

**DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR COMPUTING
THE PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL OF AIRCRAFT NOISE**

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1. INTRODUCTION - The introduction of commercial jet aircraft operations, as well as the general increase in air traffic has resulted in an international concern over aircraft noise. In order to facilitate evaluation of the subjective response to aircraft noise, it is desirable to have a single number specification of the noise, based upon objective acoustic measurements, which relates to the subjective response.

At the present time it is advisable to specify this quantity only in terms of noise level and spectrum although it is recognized that additional factors, such as duration, frequency of occurrence of noise, and the presence of pure tone components may be necessary to describe the total subjective reaction.

A number of different methods for quantifying the various subjective reactions to noise exist, such as loudness level, noise rating numbers, and perceived noise level. Recognizing that current practice in comparing aircraft noise levels is widely based on perceived noise level, this recommendation is based on that quantity. In the procedures to be described, perceived noise level in PNdB is computed from the spectral analysis of the aircraft noise, in octave bands of frequency.

2. Calculation of Perceived Noise Level in PNdB from Measured Noise Data

- 2.1 Explanation of Terms

- 2.1.1 Perceived Noise Level in PNdB - Perceived noise level of a given sound in PNdB is the result of a calculation as specified in paragraph 2.2.

NOTE: This procedure gives an approximation to the perceived noise level as determined by subjective experiment on a fundamental psycho-acoustical basis: namely that perceived noise level of a given sound is numerically equal to the sound pressure level of a reference sound that is judged by listeners to have the same perceived noisiness as the given sound, the reference sound being a band of random noise one octave in width centered on 1000 Hz (c/s).

- 2.1.2 Noy - A unit of perceived noisiness. The numerical value of the perceived noisiness of a sound within a given frequency band, in noys, is related to the band pressure levels. The relation is given in Figure 1 and in Tables I and II, which has been derived from subjective judgements of the relative noisiness of sounds (Ref. 1).

NOTE: In order to avoid confusion, attention is drawn to the fact that the noy values given here (Ref. 1) differ from those given in Refs. 2 and 3.

References:

- Ref. 1 - K. D. Kryter and K. S. Pearsons: Modification of Noy Table, JASA, Vol. 36, 1964, p. 394.
- Ref. 2 - K. D. Kryter and K. S. Pearsons: Some effects of spectral content and duration on perceived noise level. JASA Vol. 35, 1963, pp. 866-886.
- Ref. 3 - K. D. Kryter: Scaling human reactions to the sound from aircraft. JASA, Vol. 31, 1959, pp. 1415-1429.

2.2 Calculation procedure - Perceived noise level in PNdB is calculated according to the following procedure:

Step 1 - The maximum value of sound pressure level in each octave band is converted to a noy value by reference to Tables I or II, or Figure 1, by entering the tables or figure at the appropriate center frequency.

NOTE 1: It is recognized that, for aircraft noise, the individual maxima of sound pressure level do not necessarily occur at the same instant in time for the different frequency bands. However, the procedure recommended is a more practical and appropriate method for calculating perceived noise level in PNdB than measuring the sound pressure level in each octave band at some specified point in time.

NOTE 2: To determine the variation at a given point on the ground of the perceived noise level in PNdB of the sound from an operating aircraft, it is recommended that graphic recordings containing time markings be made of the sound pressure level in individual octave bands as a function of time. From these graphs PNdB values can be calculated from the octave band sound pressure levels taken at any given points in time.

The time of occurrence, with respect to some appropriate reference time, should be indicated for all PNdB values calculated by this procedure. The label "PNdB" without a reference time indicated should be used only for perceived noise levels calculated from maximum octave band levels as specified in Step 1, paragraph 2.2 above.

NOTE 3: Because the ordinates on a graph may become distorted during reproduction, it is preferable, when possible, to use Tables I or II instead of Figure 1 for converting band sound pressure level to noy values.

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Step 2 - The noy values found in Step 1 are combined in the manner prescribed in the following formula:

$$\underline{N} = n_{\max} + 0.3 \left(\sum n - n_{\max} \right)$$

where n_{\max} is the number of noys in the noisiest band and $\sum n$ is the sum of the noy values in all the bands.

