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INTRODUCTION

122 This document specifies both methods of measurement and reporting of data for noise
123 cancelling characteristics on active acoustic noise cancelling headphones and earphones.

124 Active acoustic noise cancelling headphones and earphones are commonly used to reduce the
125 environmental acoustic noise to which the ear is exposed.

126 However, to date, there is no international standard for evaluating the noise cancelling
127 performance of active acoustic noise cancelling headphones and earphones. Manufacturers
128 currently measuring noise cancelling performance use only proprietary methods, and the
129 resulting metrics are neither uniform nor comparable.

130 This standard provides measurement methods and metrics for the noise cancelling performance
131 of active acoustic noise cancelling headphones and earphones. The resulting measured and
132 calculated values enable comparison of performance data obtained in different locations.

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SOUND SYSTEM EQUIPMENT –**Part 24: HEADPHONES AND EARPHONES -
ACTIVE ACOUSTIC NOISE CANCELLING CHARACTERISTICS****1 Scope**

This document is applicable to active acoustic noise cancelling headphones and earphones which have the function of reducing the noise heard by the user by the output sound from the transducer generated by the environment noise detection microphone and the noise reduction signal processing circuit.

This document specifies the terms and definitions of this type of headphones or earphones, the characteristics to be specified, and the measurement and evaluation methods.

The noise detection microphones are mounted in the body, on the surface, or on an accessory of the headphones or earphones. Signal processing circuits are analogue and digital electronic circuits.

This document does not deal with equipment intended for hearing protection.

The noise cancelling characteristic measurement methods may be applied to headphones and earphones having no active noise cancelling function.

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