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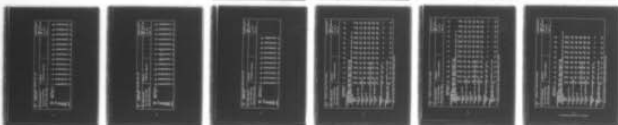
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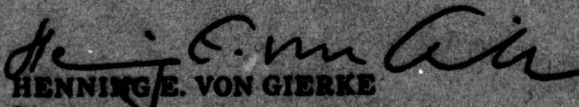
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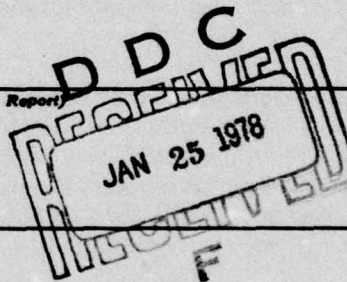
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PREFACE

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INTRODUCTION

The MA-1A Air Conditioner is an engine-driven air conditioner designed to provide conditioned air to the aircraft's interior during ground servicing. This unit is manufactured by Keco Industries, Incorporated.

This volume provides measured data defining bioacoustic environments produced by this unit. Such data are essential to evaluate ear protection requirements, limiting personnel exposure times, voice communication capabilities, and annoyance problems associated with operations of the MA-1A air conditioner.

This volume is one of a series published by the Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory (AMRL) under the same report number (AMRL-TR-75-50) as a multi-volume handbook that quantifies the noise environments produced at flight/ground crew locations and in surrounding communities by operations of Air Force aircraft and ground support equipment. The far-field, community-type noise data in the handbook describe the noise produced during *ground operations* of aircraft, ground support equipment, and other ground-based equipment or facilities.

Volume 1 of this handbook discusses the objectives and design of the handbook, types of data presented, measurement procedures, instrumentation, data processing, definitions of quantities, symbols, equations, applications, limitations, etc. Volume 2 provides a method and data for adjusting the handbook's far-field noise data, which are for standard meteorological conditions (15 C temperature, 70% rel humidity, 0.760 meters Hg barometric pressure), to derive comparable data for other meteorological conditions. Refer to *Volumes 1 and 2* (references 1 and 2) for such information because it is not repeated in other handbook volumes.

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NEAR-FIELD NOISE

MEASUREMENTS

A standard MA-1A air conditioner was operated outdoors on a concrete apron at normal rated conditions with no significant sound-reflective surfaces present except the ground plane. Table 1 notes the surface meteorological conditions at the time of measurement.

Figure 1 identifies 36 noise measurement locations at a height of 1.5 meters above the concrete apron (nominal ear level of ground crew). The 0 degree reference direction passes through the tow bar. These locations are in the acoustic near-field of the source where the sound wave fronts generally do not spherically diverge and the source appears to be spatially distributed (i.e., not a point source). Consequently, these near-field data cannot be extrapolated to longer distances but do properly define the levels at locations close to the unit.

RESULTS

The measured data presented in Table 2 define the sound pressure levels (SPL) produced by the MA-1A unit at the 36 specified, near-field locations. This table includes the overall, 1/3 octave band, and octave band levels. From these data one can calculate the variety of measures in Table 3 which are widely used to assess the effects of noise on personnel and their performance.

For data at other intermediate near-field locations (i.e., for radial distances less than 4 meters) you can interpolate between the 36 measured data points. All near-field data are for the meteorological conditions at the time of test but are valid for all typical airbase meteorology because of the short distances over which the sound is propagated.

TABLE 1

METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS FOR NOISE MEASUREMENTS

MA-1A Air Conditioner
Wright-Patterson AFB, 5 November 1971

Meteorology

Temperature	17 C
Bar Pressure	0.745 M Hg
Rel Humidity	26 %
Wind — Speed	6.8 M/Sec (13 Kt)