Step 3 - \underline{N} is converted into perceived noise level in PNdB by the use of Table III which expresses the relation:

$$\underline{N} = 2^{(X^P - 40)/10}, \text{ where } X \text{ is the value in PNdB.}$$

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Table I - Noys as a Function of Sound Pressure Level
(preferred frequencies for octave band filters marked by heavy lines)

Band Center Frequency in Hz(c/s)

Lp	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	50	63	80	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	630	800	1000	1250	1600	2000	2500	3150	4000	5000	6300	8000	10,000	12,500
29																			1.0	1.0					
30																			1.0	1.0	1.1				
31																			1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0			
32																		1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1			
33																			1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.0	
34																		1.0	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.1	
35																			1.1	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.2
36																			1.2	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4
37																			1.3	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.5
38																			1.0	1.3	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7
39																			1.1	1.4	1.6	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8
40										1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.4		
41										1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.0	1.5		1.0
42									1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.7	2.0	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.2	1.7	1.1	
43									1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.8	2.2	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.4	1.8	1.2	
44								1.0	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.5	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.0	1.4	
45								1.1	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.1	2.6	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.2	1.5	
46							1.0	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.7	2.3	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.0	2.4	1.7	1.0
47							1.1	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.4	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.2	2.6	1.8	1.1
48						1.0	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.6	3.2	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.4	2.8	2.0	1.2
49						1.1	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.8	3.4	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.0	2.2	1.4
50						1.2	1.4	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.3	3.0	3.6	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.1	3.9	3.2	2.4	1.5
51					1.0	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.4	3.2	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.1	3.4	2.6	1.7
52					1.1	1.4	1.6	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.6	3.5	4.1	4.7	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.4	3.6	2.8	1.8
53				1.0	1.2	1.5	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.7	4.4	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.0	4.7	3.9	3.0	2.0
54				1.1	1.3	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	3.0	4.0	4.7	5.3	5.7	5.7	5.3	5.0	4.1	3.2	2.2
55				1.2	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.2	4.3	5.0	5.7	6.1	6.1	5.7	5.3	4.4	3.5	2.3
56			1.0	1.3	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.6	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.5	4.6	5.3	6.1	6.5	6.5	6.1	5.7	4.7	3.7	2.5
