammer is used on an energy absorber, thereby giving damping characteristics that will be constant over time. The procedures of ISO 5349 are required whenever exposure at the workplace is to be assessed.

The values obtained are type-test values intended to be representative of the average of the upper quartile of typical vibration magnitudes in real-world use of the machines. However, the actual magnitudes will vary considerably from time to time and depend on many factors, including the operator, the task and the inserted tool or consumable. The state of maintenance of the machine itself might also be of importance. Under real working conditions the influences of the operator and process can be particularly important at low magnitudes. It is therefore not recommended that emission values below 2,5 m/s² be used for estimating the vibration magnitude under real working conditions. In such cases, 2,5 m/s² is the recommended vibration magnitude for estimating the machine vibration.

If accurate values for a specific work place are required, then measurements (according to ISO 5349) in that work situation could be necessary. Vibration values measured in real working conditions can be either higher or lower than the values obtained using this part of ISO 28927.

Higher vibration magnitudes can easily occur in real work situations, caused by an improper combination of butt and rammed material.

The vibration test codes given in ISO 28927 supersede those given in ISO 8662, whose parts have been replaced by the corresponding parts of ISO 28927 (see Foreword).

NOTE ISO 8662-11, *Hand-held portable power tools — Measurement of vibrations at the handle — Part 11: Fastener driving tools*, and ISO 8662-13, *Hand-held portable power tools — Measurement of vibrations at the handle — Part 13: Die grinders*, could be replaced by future parts of ISO 28927.

Hand-held portable power tools — Test methods for evaluation of vibration emission —

Part 6: Rammers

1 Scope

This part of ISO 28927 specifies a laboratory method for measuring hand-transmitted vibration emission at the handles of hand-held, power-driven rammers. It is a type-test procedure for establishing the magnitude of vibration in the gripping areas of a machine run under specified test conditions. It is intended that the results be used to compare different models of the same type of machine.

This part of ISO 28927 is applicable to rammers, back-fill rammers, pawing rammers, sand rammers and stampers (see Clause 5), driven pneumatically or by other means, intended for use in foundries, on building sites, etc., and with, for example, butts or peens made of cast iron or rubber, used for ramming of casting sand or in stamping work.

NOTE To avoid confusion with the terms “power tool” and “inserted tool”, *machine* is used for the former throughout this document.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2787:1984, *Rotary and percussive pneumatic tools — Performance tests*

ISO 5349:2001 (all parts), *Mechanical vibration — Measurement and evaluation of human exposure to hand-transmitted vibration*

ISO 5391:2003, *Pneumatic tools and machines — Vocabulary*

ISO 17066:2007, *Hydraulic tools — Vocabulary*

ISO 20643:2005, *Mechanical vibration — Hand-held and hand-guided machinery — Principles for evaluation of vibration emission*

EN 12096:1997, *Mechanical vibration — Declaration and verification of vibration emission values*

3 Terms, definitions and symbols

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5391, ISO 17066 and ISO 20643, and the following terms, definitions and symbols, apply.

3.1 Terms and definitions

3.1.1

rammer

backfill tamper

percussive machine for compressing earth, casting sand, etc.

NOTE Adapted from ISO 5391:2003, definition 2.2.8.

3.2 Symbols

Symbol	Description	Unit
a_{hw}	root-mean-square (r.m.s.) single-axis acceleration value of the frequency-weighted hand-transmitted vibration	m/s ²
a_{hv}	vibration total value of frequency-weighted r.m.s. acceleration; root sum of squares of a_{hw} values for the three measured axes of vibration	m/s ²
$\overline{a_{hv}}$	arithmetic mean value of a_{hv} values of runs for single operator using one hand position	m/s ²
a_h	arithmetic mean value of $\overline{a_{hv}}$ values for all operators for one hand position	m/s ²
$\overline{a_h}$	arithmetic mean value of a_h values for one hand position on several machines	m/s ²
a_{hd}	declared vibration emission value	m/s ²
s_{n-1}	standard deviation for a test series (for a sample, s)	m/s ²
σ_R	standard deviation of reproducibility (for a population, σ)	m/s ²
C_v	coefficient of variation for a test series	
K	uncertainty	m/s ²

4 Basic standards and vibration test codes

This part of ISO 28927 is based on the requirements of ISO 20643 and corresponds to its structure in respect of clause subjects and numbering except for the annexes.

