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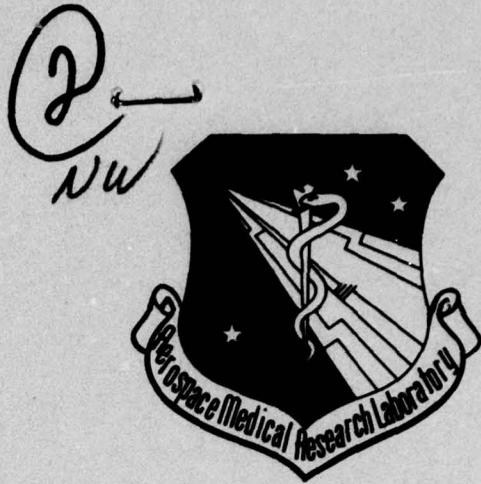


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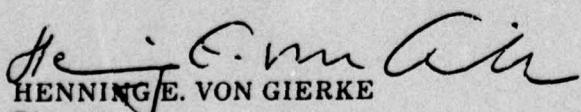
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noise level, and limiting times for total daily exposure of personnel with and without standard Air Force ear protectors. Refer to Volume 1 of this handbook, USAF Bioenvironmental Noise Data Handbook, Vol. 1: Organization, Content and Application¹, AMRL-TR-75-50(1) 1975, for discussion of the objective and design of the Handbook, the types of data presented, measurement procedures, instrumentation, data processing, definitions of quantities, symbols, equations, applications, limitations, etc.

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PREFACE

This report was prepared by the Biodynamic Environment Branch, Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory, under Project/Task 723104, Measurement and Prediction of Noise Environments of Air Force Operations.

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INTRODUCTION

The MB-1 Compressor is an electric motor-driven air compressor designed to furnish a source of high and low pressure for aircraft servicing.

This volume provides measured data defining the 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 MB-1 compressor.

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, the 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 (15C 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.

A cumulative index lists those aerospace systems contained in the handbook, and identifies the specific volumes containing each type of environmental noise data available (i.e., inflight/flight crew and passenger noise, near-field/ground crew noise, far-field/community noise). Volume numbers are assigned sequentially as individual volumes are published. This index is periodically updated as individual volumes are published, and is available upon request from AMRL/BBE, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433. Organizations on the distribution list for the handbook will automatically receive a copy of the updated index as it is generated.

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NEAR-FIELD NOISE

MEASUREMENTS

A standard MB-1 Compressor was operated inside, and approximately in the center of a large aircraft hanger (167.6 m long \times 36.6 m wide \times 18.3 m high) on a concrete floor at a normal rated/loaded condition. The hanger walls and ceiling were not acoustically treated. No aircraft were in the vicinity of the unit while being measured. No far-field acoustic data were acquired because of the relatively close proximity of the hanger walls.

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.

Near-field measurements were also made at ear level at the operator control panel. Table 1 lists the numeric/alphabetic designators used on the data pages in this report to identify the operator measurement location and test conditions. The designator 1/A means operator location 1 and test condition A. Such a descriptor is essential in many handbook volumes that involve multiple combinations of locations/conditions. It is used in this report to maintain format consistency.

RESULTS

The measured data presented in Table 2 define the sound pressure levels (SPL) produced by the MB-1 unit at the 37 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.