57			1.1	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.7	5.0	5.7	6.5	7.0	7.0	6.5	6.1	5.0	4.0	2.8
58			1.2	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.0	5.3	6.1	7.0	7.5	7.5	7.0	6.5	5.3	4.3	3.0
59			1.3	1.7	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	4.3	5.7	6.5	7.5	8.0	8.0	7.5	7.0	5.7	4.6	3.3
60		1.0	1.4	1.8	2.2	2.6	3.0	3.2	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.6	6.1	7.0	8.0	8.7	8.7	8.0	7.5	6.1	5.0	3.6
61		1.1	1.5	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.5	3.7	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	5.0	6.5	7.5	8.7	9.3	9.3	8.7	8.0	6.5	5.3	3.9
62		1.2	1.7	2.2	2.6	3.0	3.5	3.7	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	5.3	7.0	8.0	9.3	10	10	9.3	8.7	7.0	5.7	4.2
63		1.3	1.8	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.7	7.5	8.7	10	11	11	10	9.3	7.5	6.1	4.6
64	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.6	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.3	4.6	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	6.1	8.0	9.3	11	11	11	11	10	8.0	6.5	5.0
65	1.1	1.6	2.2	2.8	3.2	3.7	4.3	4.6	5.0	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	6.5	8.7	10	11	12	12	11	11	8.7	7.0	5.9
66	1.2	1.8	2.4	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.6	5.0	5.4	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	7.0	9.3	11	12	13	13	12	11	9.3	7.5	5.7
67	1.4	2.0	2.6	3.3	3.7	4.3	5.0	5.4	5.9	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	7.5	10	11	13	14	14	13	12	10	8.0	6.1
68	1.6	2.2	2.8	3.6	4.0	4.6	5.4	5.9	6.4	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	11	12	14	15	15	14	13	11	8.7	6.5
69	1.8	2.3	3.0	3.9	4.3	5.0	5.9	6.4	6.9	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	8.7	11	13	15	16	16	15	14	11	9.3	7.0
70	2.0	2.5	3.3	4.2	4.6	5.4	6.4	6.9	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.3	12	14	16	17	17	16	15	12	10	7.5
71	2.2	2.8	3.6	4.6	5.0	5.9	6.9	7.5	8.0	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	10	13	15	17	19	19	17	16	13	11	8.0
72	2.3	3.0	3.9	5.0	5.4	6.4	7.5	8.0	8.7	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	11	14	16	19	20	20	19	17	14	11	8.7
73	2.5	3.3	4.2	5.4	5.9	6.9	8.0	8.7	9.3	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	11	16	17	20	21	21	20	19	15	12	9.3
74	2.8	3.7	4.6	5.9	6.4	7.5	8.7	9.3	10	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	12	16	19	21	23	23	21	20	16	13	10
75	3.0	4.1	5.0	6.4	6.9	8.0	9.3	10	11	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.3	13	17	20	23	24	24	23	21	17	14	11
76	3.3	4.5	5.4	6.9	7.5	8.7	10	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	14	19	21	24	26	26	24	23	19	15	11
77	3.7	5.0	5.9	7.5	8.3	9.3	11	11	12	13	13	13	13	13	15	20	23	26	28	28	26	24	20	16	12
78	4.1	5.4	6.4	8.3	9.1	10	11	12	13	14	14	14	14	14	16	21	24	28	30	30	28	26	21	17	13
79	4.5	5.9	6.9	9.1	10	11	12	13	14	15	15	15	15	15	17	23	26	30	32	32	30	28	23	19	14
80	5.0	6.4	7.5	10	11	11	13	14	15	16	16	16	16	16	19	24	28	32	35	35	32	30	24	20	15
81	5.5	6.9	8.3	11	11	12	14	15	16	17	17	17	17	17	20	26	30	35	37	37	35	32	26	21	16
82	6.1	7.5	9.1	11	12	13	15	16	17	18	18	18	18	18	21	28	32	37	40	40	37	35	28	23	17
83	6.8	8.3	10	12	13	14	16	17	19	20	20	20	20	20	23	30	35	40	42	42	40	37	30	24	19
84	7.5	9.1	12	13	14	15	17	19	20	21	21	21	21	21	24	32	37	42	45	45	42	40	32	26	20
85	8.3	10	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	23	23	23	23	23	26	35	40	45	47	47	45	42	35	28	21
86	9.1	12	13	15	16	17	20	21	23	24	24	24	24	24	28	37	42	47	50	50	47	45	37	30	23
87	10	13	14	16	17	19	21	23	24	26	26	26	26	26	30	40	45	50	55	55	50	47	40	32	24
88	11	13	15	17	19	20	23	24	26	28	28	28	28	28	32	42	47	55	60	60	55	50	42	35	26
89	12	14	16	19	20	21	24	26	28	30	30	30	30	30	35	45	50	60	63	63	60	55	45	37	28