Annex A presents a model test report, Annex B the means for determining the uncertainty, K , and Annex C the design of energy absorbers for rammers.

5 Description of the family of machines

This part of ISO 28927 applies to hand-held machines intended for ramming casting sand or in stamping work.

Figures 1 and 2 show examples of typical rammers covered by this part of ISO 28927.



Figure 1 — Rammer for use on floors



Figure 2 — Rammer for use on benches

6 Characterization of vibration

6.1 Direction of measurement

The vibration transmitted to the hand shall be measured and reported for three directions of an orthogonal coordinate system. At each hand position, the vibration shall be measured simultaneously in the three directions shown in Figures 3 and 4.

6.2 Location of measurements

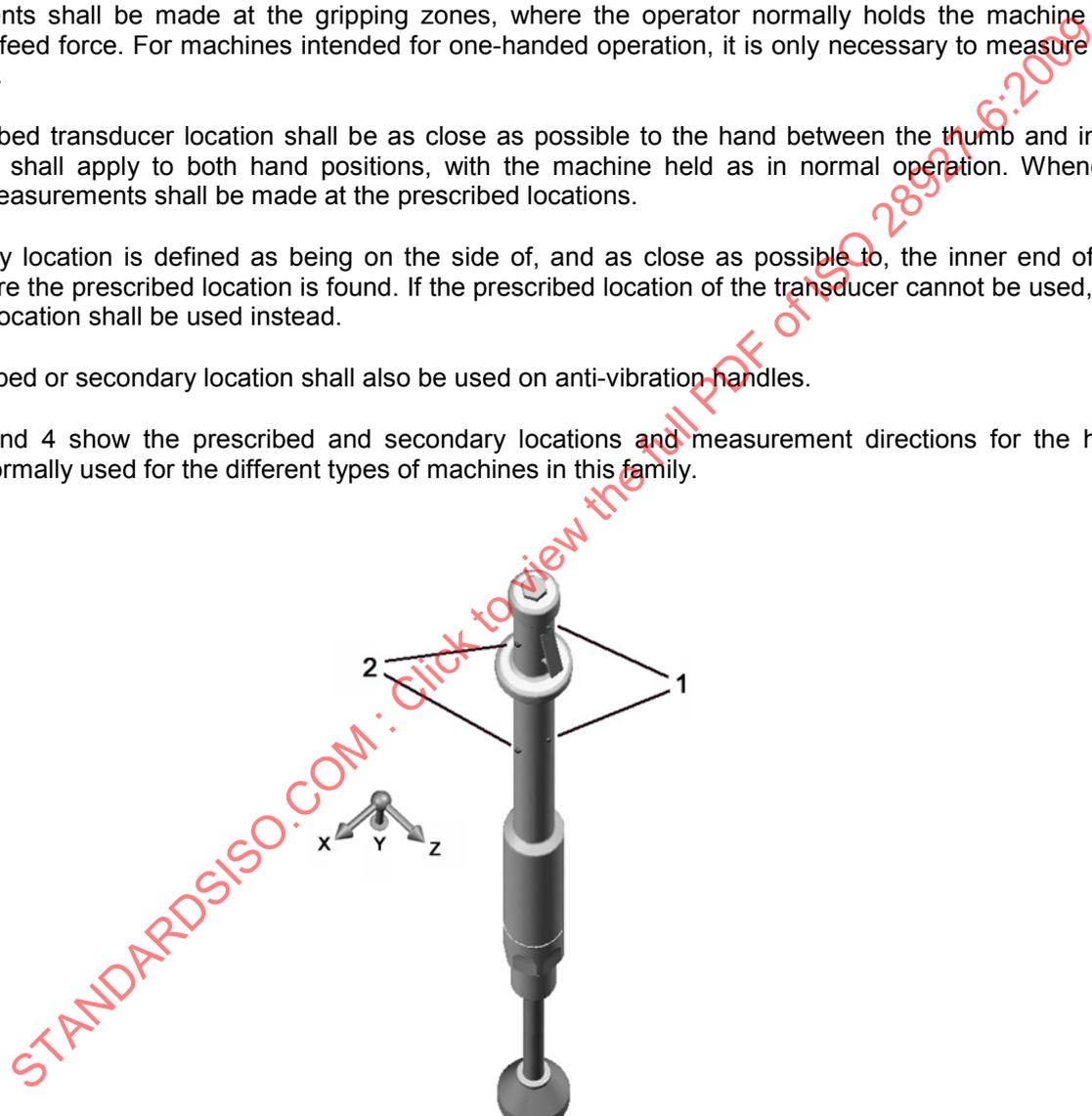
Measurements shall be made at the gripping zones, where the operator normally holds the machine and applies the feed force. For machines intended for one-handed operation, it is only necessary to measure at a single point.

