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## Underwater Noise from Ships, Full Scale Measurements

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE GUIDELINES

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on the available procedures and methodologies for measuring underwater noise from surface ships. For the purposes of this document underwater noise is meant the sound generated by a ship as measured in terms of sound pressure levels. Current interest in measurement of surface ship underwater noise is driven by recognition of the importance of anthropogenic (human-made) noise in the ocean and its environmental impact. In addition, the ship underwater noise has an influence on the operation of hydro-acoustic equipment. The current guidelines only address the measurement of underwater ship noise and does not comment on the impact of such noise.


It is noted that the subject of measuring under water radiated ship noise is currently being extensively examined by many different International Committees and Organizations with various standards having been issued and numerous others in the drafting phase. Reference to these standards is provided in §2. The extensive level of activity on this topic is due to both potential differences in national interests and the broad range of ship types, operating conditions, and oceanic environments that need to be addressed. Ship types can range from relatively small vessels to ultra large container ships. Vessel speeds can range from relatively slow in near-shore and congested waters to unrestricted full-speed in open oceans. Oceanic environments can range from relatively shallow water where the sea bottom plays significantly in noise

levels to deep ocean conditions for which the bottom plays no role.

Much of the material provided in these guidelines is drawn from the currently available publications. It is recommended that these guidelines be revisited and updated periodically as further International Standards for this topic are published and when National and International requirements for ship underwater noise monitoring and regulation are established.

### 2. NORMATIVE REFERENCES

Ship-generated underwater noise, as previously stated, is a topic of extensive interest due to recognition of its possible environmental impact and the potential of issuance of regulatory measures. As such, a large body of publications related to this topic has been developed over the last few years. For purposes of this guidelines, the salient publications can be categorized into three groupings; i) National/International Standards, ii) Rules of Classification Societies, and iii) Guidelines in the form of Good Practices. A listing of those found most informative is provided in Table 1.

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**Table 1: Publications Related to Underwater Noise from Ships**

<i>National/International Standards</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ANSI/ASA, 2009, Quantities and procedures for description and measurement of underwater sound from ships, Part 1: General requirements, ANSI/ASA S12.64-2009/Part 1</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISO 17208-1:2016 Underwater acoustics – Quantities and procedures for description and measurement of underwater sound from ships – Part 1: Requirements for precision measurements in deep water used for comparison purposes</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISO/CD 17208-2:2016. Underwater acoustics – Quantities and procedures for description and measurement of underwater sound from ships – Part 2: Determination of source level from deep water measurements (under preparation in ISO/TC43/SC3)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISO/NP 17208-3:2016 (Proposal Stage – New Project on 2016-06-27) Underwater acoustics – Quantities and procedures for description and measurement of underwater sound from ships – Part 3: Requirements for measurements in shallow water</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISO/DIS 18405.2:2016 Underwater acoustics – Terminology. (under development in ISO/TC43/SC3)</li> </ul>
<i>Rules of Classification Societies</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DNV, 2010, Silent Class Notation, Det Norske Veritas (DNV), Rules for Ships, January 2010, Pt 6, Ch. 2</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BV, 2014, Underwater Radiated Noise (URN), Bureau Veritas Rule Note NR614</li> </ul>

<i>Guidelines in the form of Good Practices</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AQUO D3.1, 2014, Task T3.1, WP 3: Measurements, European URN Standard Measurement Method</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Physical Laboratory, 2014. NPL Good Practise Guide No. 133, Underwater Noise Measurement</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AQUO and SONIC, 2015, Guidelines for Regulation on UW Noise from Commercial Shipping, Prepared by: Bureau Veritas, DNV GL</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU TSG Noise (2014). Monitoring Guidance of Underwater Noise in European Seas, Part 3: Background Information</li> </ul>

The first listed in Table 1 is the earliest Standard issued that addresses measuring underwater ship noise with the second being essentially an update. Of particular note are the AQUO (Achieve Quieter Oceans) and SONIC (Suppression Of underwater Noise Induced by Cavitation) documents. The AQUO D3.1 document provides an excellent review and comparative critique of three commonly cited Standards, and also provides detailed technical justification for the underwater noise measurement (URN) procedures that are proposed. The AQUO/SONIC and the EU TSG Noise guidelines documents provide information directed to recommending a protocol for underwater noise monitoring programs. These documents should be referenced for further information and detail not provided in this guidelines.