Table II- Noys as a Function of Sound Pressure Level

Frequency Band Limits in Hz(c/s)

37.5	75	150	300	600	1200	2400	4800	37.5	75	150	300	600	1200	2400	4800
75	150	300	600	1200	2400	4800	10,000	75	150	300	600	1200	2400	4800	10,000

Band Center Frequency in Hz(c/s)

Lp	53	106	212	425	850	1700	3400	6800	Lp	53	106	212	425	850	1700	3400	6800
29							1.0		90	14	20	26	32	32	50	67	55
30							1.1		91	15	21	28	34	34	55	71	60
31							1.2		92	16	23	30	37	37	60	75	63
32							1.2		93	17	24	32	39	39	63	80	67
33						1.0	1.3		94	19	26	35	42	42	67	86	71
34						1.1	1.4	1.0	95	20	28	37	45	45	71	93	75
35						1.2	1.5	1.1	96	21	30	40	49	49	75	100	80
36						1.3	1.6	1.2	97	23	32	42	52	52	80	108	86
37						1.3	1.8	1.4	98	24	35	45	56	56	85	116	93
38						1.4	1.9	1.5	99	26	37	47	60	60	93	125	100
39						1.5	2.0	1.6	100	28	40	50	64	64	100	133	108
40				1.0	1.0	1.6	2.2	1.8	101	30	42	55	69	69	108	142	116
41				1.1	1.1	1.7	2.4	1.9	102	32	45	60	74	74	116	150	125
42				1.1	1.1	1.8	2.6	2.0	103	35	47	64	79	79	125	162	133
43				1.2	1.2	2.0	2.8	2.2	104	37	50	68	84	84	133	173	142
44				1.3	1.3	2.1	3.0	2.4	105	40	55	74	91	91	142	186	150
45				1.4	1.4	2.3	3.2	2.6	106	42	60	78	97	97	150	200	162
46			1.0	1.5	1.5	2.4	3.4	2.8	107	45	64	84	104	104	162	215	173
47			1.1	1.6	1.6	2.6	3.6	3.0	108	47	69	91	111	111	173	232	186
48			1.2	1.7	1.7	2.8	3.9	3.2	109	50	74	97	119	119	186	250	200
49			1.3	1.9	1.9	3.0	4.1	3.4	110	55	79	104	128	128	200	266	215
50			1.4	2.0	2.0	3.2	4.4	3.6	111	60	84	111	137	137	215	284	232
51			1.5	2.1	2.1	3.5	4.7	3.9	112	64	91	119	147	147	232	300	250
52		1.0	1.6	2.3	2.3	3.7	5.0	4.1	113	69	97	128	158	158	250	324	266
53		1.0	1.7	2.5	2.5	4.0	5.3	4.4	114	74	104	137	169	169	266	346	284
54		1.1	1.9	2.6	2.6	4.3	5.7	4.7	115	79	111	147	181	181	284	372	300
55		1.2	2.0	2.8	2.8	4.6	6.1	5.0	116	84	119	158	194	194	300	400	324
56		1.3	2.2	3.0	3.0	5.0	6.5	5.3	117	91	128	169	208	208	324	430	346
57		1.4	2.4	3.2	3.2	5.3	7.0	5.7	118	97	137	181	223	223	346	464	372
58		1.5	2.6	3.5	3.5	5.7	7.5	6.1	119	104	147	194	239	239	372	500	400
59		1.7	2.8	3.7	3.7	6.1	8.0	6.5	120	111	158	208	256	256	400	532	430
60		1.8	3.0	4.0	4.0	6.5	8.7	7.0	121	119	169	223	274	274	430	568	464
61		2.0	3.2	4.3	4.3	7.0	9.3	7.5	122	128	181	239	294	294	464	600	500
62		2.2	3.5	4.6	4.6	7.5	10	8.0	123	137	194	256	315	315	500	648	532
63	1.0	2.4	3.7	4.9	4.9	8.0	11	8.7	124	147	208	274	338	338	532	692	568
64	1.1	2.6	4.0	5.3	5.3	8.7	11	9.3	125	158	223	294	362	362	568	744	600
65	1.2	2.8	4.3	5.7	4.7	9.3	12	10	126	169	239	315	388	388	600	800	648
66	1.4	3.0	4.6	6.1	6.1	10	13	11	127	181	256	338	416	416	648	860	692
67	1.6	3.3	5.0	6.5	6.5	11	14	11	128	194	274	362	446	446	692	928	744
68	1.8	3.6	5.4	7.0	7.0	11	15	12	129	208	294	388	478	478	744	1000	800
69	2.0	3.9	5.9	7.5	7.5	12	16	13	130	223	315	416	512	512	800	1064	860
70	2.2	4.2	6.4	8.0	8.0	13	17	14	131	239	338	446	549	549	860	1136	928
71	2.3	4.6	6.9	8.6	8.6	14	19	15	132	256	362	478	588	588	928	1200	1000
72	2.5	5.0	7.5	9.2	9.2	15	20	16	133	274	388	512	630	630	1000	1296	1064
73	2.8	5.4	8.0	9.8	9.8	16	21	17	134	294	416	549	676	676	1064	1384	1136
74	3.0	5.9	8.7	10.6	10.6	17	23	19	135	315	446	588	724	724	1136	1488	1200
75	3.3	6.4	9.3	11.3	11.3	19	24	20	136	338	478	630	776	776	1200	1600	1296
76	3.7	6.9	10	12	12	20	26	21	137	362	512	676	832	832	1296	1720	1384
77	4.1	7.5	11	13	13	21	28	23	138	388	549	724	891	891	1384	1856	1488
78	4.5	8.3	11	14	14	23	30	24	139	416	588	776	955	955	1488	2000	1600
79	5.0	9.1	12	15	15	24	32	26	140	446	630	832	1024	1024	1600		1720
80	5.5	10	13	16	16	26	35	28	141	478	676	891	1098	1098	1720		1856
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84	8.3	13	17	21	21	35	45	37	145	630	891	1176	1448	1448			
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