The prescribed transducer location shall be as close as possible to the hand between the thumb and index finger. This shall apply to both hand positions, with the machine held as in normal operation. Whenever possible, measurements shall be made at the prescribed locations.

A secondary location is defined as being on the side of, and as close as possible to, the inner end of the handle where the prescribed location is found. If the prescribed location of the transducer cannot be used, this secondary location shall be used instead.

The prescribed or secondary location shall also be used on anti-vibration handles.

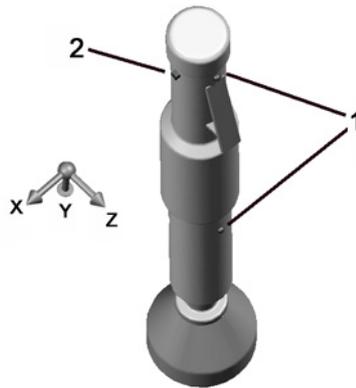
Figures 3 and 4 show the prescribed and secondary locations and measurement directions for the hand positions normally used for the different types of machines in this family.



Key

- 1 prescribed location
- 2 secondary location

Figure 3 — Measurement locations — Rammer for use on floors



Key

- 1 prescribed location
- 2 secondary location

Figure 4 — Measurement locations — Rammer for use on benches

6.3 Magnitude of vibration

The definitions for the magnitude of vibration given in ISO 20643:2005, 6.3, apply.

6.4 Combination of vibration directions

The vibration total value defined in ISO 20643:2005, 6.4, shall be reported for both hand positions when applicable. It is acceptable to report on and carry out tests on the hand position having the highest reading. The vibration total value at that hand position shall be at least 30 % higher than the other. This result may be obtained during a preliminary test carried out by a single operator during five test runs.

To obtain the vibration total value, a_{hv} , for each test run, the results in each direction shall be combined using Equation (1):

$$a_{hv} = \sqrt{a_{hwx}^2 + a_{hwy}^2 + a_{hwz}^2} \quad (1)$$

7 Instrumentation requirements

7.1 General

The instrumentation shall be in accordance with ISO 20643:2005, 7.1.

7.2 Mounting of transducers

7.2.1 Specification of transducer

The specification of the transducer given in ISO 20643:2005, 7.2.1, applies.

The total mass of the transducers and mounting device shall be small enough, compared with that of the machine, handle, etc., so as not to influence the measurement result.

This is particularly important for low-mass plastic handles (see ISO 5349-2).

7.2.2 Fastening of transducers

The transducer or mounting block used shall be rigidly attached to the surface of the handle.

If three single-axis transducers are used, these shall be attached to three sides of a suitable mounting block.

For the two axes aligned parallel to the vibrating surface, the measurement axes of the two transducers — or the two transducer elements in a triaxial transducer — shall be at a maximum of 10 mm from the surface.

