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Methods of measuring and specifying
the performance of loudspeakers for
professional applications -
Drive units

Abstract
This document is a recommended practice for describing and specifying loudspeaker components used in professional audio and sound-reinforcement systems. These components include high-frequency drivers and low-frequency drivers. Specifications are given for describing frequency response, impedance, distortion, and power handling.

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The purpose of this document is to recommend methods of specifying the performance of loudspeaker components used in music, speech, and fixed-signal (such as siren alert) systems. It is needed so that these components may be compared on an equal basis, by methods which directly relate to their specific real use. Previously, no such practice or standard existed for this class of acoustical product. Tests and nomenclature used in this document are compatible with IEC Standard, Publication 268-5 (1972) and Supplement 268-5A (1980).

The document presented here is a complete recommendation.

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