TABLE 1

MEASUREMENT LOCATION AND TEST CONDITION
FOR OPERATOR NOISE MEASUREMENTS

MB-1 Compressor, Reciprocating, Power Driven
Wright Patterson AFB, 8 Nov 1972

Measurement Location

1 Operator Control Panel

Operation

A Air Tank Fill Cycle

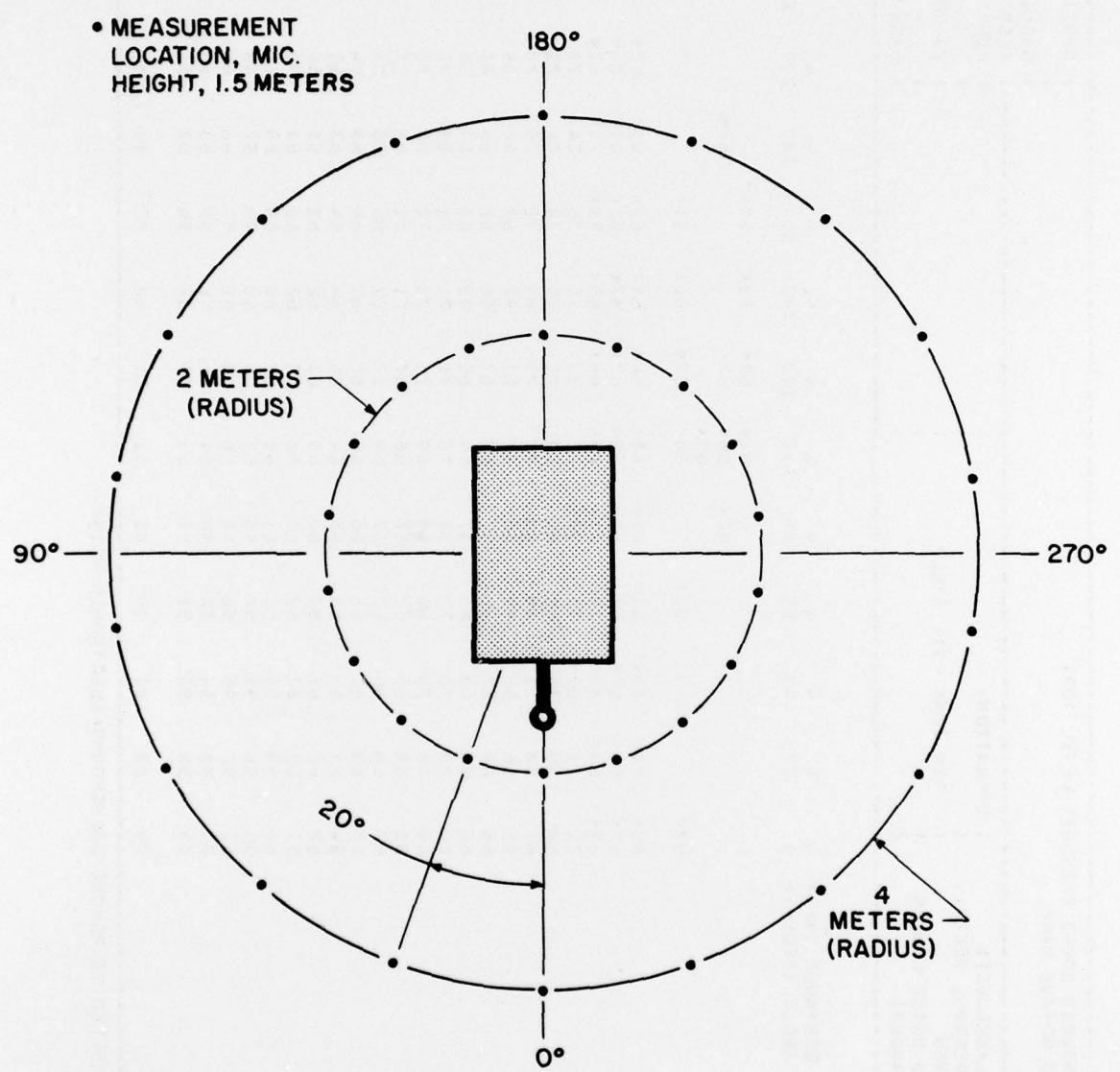


Figure 1. Measurement Locations

TABLE I MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)
2 1/3 OCTAVE BAND

NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT ¹		OPERATION ¹		AIR TANK FILL CYCLE							
FREQ (HZ)	DISTANCE (M) --> ANGLE (DEG) -->	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
25											
40	62<	61<	62<	60<	61<	61<	60<	61<	60<	61<	60<
50	60<	61<	63<	61<	63<	64<	63<	64<	63<	64<	64<
63	67<	65<	67<	68<	69<	67<	67<	67<	67<	66<	67<
80	69<	68<	70<	71<	70<	66<	69<	70<	71<	67<	69<
100	71	71	69<	70	73	71	72	76	74	72	72
125	69	69	70	68	70	70	75	74	74	71	71
160	69	69	70	68	70	70	70	74	74	70	71
200	69	69	70	68	70	70	70	72	76	70	71
250	67	68	69	68	71	70	69	72	76	70	72
315	66	66	65	66	68	68	67	67	68	66	65
400	65	67	66	67	69	67	66	67	66	65	65
500	66	68	68	68	67	68	69	68	64	66	65
630	70	70	72	71	70	71	71	71	69	70	68
800	69	70	70	69	69	71	73	72	73	74	69
1000	68	68	67	67	68	67	71	71	69	72	71
1250	67	68	66	67	69	67	67	66	65	66	66
1600	65	65	66	65	66	66	65	65	64	64	64
2000	64	64	65	65	64	64	64	64	63	62	63
2500	62	62	63	63	63	63	62	62	61	60	62
3150	61	60	62	62	63	62	63	62	60	59	62
4000	60	59	60	60	61	61	62	60	59	59	60
5000	58	58	57	59	58	59	58	59	57	57	58
6300	57	57	56	57	56	57	56	58	56	55	57
8000	57	58	56	56	54	56	55	53	53	55	56
10000	58	56	53	52	57	53	55	54	52	51	53
OVERALL	79	80	80	80	80	81	81	82	82	81	80

¹ LEVEL CORRECTED TO REMOVE BACKGROUND/ELECTRONIC NOISE.

TABLE 2 MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)
1/3 OCTAVE BAND

NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT!		OPERATION!		IDENTIFICATION!									
MB-1 COMPRESSOR, RECIP., POWER DRIVEN NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS (INSIDE HANGER)		AIR TANK FILL CYCLE		TEST 71-020-390					OMEGA 3-2				
				RUN 02					TEST 24 FEB 75				
				PAGE F2					PAGE F2				
FREQ (HZ)	DISTANCE (M) ->	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2
	ANGLE (DEG) -->	260	280	300	320	340	0	20	40	60	80	100	120
25													
31.5													
40													
50													
63													
80													
100													
125													
160													
200													
250													
315													
400													
500													
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800													
1000													
1250													
1600													
2000													
2500													
3150													
4000													
5000													
6300													
8000													
10000													
OVERALL		80	81	81	81	80	83	83	83	84	84	84	85

< LEVEL CORRECTED TO REMOVE BACKGROUND/ELECTRONIC NOISE.

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)

2

NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT				OPERATION				IDENTIFICATION			
FREQ (HZ)	ANGLE (DEG)-->	DISTANCE (M)-->	NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS (INSIDE HANGER)	ANGLE (DEG)-->	DISTANCE (M)-->	AIR TANK FILL CYCLE	NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS (INSIDE HANGER)	ANGLE (DEG)-->	DISTANCE (M)-->	AIR TANK FILL CYCLE	NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS (INSIDE HANGER)
25	31.5	2	59<	64<	2	66<	67<	61<	65<	66<	64<
40	40	200	69<	70<	220	69<	70<	62<	61<	69<	64<
50	50	240	61<	70<	260	70<	71<	60<	64<	70<	61<
63	63	280	61<	71<	300	71<	71<	64<	64<	70<	64<
80	80	320	64<	71<	340	71<	71<	64<	64<	70<	66<
100	100	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	68<
125	125	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	69<
160	160	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	70<
200	200	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	72<
250	250	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	77<
315	315	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	76<
400	400	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	73<
500	500	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	72<
630	630	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	74<
800	800	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	73<
1000	1000	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	72<
1250	1250	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	71<
1600	1600	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	69<
2000	2000	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	67<
2500	2500	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	66<
3150	3150	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	64<
4000	4000	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	64<
5000	5000	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	61<
6300	6300	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	60<
8000	8000	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	58<
10000	10000	340	66<	72<	340	72<	72<	66<	66<	70<	56<
OVERALL		85	86	86	83	82	82	82	82	82	84

< LEVEL CORRECTED TO REMOVE BACKGROUND/ELECTRONIC NOISE.