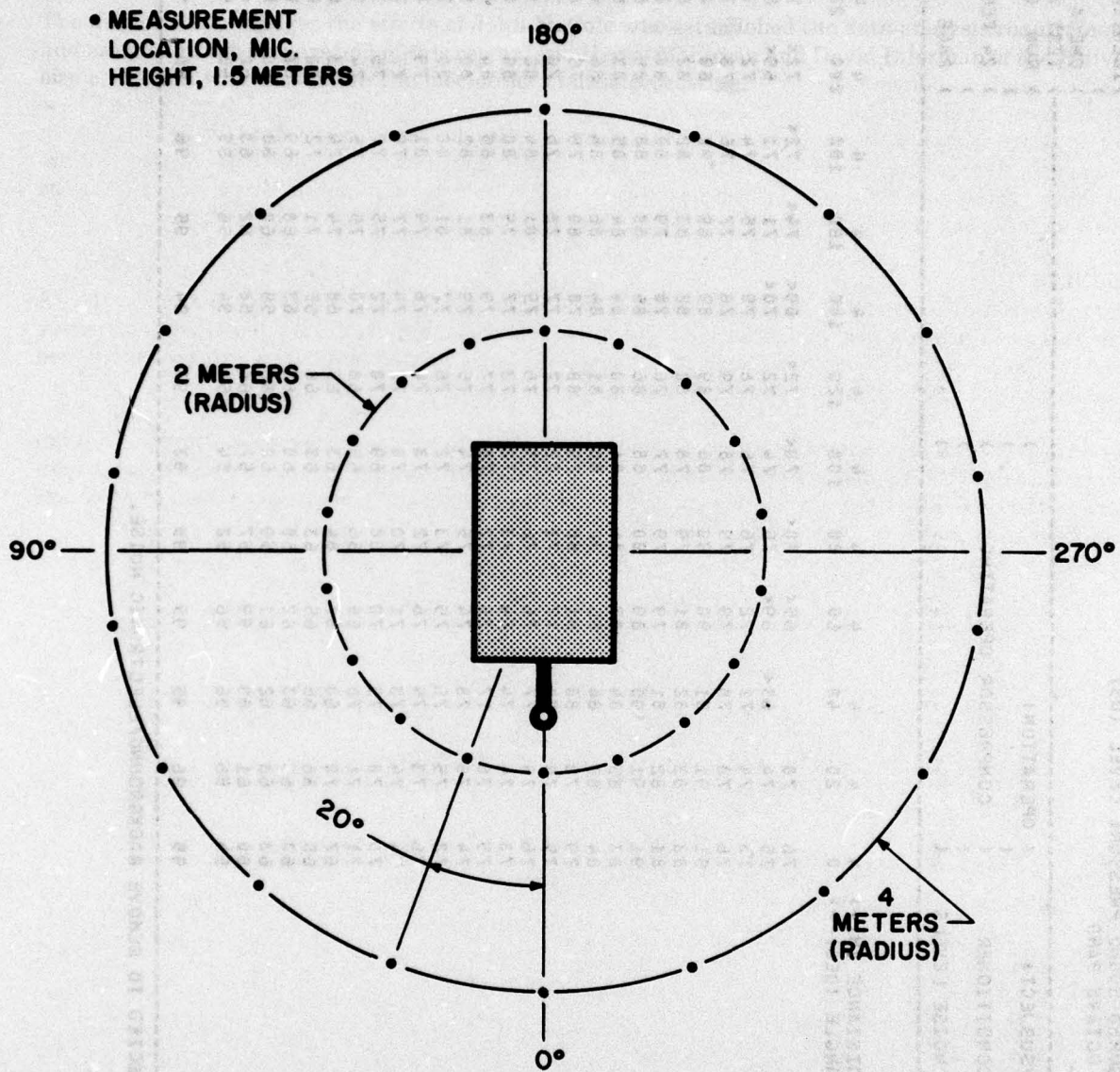


Figure 12. Measurement Locations

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB) 1/3 OCTAVE BAND		IDENTIFICATION:														
2		OMEGA 3.2 TEST 71-020-080														
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:		RUN 01														
MA-1A AIR CONDITIONER		24 FEB 75														
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS		PAGE F1														
FREQ (HZ)	DISTANCE (M) -> ANGLE (DEG) ->	4	0	4	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240
25		76	78	74	70	68	65	70	70	72	69	74	72	72	71	79
31.5		75	74	74	75	72	69	75	74	72	70	71	71	71	69	76
40		73	74	76	76	78	72	76	76	78	75	75	74	72	73	79
50		76	78	78	79	78	79	79	77	79	78	77	76	76	76	76
63		91	91	91	90	91	90	90	88	89	89	89	90	89	89	86
80		83	83	82	81	82	81	79	78	80	82	83	82	82	84	83
100		81	82	81	79	79	79	79	77	76	78	79	80	80	76	79
125		91	91	90	89	90	89	90	88	86	86	88	88	89	88	87
160		83	85	84	83	84	83	84	81	80	84	84	85	83	82	83
200		84	83	84	82	85	85	82	80	81	84	86	86	86	85	80
250		79	79	80	80	78	77	80	79	80	78	80	79	79	80	79
315		75	75	78	77	78	77	78	77	77	77	78	76	76	74	73
400		76	75	77	76	76	76	76	75	76	79	81	84	86	82	75
500		73	74	74	73	74	74	73	72	73	76	79	80	80	80	74
630		75	76	77	77	77	75	77	78	77	79	83	85	84	80	78
800		74	76	78	74	76	74	75	74	75	79	81	82	80	80	75
1000		72	75	76	72	76	75	73	72	76	77	81	82	80	77	73
1250		76	73	74	72	74	76	72	73	74	76	79	81	79	75	73
1600		74	74	73	70	73	71	70	70	72	74	77	79	77	73	71
2000		70	70	70	68	70	68	68	69	70	72	75	77	75	71	69
2500		71	71	70	68	68	68	66	65	68	70	75	75	74	70	67
3150		67	70	68	67	67	67	64	63	65	68	74	74	73	68	65
4000		65	66	66	65	65	65	63	63	66	65	71	72	70	65	63
5000		63	65	63	62	62	62	60	60	63	63	68	69	67	63	61
6300		60	63	62	61	61	59	59	60	60	59	60	60	60	60	60
8000		60	61	60	59	59	57	57	57	60	58	62	63	62	60	60
10000		54	56	56	56	56	56	52	54	54	54	56	55	55	55	55
OVERALL		95	96	95	95	95	95	95	93	93	94	95	96	96	94	93

< LEVEL CORRECTED TO REMOVE BACKGROUND/ELECTRONIC NOISE.

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB) 1/3 OCTAVE BAND										IDENTIFICATION:										
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: (OPERATION)										OMEGA 3.2										
