



# Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Impact Sound Transmission Through Floor-Ceiling Assemblies Using the Tapping Machine<sup>1</sup>

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## INTRODUCTION

This test method is one of several for evaluating the sound insulating properties of building elements. It is designed to measure the impact sound transmission performance of an isolated floor-ceiling assembly, in a controlled laboratory environment. Others in the set deal with field measurement of impact sound transmission through floor-ceiling assemblies (Test Method E1007), measurement of sound isolation in buildings (Test Method E336), the measurement of sound transmission through a common plenum between two rooms (Test Method E1414), and the laboratory measurement of airborne sound transmission loss of building partitions such as walls, floor-ceiling assemblies, doors, and other space-dividing elements (Test Method E90).

## 1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the laboratory measurement of impact sound transmission of floor-ceiling assemblies using a standardized tapping machine. It is assumed that the test specimen constitutes the primary sound transmission path into a receiving room located directly below and that a good approximation to a diffuse sound field exists in this room.

1.2 Measurements may be conducted on floor-ceiling assemblies of all kinds, including those with floating-floor or suspended ceiling elements, or both, and floor-ceiling assemblies surfaced with any type of floor-surfacing or floor-covering materials.

1.3 This test method prescribes a uniform procedure for reporting laboratory test data, that is, the normalized one-third octave band sound pressure levels transmitted by the floor-ceiling assembly due to the tapping machine.

1.4 *Laboratory Accreditation*—The requirements for accrediting a laboratory for performing this test method are given in Annex A2.

1.5 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.6 *This standard does not purport to address the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

- C423 Test Method for Sound Absorption and Sound Absorption Coefficients by the Reverberation Room Method
- C634 Terminology Relating to Building and Environmental Acoustics
- E90 Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions and Elements
- E336 Test Method for Measurement of Airborne Sound Attenuation between Rooms in Buildings
- E989 Classification for Determination of Impact Insulation Class (IIC)
- E1007 Test Method for Field Measurement of Tapping

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.