It is strongly recommended that mechanical filters be used for the measurements.

7.3 Frequency weighting filter

Frequency-weighting filters shall be in accordance with ISO 5349-1.

7.4 Integration time

The integration time shall be in accordance with ISO 20643:2005, 7.4. The integration time for each test run shall be at least 16 s, so as to be consistent with the duration of machine operation defined in 8.4.

7.5 Auxiliary equipment

For pneumatic machines, the air pressure shall be measured using a pressure gauge with an accuracy equal to or better than 0,1 bar¹¹⁾.

For hydraulic machines, the flow shall be measured using a flow meter with an accuracy equal to or better than 0,25 l/min.

For electrical machines, the voltage shall be measured using a volt meter with accuracy equal to or better than 3 % of the actual value.

The feed force shall be measured with an accuracy better than 1 — for example, with the operator standing on a scale.

7.6 Calibration

The specifications for calibration given in ISO 20643:2005, 7.6, apply.

8 Testing and operating conditions of the machinery

8.1 General

Measurements shall be carried out on new, and properly serviced and lubricated machines. During testing, the machine shall be equipped and held in a manner similar to that when performing a normal ramming task. If, for some types of machines, a warming-up period is specified by the manufacturer, this shall be undertaken prior to the start of the test.

Rammers are tested by ramming on an energy absorber. During testing, the feed force shall be monitored while the rammer is moved over the surface of the energy absorber. See 8.4.

During testing, the energy supply to the machine shall be at rated conditions, as specified by the manufacturer. The operation shall be stable.

11) 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 0,1 N/mm² = 10⁵ N/m².

8.2 Operating conditions

8.2.1 Pneumatic machines

During testing, the machine shall be operated at the rated air pressure, in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. The operation shall be stable and smooth. The air pressure shall be measured and reported.

Air shall be supplied to the machine by means of a hose of the diameter recommended by the machine manufacturer. The test hose shall be attached to the machine via a threaded hose connector, preferably the one supplied with the machine. The length of the test hose shall be 3 m. The test hose shall be secured with a hose clip. Quick-couplings shall not be used, since their mass will influence the vibration magnitude.

The air pressure of pneumatically powered machines shall be measured in accordance with ISO 2787 and maintained as specified by the manufacturer. During testing, the air pressure measured immediately before the test hose shall not drop more than 0,2 bar below the pressure recommended by the manufacturer.

8.2.2 Hydraulic machines

During testing, the machine shall be operated at the rated power supply, i.e. the rated flow, and shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. The operation shall be stable and smooth. A warming up period of about 10 min should be allowed before starting the measurements. The flow shall be measured and reported.

8.2.3 Electrical machines

During testing, the machine shall be operated at the rated voltage, and shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. The operation shall be stable and smooth. The voltage shall be measured and reported.

8.3 Other quantities to be specified

The feed force used shall be measured and reported.

8.4 Attached equipment, work piece and task

The test shall be performed on an energy absorber of a design in accordance with Annex C.

Mount the energy absorber at a height allowing the operator to work with $(90 \pm 10)^\circ$ at the elbow. Move the rammer over the surface approximately ± 100 mm in both directions. The operation shall be stable and smooth. The mounted energy absorber shall not have any resonances within the frequency range for hand-arm vibration that could influence the test result.

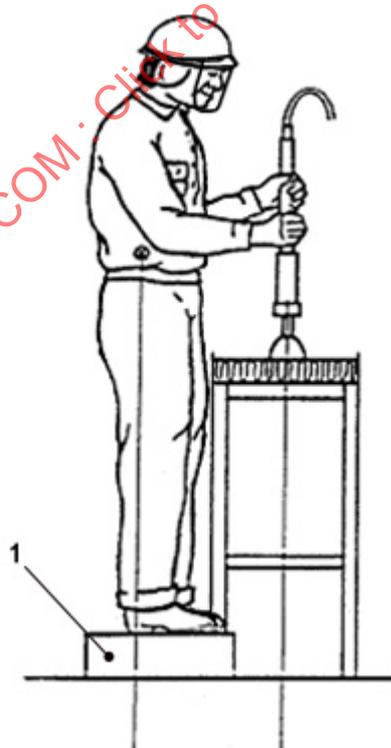
Monitor the vertical feed force during the test — for example, by having the operator stand on a scale. The feed force is then the operator's own mass minus the reading on the scale. See Figures 5 and 6.