MA-1A AIR CONDITIONER (COMPRESSOR OPERATING)										TEST 71-020-080										
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS ()										RUN 02										
										24 FEB 75										
										PAGE F2										
FREQ (HZ)	DISTANCE (M) ->	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	ANGLE (DEG) ->	260	280	300	320	340	0	20	40	60	80	100	120	140						
25	79	79	79	73<	76	79	76	78	78	78	78	78	77	77	78	77	77	77	77	77
31.5	79	75	75	73	72	75	74	78	77	76	79	77	76	76	79	77	76	76	74	74
40	77	77	77	78	77	76	76	77	76	78	80	80	80	81	80	80	81	81	77	77
50	77	77	77	78	77	75	84	86	81	83	83	82	82	81	83	82	81	79	79	79
63	89	87	88	88	89	89	101	103	101	99	97	93	91	88	97	93	91	88	88	88
80	81	81	79	81	81	83	89	90	89	87	86	83	82	83	86	83	82	83	83	83
100	79	81	79	81	81	80	90	89	87	87	85	83	83	82	85	83	83	82	82	82
125	86	88	89	89	91	92	100	99	101	99	97	95	94	92	97	95	94	92	92	92
160	82	82	81	81	81	82	89	90	89	87	87	86	85	85	87	86	85	85	85	85
200	81	84	83	82	82	83	87	89	89	88	87	88	88	86	87	88	88	86	86	86
250	78	82	79	79	79	79	82	84	86	88	89	90	88	86	89	90	88	86	86	86
315	72	75	77	77	78	76	81	82	80	81	84	84	83	82	84	84	83	82	82	82
400	76	77	78	78	78	76	82	83	82	81	82	80	81	80	82	80	81	80	80	80
500	75	77	77	76	75	74	80	81	81	79	80	79	78	77	80	79	78	77	77	77
630	75	77	77	77	75	74	81	81	81	81	82	81	81	81	82	81	81	81	81	81
800	73	74	74	75	75	74	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	82	81	81	80	80	80
1000	71	73	74	74	76	74	78	79	80	80	80	80	80	80	82	81	81	80	80	80
1250	71	72	73	73	73	73	77	77	78	78	78	77	76	75	78	77	76	73	73	73
1600	70	72	72	73	74	74	78	79	77	75	76	75	74	72	72	73	72	71	71	71
2000	68	70	71	71	71	71	75	75	75	73	72	71	71	70	71	71	70	69	67	67
2500	67	69	69	69	69	69	73	73	72	69	70	70	69	68	70	71	69	67	65	65
3150	65	67	68	68	68	67	71	71	70	67	68	67	66	64	67	67	66	64	63	63
4000	64	66	66	66	65	64	68	70	68	66	66	66	65	63	67	66	65	63	62	62
5000	63	65	65	65	65	64	68	70	68	66	66	65	64	62	67	66	65	63	62	62
6300	62	64	64	64	64	64	69	69	68	66	66	65	64	62	67	66	65	63	62	62
8000	62	64	66	66	65	62	68	70	69	66	65	65	64	62	67	66	65	63	62	62
10000	58	61	62	62	60	58	64	64	63	60	60	60	59	58	60	60	59	58	58	58
OVERALL	93	94	94	94	95	96	104	105	105	102	101	99	98	97						