### 3. MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURE

#### 3.1 Introduction

Documentation and reporting of test site information is critical to the resulting usefulness of noise measurements. There needs to be sufficient information to allow appropriate test configuration and site/environmental related corrections to be made to measurements to arrive at test site independent noise source levels. This provides noise source levels which can be used with noise propagation models to estimate ship noise impact when the ship is operating at other locations or in other oceanic environments. The discussion in other sections of this document address issues related to necessary corrections.

Described in this section on Measurement Requirements and Procedures are: a description of ship noise components and their variation with ship speed; characteristics of test site; measurement configuration; testing configurations; environmental conditions such as sea state and associated weather conditions; and, ship configuration.

#### 3.2 Characteristics of Ship Radiated Underwater Noise

The report by the Specialist Committee on Hydrodynamic Noise for the 27<sup>th</sup> ITTC (2014) describes many characteristics of ship underwater radiated noise that are important in establishing measurement guidelines. Particularly important is that ship underwater noise is generated by different ship-related mechanisms, each varying differently in strength with ship speed. Figure 1, which is an adaptation from Carlton (2012), illustrates this point. For this illustration ship noise source mechanisms have been grouped as being; (1) propeller noise, (2) flow noise, and (3) machinery noise. The relative level and possible

character of each of these sources for a specific vessel depends on the type of ship, the type of propulsion system used, and the degree that noise quieting features are incorporated in the design. As illustrated, at low ship speed the dominant source is machinery noise which generally increases slowly in level with ship speed. At higher speeds underwater noise is dominated by propeller noise, particularly for speeds above cavitation onset. Flow noise, which is noise generated by flow over the ship hull and hull-mounted components, may be a contributor to underwater noise in the mid-speed range but is not a controlling source at any speed.

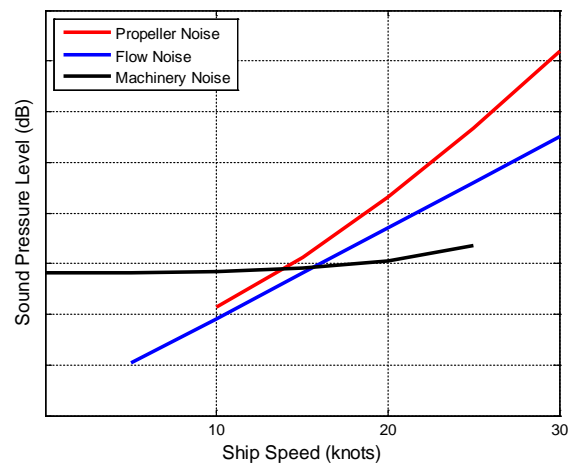



Figure 1: Illustration of variation of ship underwater radiated noise contributors with ship speed.

These characteristics need to be considered when conducting underwater noise measurements. For example, testing periods with low ambient noise levels are needed if underwater levels at low ship speeds are to be measured. If testing is to identify speed of cavitation onset then attention needs to be given to avoid ship and seaway conditions that might alter cavitation onset.

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### 3.3 Test site

#### 3.3.1 Test site configuration

The procedures and methods for full-scale noise measurements are dictated by the objectives and purpose of the measurements program; for example whether the measurements are made on commercial, military, or possibly research vessels. The ANSI and ISO standards listed in Table 1 provide measurement standards that depend on the quality of measurements needed. Specifications for three grades of measurement quality are provided; (1) precision grade, (2) engineering grade, or (3) survey grade. The AQUO WP-3 document listed in Table 1 recommends procedures for two grades of measurements; (A) for engineering purposes with high accuracy and repeatability, and (B) for comparison to noise limits with medium accuracy and repeatability. The URN procedures also address guidelines for both shallow water (A1/B1) and deep water (A2/B2) measurements.

Testing is generally done using either fixed or mobile measurement equipment with the latter more common due in part to the complexity and cost of fixed facilities. It is noted that some fixed sites also employ mobile equipment, particularly those that predominantly support measurements of military ships. On-board measurement equipment may also be used in addition to fixed and/or mobile range equipment.

The basic configuration for deploying hydrophone(s) for underwater noise measurements is; surface mounting where hydrophones(s) are suspended from a surface buoy or support platform; using a bottom anchor and subsurface riser buoy combination onto which the hydrophone(s) are attached; or, a configuration where the hydrophone is mounted in a cage resting on the sea bottom. Various configurations of bottom mounting are used due to unique issues at the

testing site. The various existing guidelines recommend hydrophone deployment procedures that improve measurement accuracy and repeatability.