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)
2 OCTAVE BAND

		IDENTIFICATION:									
		TEST 71-020-390									
		RUN 01									
		24 FEB 75									
		PAGE J1									
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:	OPERATION:										
MB-1 COMPRESSOR, RECIP.,, POWER DRIVEN	AIR TANK FILL CYCLE										
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS (INSIDE HANGER)											
FREQ (HZ)	DISTANCE (M) --> ANGLE (DEG) -->	4 0	4 20	4 40	4 60	4 80	4 100	4 120	4 140	4 160	4 180
31.5	64	64	74	73	74	76	75	74	77	76	74
63	74	74	72	73	72	72	75	74	76	77	73
125	72	72	73	73	74	73	74	74	74	78	75
250	72	73	73	73	74	73	74	74	74	71	72
500	73	73	73	73	72	73	73	75	75	76	72
1000	68	69	69	70	69	69	69	69	68	67	68
2000	64	65	65	66	65	65	66	65	64	62	63
4000	62	62	60	60	61	59	61	61	60	58	59
8000											
OVERALL	79	80	80	80	81	81	82	82	82	81	80

TABLE 2 MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (dB)

2

		IDENTIFICATION:					
		TEST 71-020-390					
		RUN 02					
		24 FEB 75					
		PAGE J2					
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:	OPERATION:						
MB-1 COMPRESSOR, RECIP.,							
POWER DRIVEN	AIR TANK FILL CYCLE						
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS							
(INSIDE HANGER)							
FREQ (HZ)	DISTANCE (M) -> ANGLE (DEG) ->	4	4	4	4	2	2
260	260	300	320	340	0	20	40
31.5							
63	74	73	74	74	76	75	66
125	73	74	75	74	76	77	76
250	72	75	75	73	75	76	78
500	72	74	74	76	74	77	79
1000	72	74	74	76	77	77	80
2000	68	70	70	69	73	72	77
4000	64	66	67	67	68	68	76
8000	60	62	62	63	65	65	76
OVERALL	79	81	81	80	83	83	84
							85

TABLE I MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)
2
 OCTAVE BAND

NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:		OPERATION:		IDENTIFICATION:			
MB-1 COMPRESSOR, RECIP.,	POWER DRIVEN	AIR TANK FILL CYCLE		OMEGA 3.2	TEST 71-020-390		
	NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS (INSIDE HANGER)			RUN 03			
				24 FEB 75			
				PAGE J3			
FREQ (HZ)	ANGLE (DEG)-->	DISTANCE (M)-->	ANGLE (DEG)-->	200	220	240	260
		160	180	2	2	2	2
		31.5	63	69	67	67	67
		125	79	82	81	75	74
		250	80	80	81	76	74
		500	77	75	77	75	74
		1000	78	78	77	77	76
		2000	71	71	70	72	73
		4000	68	67	67	69	69
		8000	63	62	63	62	64
OVERALL		85	85	86	83	82	82
					82	82	81
					82	81	84

TABLE: MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE

3

HAZARD/PROTECTION										IDENTIFICATION																						
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT*		OPERATION*		C-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLC IN DBC) AT EAR		A-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLA IN DBA) AT EAR		MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE TIME (T IN MINUTES) FOR ONE EXPOSURE PER DAY (AFR 161-35, JULY 73)		TEST 71-020-390		OMEGA 3.2																				
(MB-1 COMPRESSOR, RECIP.,, POWER DRIVEN NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS (INSIDE HANGER))				0		20		40		60		80		100		120		140		160		180		200		220		240				
NO PROTECTION				79	80	80	80	81	81	82	82	81	81	81	81	82	82	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81			
OASLC	T	OASLA		76	77	77	77	77	77	78	78	77	78	78	78	78	77	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78		
OASLC	T	OASLA*		960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960			
MINIMUM QPL EAR MUFFS		OASLC*		56	56	56	56	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57		
AMERICAN OPTICAL 1700 EAR MUFFS	T	OASLA*		960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960		
V-51R EAR PLUGS	T	OASLC*		51	51	51	51	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52		
AMERICAN OPTICAL 1700 EAR MUFFS PLUS V-51R EAR PLUGS	T	OASLA*		960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960		
H-133 GROUND COMMUNICATION UNIT	T	OASLC*		38	39	38	38	38	38	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39		
COMMUNICATION PREFERRED SPEECH INTERFERENCE LEVEL (PSIL IN DB)	PSIL			71	71	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	
ANNOYANCE																																
PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL, TONE CORRECTED (PNLT IN PNDB)																																
TONE CORRECTION (C IN DB)																																
PNLT	C			88	89	89	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* BASED ON CALCULATED SPL SPECTRUM UNDER PROTECTIVE DEVICE.