< LEVEL CORRECTED TO REMOVE BACKGROUND/ELECTRONIC NOISE.

IDENTIFICATION: OMEGA 3.2 TEST 71-020-080 RUN 02 24 FEB 75 PAGE F2

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)		IDENTIFICATION:											
2 1/3 OCTAVE BAND		OMEGA 3.2 TEST 71-020-080 RUN 03 24 FEB 75 PAGE F3											
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:		OPERATION:											
MA-1A AIR CONDITIONER		COMPRESSOR OPERATING											
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS													
FREQ (HZ)	DISTANCE (M)-->	2	180	200	220	240	250	260	280	280	300	320	340
ANGLE (DEG)-->	160	2	180	200	220	240	250	260	280	280	300	320	340
25	80	82	75<	72<	77	73<	78	78	77	77	77	77	74<
31.5	75	79	73	73	77	78	75	78	78	76	76	76	76
40	77	79	76	77	79	82	82	82	82	83	83	83	79
50	78	78	77	77	79	80	80	80	79	81	81	81	82
63	85	85	84	84	88	87	87	87	90	91	95	95	99
80	84	85	83	85	83	84	84	84	86	81	85	85	86
100	84	84	84	82	82	82	83	85	85	86	86	86	88
125	91	92	94	92	92	92	94	95	95	95	97	97	99
160	89	88	87	87	87	87	90	92	92	92	92	92	91
200	91	92	94	89	85	88	88	89	89	89	88	88	86
250	85	85	85	84	81	85	85	87	87	87	85	85	83
315	82	85	84	79	78	80	80	82	82	83	83	83	81
400	85	88	87	82	80	81	81	83	83	83	83	83	83
500	83	88	84	81	76	78	78	80	80	81	81	81	81
630	88	89	88	82	78	79	79	80	80	81	81	83	82
800	87	88	86	79	75	77	77	79	79	78	82	82	81
1000	83	87	85	77	75	77	77	79	79	77	79	79	79
1250	84	86	82	75	76	76	76	77	77	76	78	77	77
1600	82	84	82	74	73	75	75	77	77	76	77	78	78
2000	81	82	80	73	70	72	72	75	75	75	75	75	75
2500	77	78	79	71	70	71	71	75	75	75	75	75	75
3150	76	76	77	69	69	69	70	73	73	74	73	73	72
4000	73	75	74	67	67	67	68	71	71	72	71	71	71
5000	71	73	72	65	66	66	67	72	72	71	70	69	69
6300	66	67	66	64	65	65	65	65	71	71	69	69	69
8000	64	65	64	63	65	65	65	70	70	71	70	69	69
10000	59	60	58	58	60	60	61	66	66	67	66	65	65
OVERALL	99	100	100	97	96	96	98	100	100	100	101	101	103

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2		OMEGA 3.2									
		TEST 71-020-080									
		RUN 03									
		24 FEB 75									
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NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:		OPERATION:									
MA-1A AIR CONDITIONER		COMPRESSOR OPERATING									
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS											
FREQ (HZ)	DISTANCE (M)-->	2	180	200	220	240	260	280	300	320	340
ANGLE (DEG)-->	160	180	200	220	240	260	280	300	320	340	
31.5	83	85	80	79	83	83	85	87	84	81	
63	88	89	87	88	89	89	91	92	95	99	
125	93	94	95	93	94	96	97	97	98	100	
250	92	93	95	90	87	90	91	92	91	88	
500	90	93	91	86	83	84	86	86	87	87	
1000	90	91	89	82	80	81	83	82	85	84	
2000	85	86	85	77	76	77	81	80	81	81	
4000	79	80	79	72	72	73	77	77	76	75	
8000	68	70	69	67	68	69	74	75	73	73	
OVERALL	99	100	100	97	96	98	100	100	101	103	