A test series shall consist of five test runs on the energy absorber. When stable operation has been established, the reading shall be obtained from a signal of not less than 16 s duration in each test run.



Key
1 scale

Figure 5 — Operator working position — Rammer for use on floors



Key
1 scale

Figure 6 — Operator working position — Rammer for use on benches

8.5 Operators

Three different operators shall operate the machine during testing. The vibration of the machine is influenced by the operators. They shall therefore be skilled enough to be able to hold and operate the machine correctly.

9 Measurement procedure and validity

9.1 Reported vibration values

Three series of five consecutive tests shall be carried out on each machine tested, using a different operator for each series.

The values (see also 6.4) should be reported as in Annex A.

The coefficient of variation, C_v , and the standard deviation, s_{n-1} , shall be calculated for each hand position for each of the three operators. The C_v of a test series is defined as the ratio of s_{n-1} to the mean value of the series:

$$C_v = \frac{s_{n-1}}{a_{hv}} \quad (2)$$

with s_{n-1} identical to s_{rec} (see Annex B) and where the standard deviation of the i^{th} value, a_{hvi} , is

$$s_{n-1} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (a_{hvi} - \overline{a_{hv}})^2} \quad (3)$$

where

$\overline{a_{hv}}$ is the mean value of the series in m/s^2 ;

n is equal to 5, the number of measured values.

If C_v is greater than 0,15 or s_{n-1} is greater than 0,3 m/s^2 , then the measurements shall be checked for error before data are accepted.

9.2 Declaration and verification of the vibration emission value

The $\overline{a_{hv}}$ value for each operator shall be calculated as the arithmetic mean of a_{hv} values for the five test runs.

For each hand position, the result from the three operators should be combined into one value, a_h , using the arithmetic mean of the three $\overline{a_{hv}}$ values.

For tests using only one machine, the declared value, a_{hd} , is the highest of the a_h values reported for the two hand positions.

For tests using three or more machines, $\overline{a_h}$ values for each hand position shall be calculated as the arithmetic mean of the a_h values for the different machines on that hand position. The declared value, a_{hd} , is the highest of the $\overline{a_h}$ values reported for the two hand positions.

Both a_{hd} and the uncertainty, K , shall be presented with a precision determined in accordance with EN 12096. The value of a_{hd} is to be given in m/s^2 and presented by using two and a half significant digits for numbers starting with 1 (e.g. 1,20 m/s^2 , 14,5 m/s^2); otherwise, two significant digits are sufficient (e.g. 0,93 m/s^2 , 8,9 m/s^2). The value of K shall be presented with the same number of decimals as a_{hd} .

K shall be determined in accordance with EN 12096, based on the standard deviation of reproducibility, σ_R . The value of K shall be calculated in accordance with Annex B.

10 Measurement report

The following information shall be given in the test report:

- a) reference to this part of ISO 28927 (i.e. ISO 28927-6);
- b) name of the measuring laboratory;
- c) date of measurement and name of the person responsible for the test;
- d) specification of the hand-held machine (manufacturer, type, serial number, etc.);
- e) declared emission value a_{hd} and uncertainty K ;
- f) attached or inserted tools;
- g) energy supply (air pressure/input voltage, etc., as applicable);
- h) instrumentation (accelerometer, recording system, hardware, software, etc.);
- i) position and fastening of transducers, measuring directions and individual vibration values;
- j) operating conditions, and other quantities to be specified according to 8.2 and 8.3;
- k) detailed results of the test (see Annex A).