#### 3.3.2 Test site water depth (deep vs. shallow)

Water depth at a test site is an important issue that affects the quality of measurements that can be obtained and the type of deployment system that is used. While preference is naturally for deep water test, for which the influence of bottom reflections on acoustic propagation are not significant, the off-shore waters of many countries consist on an extended continental shelf which is characteristically shallow water (Yezhen and Wenwei (2015)). Further the infrastructure needed to support measurements in deep water is more complicated and periods of low background noise (low sea state conditions) are less often.

A single definition of what constitutes shallow water does not exist and varies amongst the normative references. However, for ship noise measurements shallow water is generally defined as conditions for which the ratio of water depth to acoustic wavelength is less than about 10 to 100.

In shallow water the noise characteristics of the ship and the geo-acoustic characteristics of the ocean bottom are important. To minimize bottom effects the ANSI and ISO standards recommend for the highest grade measurements that tests be conducted with a minimum water depth of 300 m or three times ship length, 150 m or 1.5 times ship length for middle grade measurements, and 75 m or 1 times ship length for the lowest grade measurements. These recommendations are set in part to ensure measurements include acoustic contributions that may exist along the full length of the ship, bow-to-stern.



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If the dominant contributor to underwater noise is the propeller (via propeller cavitation) then the ship-length criterion may be relaxed. Similarly, if underwater ship noise is due to only machinery and propeller noise contributions, then the ship length criterion may be reduced to being the distance between the machinery room and propeller, rather than being overall ship length. Consideration needs to be given to whether ship operational performance is impacted while operating in shallow water which could affect acoustic performance. Information on the influence of shallow water on speed and power trials are given in ITTC procedure 7.5-04-01-01.2.

Bathymetric information needed to numerically estimate propagation losses<sup>1</sup> in shallow water should be acquired and sound speed profiles should be measured as part of the testing protocol.

The AQUO D3.1 and BV documents listed in Table 1 provide very extensive reviews of the effects of acoustic signal transmission and bottom absorption/reflection in measurements of underwater noise. These documents should be referenced for more detailed information if needed. It is noted that an ISO procedure on noise measurements in shallow water is in development.

### 3.4 Measurement Configuration

Underwater noise measurements are made using a single hydrophone or multiple hydrophones comprising an array or string. If multiple hydrophones are employed, the hydrophone signals may be processed individually to provide a spatially distributed (incoherent) sampling of a ship noise or may be coherently summed in some fashion to form measurement beams that


provide spatial discrimination, such as against sea surface ambient noise. Further discussions on hydrophones and data acquisition are provided below.

Supporting information regarding the manner in which the hydrophones, and possibly on-board equipment, are used to measure underwater noise should be provided to allow measurements to be converted to range-independent estimates and to determine confidence levels for the estimates. Such information includes, in part: manner by which hydrophone(s) are deployed and maintained in position; distance of each hydrophone from the surface and the bottom; manner of determining and maintaining position of hydrophone(s); hydrophone signal telemetry and recording procedures; method of determining position of the test ship relative to the hydrophones during entire period for which measurements are made; and, signal conditioning, processing and analysis procedures used to arrive at measured underwater noise levels. Information regarding the accuracy of each of these items should be provided so that cumulative uncertainty estimates can be made. Further guidance on estimating measurement uncertainties is provided in the Uncertainty Analysis section of the guidelines.

The testing sequence for measurements of underwater noise entails the test ship sailing along a straight course past a sea surface reference point that is indexed to the location where the measurement hydrophone(s) are deployed. During the passage, the ship maintains a predetermined speed and equipment line-up. Data from the hydrophone(s) are continuously obtained during the period of vessel passage from a predetermined COMEX (start) to FINEX (end) of a test run (see Figure 2). The COMEX and FINEX positions of the ship along its track are

<sup>1</sup> Note that some publications use the term ‘transmission loss’ instead of ‘propagation loss’. Propagation

loss was adopted in (ISO DIS 18405, 2015) and is therefore generally preferred.

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set to provide the measurements needed to properly report underwater noise levels, as described below.