IDENTIFICATION: OMEGA 3.2
 TEST 71-020-000
 RUN 01
 24 FEB 75
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MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE

NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:	OPERATION:	4	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240
HAZARD/PROTECTION														
C-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLC IN DBC) AT EAR		95	95	94	94	94	92	93	94	95	96	95	94	92
A-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLA IN DBA) AT EAR		84	85	84	84	84	83	84	86	89	90	89	87	83
MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE TIME (T IN MINUTES) FOR ONE EXPOSURE PER DAY (AFR 161-35, JULY 73)		480	404	404	480	480	571	480	339	202	170	202	285	571
NO PROTECTION														
MINIMUM QPL EAR MUFFS														
OASLA*		72	73	72	72	72	70	69	70	72	72	72	71	70
T		960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
AMERICAN OPTICAL 1700 EAR MUFFS														
OASLA*		69	69	68	68	68	66	66	67	68	68	68	67	66
T		960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
V-51R EAR PLUGS														
OASLA*		61	62	62	62	61	60	61	63	65	67	66	64	60
T		960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
AMERICAN OPTICAL 1700 EAR MUFFS PLUS V-51R EAR PLUGS														
OASLA*		50	51	51	50	50	48	49	50	52	53	52	51	48
T		960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
H-133 GROUND COMMUNICATION UNIT														
OASLA*		62	63	62	62	61	59	60	61	63	64	63	61	60
T		960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960

COMMUNICATION PREFERRED SPEECH INTERFERENCE LEVEL (PSIL IN DB)
 78 79 79 70 77 77 70 81 84 85 84 81 77

ANNOUNCE PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL, TONE CORRECTED (PNLT IN PNDB)
 TONE CORRECTION (C IN DB)
 101 101 101 101 100 100 99 99 99 99 103 104 103 101 98
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 C 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

* BASED ON CALCULATED SPL SPECTRUM UNDER PROTECTIVE DEVICE.

TABLE: MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE										IDENTIFICATION:	
3										OMEGA 3.2	
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: (OPERATION)										TEST 71-020-000	
MA-1A AIR CONDITIONER (COMPRESSOR OPERATING)										RUN 03	
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS ()										24 FEB 75	
										PAGE M3	
DISTANCE (M)--> 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2											
ANGLE (DEG)--> 160 180 200 220 240 260 280 300 320 340											
HAZARD/PROTECTION											
C-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLC IN DB) AT EAR											
A-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLA IN DB) AT EAR											
MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE TIME (T IN MINUTES) FOR ONE EXPOSURE PER DAY (AFR 161-35, JULY 73)											
NO PROTECTION											
OASLC	98	100	99	96	96	98	99	99	100	102	
T	93	95	94	88	86	88	90	90	90	90	
OASLA*	101	71	85	240	339	240	170	170	170	170	
MINIMUM OPL EAR MUFFS											
OASLA*	75	76	77	74	74	76	77	77	78	80	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
AMERICAN OPTICAL 1700 EAR MUFFS											
OASLA*	71	72	72	70	69	71	73	73	74	76	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
V-51R EAR PLUGS											
OASLA*	70	72	70	65	63	65	67	67	68	68	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
AMERICAN OPTICAL 1700 EAR MUFFS PLUS V-51R EAR PLUGS											
OASLA*	56	58	57	52	51	53	55	55	56	58	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
H-133 GROUND COMMUNICATION UNIT											
OASLA*	67	68	68	63	63	65	67	66	68	69	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
COMMUNICATION											
PREFERRED SPEECH INTERFERENCE LEVEL (PSIL IN DB)											
PSIL	80	90	80	82	80	81	83	83	84	84	
ANNOYANCE											
PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL, TONE CORRECTED (PNLT IN PNDB)											
TONE CORRECTION (C IN DB)											
PNLT	106	100	100	103	102	104	106	105	107	100	
C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	

* BASED ON CALCULATED SPL SPECTRUM UNDER PROTECTIVE DEVICE.