If transducer positions or measurements other than those specified in this part of ISO 28927 are used, they shall be clearly defined and an *explanation of the reason* for the change in the position of the transducer shall be inserted in the test report.

Annex A (informative)

Model test report for vibration emission of rammers

See Tables A.1 and A.2.

Table A.1 — General information and reported results

The test has been carried out in accordance with ISO 28927-6: <i>Hand-held portable power tools — Test method for evaluation of vibration emission — Part 6: Rammers.</i>	
Tester:	
Measured by (company/laboratory):	Tested by: Reported by: Date:
Test object and declared value:	
Machine tested (power supply and machine type, manufacturer, machine model and name):	Declared vibration emission value, a_{hd} and uncertainty, K :
Measuring equipment:	
Transducers (manufacturer, type, positioning, fastening method, photos, mechanical filters if used):	
Vibration instrumentation:	Auxiliary equipment:
Operating and test conditions and results:	
Test conditions (type and weight of pad and/or abrasive material, work piece, hand position, photos):	
Measured feed force:	Power supply:(air pressure, hydraulic flow, voltage)
Any other quantities to report:	Speed setting when applicable:

Table A.2 — Measurement results for one machine

Date:		Machine type:				Serial number:				
Test	Operator	Test run	Main handle (hand position 1)				Support handle (hand position 2)			
			a_{hwx}	a_{hwy}	a_{hwz}	a_{hvw}	a_{hwz}	a_{hwy}	a_{hwz}	a_{hvw}
			Statistics for operator		Statistics for operator		Statistics for operator		Statistics for operator	
			\bar{a}_{hv}	s_{n-1}	\bar{a}_{hv}	s_{n-1}	\bar{a}_{hv}	s_{n-1}	\bar{a}_{hv}	s_{n-1}
			C_v	C_v	C_v	C_v	C_v	C_v	C_v	C_v
1	1	1								
2	1	2								
3	1	3								
4	1	4								
5	1	5								
6	2	1								
7	2	2								
8	2	3								
9	2	4								
10	2	5								
11	3	1								
12	3	2								
13	3	3								
14	3	4								
15	3	5								
			a_h for hand position 1:				a_h for hand position 2:			
			s_R for hand position 1:				s_R for hand position 2:			

NOTE The \bar{a}_{hv} and s_{n-1} values are calculated according to 6.4 and 9.2, s_{n-1} and C_v are calculated according to 9.1, and s_R is calculated according to Annex B.

Annex B (normative)

Determination of uncertainty

B.1 General

The uncertainty value, K , represents the uncertainty of the declared vibration emission value, a_{hd} , and, in the case of batches, production variations of machinery. It is expressed in m/s^2 .

The sum of a_{hd} and K indicates the limit below which the vibration emission value of a single machine, and/or a specified large proportion of the vibration emission values of a batch of machines, are stated to lie when the machines are new.

B.2 Tests on single machines

For tests made on only a single machine, K shall be given as

$$K = 1,65\sigma_R$$

where σ_R is the standard deviation of reproducibility, estimated by the value s_R , given by

$$a) \quad s_R = \sqrt{s_{rec}^2 + s_{op}^2}$$

or

$$b) \quad s_R = 0,06a_{hd} + 0,3,$$

whichever is the greater.

NOTE 1 Formula b) is empirical, based on experience giving a lower limit for s_R .

The calculations are performed on the hand position giving the highest value of a_h where

$\overline{s_{rec}^2}$ is the arithmetic mean value of the standard deviation from the results of five tests, s_{recj} , for operator j , identical to s_{n-1} according to 9.2, and with the s_{recj}^2 value for each operator calculated using

$$s_{recj}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (a_{hvj} - \overline{a_{hv}})^2$$

where

n is 5, the number of measured values;

a_{hvij} is the vibration total value for the i^{th} test with the j^{th} operator;

$\overline{a_{hv}}$ is the average vibration total value of measurements on the j^{th} operator;