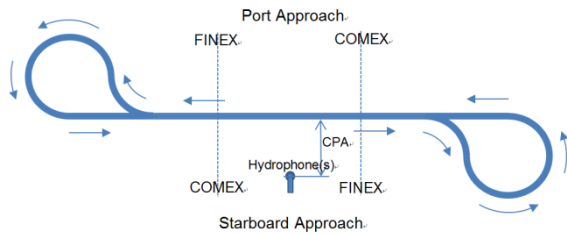


Figure 2: Path of ship during double run

The test sequence given in Figure 2 is a standard arrangement recommended in many of the standards and guidelines. The track of the vessel is such that it passes the array with a closest point of approach (CPA) that is selected to meet specific test requirements. CPA is the closest horizontal distance the test vessel passes to the array index location as measured from the ship ‘acoustic centre’. Ship acoustic centre is a defined reference position on the ship which is meant to represent the location from which all underwater noise originates as if ship acoustic radiation is from a single point source. While specifying the acoustic centre to be at the location where most acoustic radiation originates is helpful it is not critical since necessary corrections (principally for range corrections) can be made during post processing.

The recommendations from the AQUO project, adopted in the BV rule, specifies an expanded series of such runs past the array to acquire data at multiple CPA to aid in accounting for propagation losses. The BV recommended run configuration is shown in Figure 3. A total of six runs are conducted. Test runs are made for both port and starboard aspect at three different CPA; i) 200 m or distance of 1 ship length, ii) 400 m or distance of 1.5 ship length, iii) 500 m or distance of 2 ship length.

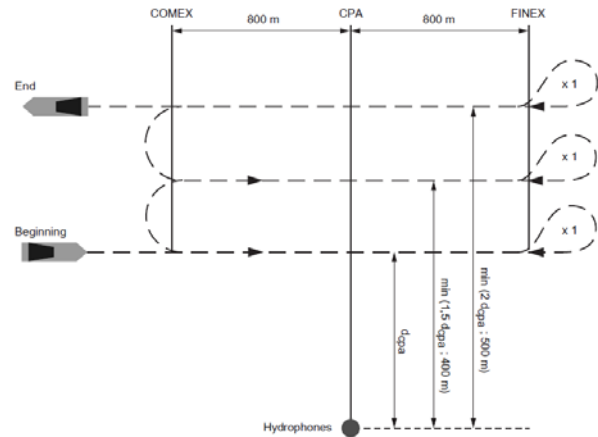


Figure 3: BV test course configuration

Results from these varying CPA aid in assessing source-to-receiver propagation characteristics. Recognition is given of possible issues with too low signal-to-noise values for the quieter ships at the greater CPA. Repeat runs at the closer CPA are recommended to help determine repeatability. Accuracy of CPA distance is given as +/- 10 m.

Due to the significant impact the air-water interface (sea surface) has on propagation characteristics of underwater ship noise, it is important that attention be given to the position of measurement hydrophone(s) relative to the sea surface. The deployment arrangement for hydrophones recommended in the ANSI and ISO standards depends on the grade of measurement needed. For the two higher grades (precision grade and engineering grade) it is recommended, as show in Figure 4, that a vertical string of three hydrophones be deployed at depths such that when the test ship is at CPA, the geometrical configuration of ship-to-hydrophones be such that the hydrophones are at angles of 15°, 30° and 45°, from the ship as measured from the sea surface.



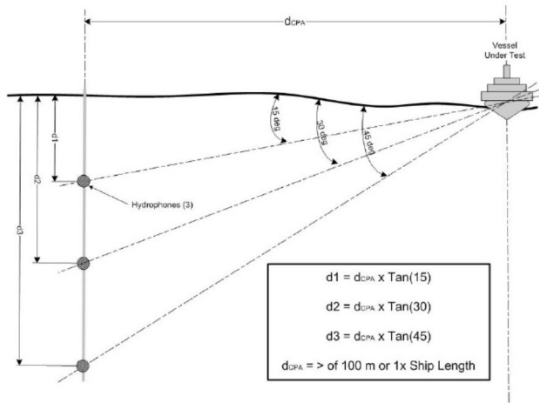


Figure 4: ANSI/ASA (2009) - Grade A and B hydrophone configuration

Measurements from a single hydrophone positioned at the 45° depth can be used for the lowest grade measurements. For the higher grades, measurements from the individual three hydrophones are power summed, as described later, to reduce the influence of sea surface reflections (Lloyd mirror).

The ship track should provide the CPA and length of track appropriate to the grade of measurements as discussed earlier. If the single dominant noise source is propeller cavitation and testing is not done according to measurement grade specifications the minimum CPA recommendation can be relaxed but must be sufficiently large to ensure measurements are made in the acoustic far field (distance from source such that spherical spreading occurs, in absence of other losses). For long CPA tracks, signal propagation losses and possible resulting reductions in signal-to-noise need to be considered.