TABLE 3 MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE

3

NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT		{ OPERATION }		IDENTIFICATION	
MB-1 COMPRESSOR, RECIP.,	POWER DRIVEN	AIR TANK FILL CYCLE		OMEGA 3-2	TEST 71-020-390
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS	(INSIDE HANGER)			RUN 02	
				24 FEB 75	
				PAGE H2	
DISTANCE (M) -->	4	4	4	2	2
ANGLE (DEG) -->	260	280	300	320	340
MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE TIME (T IN MINUTES)				20	40
NO PROTECTION				2	2
OASLC	79	81	81	83	83
OASLA	76	78	78	80	80
T	960	960	960	960	960
MINIMUM QPL EAR MUFFS	56	57	57	59	59
OASLA*	960	960	960	960	960
AMERICAN OPTICAL 1700 EAR MUFFS	51	52	52	54	54
OASLA*	960	960	960	960	960
V-SIR EAR PLUGS	52	54	55	56	56
OASLA*	960	960	960	960	960
AMERICAN OPTICAL 1700 EAR MUFFS PLUS V-SIR EAR PLUGS	38	40	40	41	41
OASLA*	960	960	960	960	960
H-133 GROUND COMMUNICATION UNIT	49	50	50	52	52
OASLA*	960	960	960	960	960
COMMUNICATION PREFERRED SPEECH INTERFERENCE LEVEL (PSIL IN dB)	71	73	73	72	75
PSIL				74	75
ANNOYANCE				75	75
PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL, TONE CORRECTED (PNLT IN PNDB)				76	76
TONE CORRECTION (C IN dB)				75	75
PNLT	89	91	91	89	92
C	1	1	1	0	0

* BASED ON CALCULATED SPL SPECTRUM UNDER PROTECTIVE DEVICE.

TABLE: MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE

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IDENTIFICATION:									
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT		OPERATION:		TEST 71-020-390		TEST 71-020-390		TEST 71-020-390	
MB-1 COMPRESSOR, RECIP.,, POWER DRIVEN		AIR TANK FILL CYCLE		RUN 03		24 FEB 75		RUN 03	
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS (INSIDE HANGER)		PAGE H3		PAGE H3		PAGE H3		PAGE H3	
HAZARD/PROTECTION		C-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLC IN DBC) AT EAR		A-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLA IN DBA) AT EAR		MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE TIME (T IN MINUTES) FOR ONE EXPOSURE PER DAY (AFR 161-35, JULY 73)		OPERATOR LOCATION	
NO PROTECTION		NO PROTECTION		NO PROTECTION		NO PROTECTION		TEST CONDITION	
OASLC	85	85	86	83	82	82	82	81	84
OASLA	81	81	81	80	80	80	80	79	80
T	807	807	807	960	960	960	960	960	960
MINIMUM QPL EAR MUFFS	62	63	63	58	58	58	57	56	60
OASLA*	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
AMERICAN OPTICAL 1700 EAR MUFFS	57	58	58	53	53	52	51	51	56
OASLA*	T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
V-51R EAR PLUGS	58	57	58	56	56	55	55	54	57
OASLA*	T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
AMERICAN OPTICAL 1700 EAR MUFFS PLUS V-51R EAR PLUGS	43	43	43	42	42	41	42	40	42
OASLA*	T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
H-133 GROUND COMMUNICATION UNIT	54	54	54	53	53	52	53	51	52
OASLA*	T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
COMMUNICATION PREFERRED SPEECH INTERFERENCE LEVEL (PSIL IN DB)	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	74	75
ANNOYANCE PSIL	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	74	75
PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL, TONE CORRECTED (PNLT IN PNDB)									
TONE CORRECTION (C IN DB)									
PNLT	93	94	93	93	94	92	92	91	92
C	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0

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