For commercial ships, sea trials including speed power (S/P) and manoeuvring trials are carried out at various main engine loads before delivery of the ships. Many times the effect of the noise measurements on the cost and duration of sea trials is limited by conducting the noise measurements during the conventional sea trial

program. It is recommended that if measurements of underwater noise are to be performed during S/P trials, runs at Contract and EEDI (Energy Efficiency Design Index, as formulated by IMO) power conditions be performed.


During speed power trials, at least four double runs for the first delivered ship and three double runs for sister ships including EEDI power are to be performed (ITTC 7.5-04-01-01.1, 2014). Manoeuvring trials are not mandatory for sister ships.

It is common in the case of a series of ships of the same type that measurement results of the first vessel represent noise performance of the other vessels. However, there are potential concerns with this approach due to possible ship-to-ship variability. Evaluations are currently underway to better understand both the variability that exists between sister ships and the reasons for this variability.

Variability of noise emissions between sister ships at sea trial are presumed to be due to variations within the manufacturing tolerance of a ship and environmental conditions existing during measurements of noise levels. The manufacturing tolerance of ships described in IACS REC 47 Rev.7 (2013) is  $\pm 0.1\%$  of LBP, breadth and depth of ships. The manufacturing tolerance of propellers described in ISO 484-1 is  $\pm 0.3\%$  for diameter and  $\pm 0.75\%$  for mean pitch values in case of Class I.

### 3.5 Testing Configurations

The manner and procedures followed for measuring underwater noise can vary due to site-specific requirements/restrictions, test objectives, and customer requirements. As such, information regarding testing procedures should be fully documented.

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Ship underwater noise may vary with ship aspect requiring that measurements be made and reported as a function of ship aspect for a range of ship operating conditions (speed, machinery line-up, etc.). Here ship aspect refers to the azimuthal direction relative to the ship with bow, beam, and stern being cardinal aspects. Often only beam aspect is measured.

Beam aspect levels are generally defined as the average noise levels measured over the ship track covering  $\pm 30^\circ$  of CPA. However, beam aspect is also reported as  $\pm 45^\circ$  of CPA by various groups. If high accuracy estimates are needed, the continuous noise measurements over the beam aspect sector should be subdivided into short time intervals (typically 1 second) and individually corrected for propagation effects and then power averaged over the beam aspect sector to arrive at the estimate for beam levels. Lower grade estimates can be made based on a time average of levels covering the full period over which the ship is sailing the beam sector.

It is generally recommended that for each operating condition of interest, a minimum of two sets of measurements be acquired for both port and starboard aspects to allow for averaging and determination of any possible port-starboard asymmetry. For high grade measurements, as defined in the ANSI/ISO standards, it is recommended that three runs for each aspect and condition be obtained.


Port and starboard aspect measurements should be compared for difference in level. If the acoustic levels measured for the two sides are within (nominally) 3 dB of each other, the two levels should be averaged and reported as a single level. If levels are different by more than that amount, port and starboard levels should be reported separately.

During passage of the test ship past the hydrophone(s), operating conditions should be

kept as constant as possible. Such operating conditions include ship speed, shaft RPM, propeller pitch (for controllable pitch propellers), ship power, rudder angle, and on-board equipment. Specifying the variation in these operating conditions that is acceptable is not possible due to dependence on ship size and ship type. However, acceptable variations in ship speed are generally  $\pm 0.3$  kn or within  $\pm 2\%$  of the target speed. It is noted that the proper ship speed for hydrodynamic noise sources is speed through water (STW) versus speed over ground (SOG as provided by GPS), and the acceptable variations in ship speed just cited are for STW. Acceptable variations in propeller shaft RPM are generally  $\pm 2.4\%$  of the target RPM. For controllable pitch propellers, propeller pitch angles should be set before the start of the run and should not change during the noise measurements. While further studies of the variation of underwater ship noise with rudder angle are needed, a general guideline is to not operate the rudder or keep variations to within  $\pm 2.0$  degrees.

As illustration of changes in ship noise with manoeuvring conditions, Trevorrow et al. (2008) made measurements of underwater noise from an oceanographic research vessel for conditions when the vessel was conducting turning manoeuvres. From these carefully conducted tests they showed that even for relatively small turning rates, underwater noise levels increased.

If underwater noise measurements are conducted as part of contractually required speed-power trials then ITTC Recommended Procedures and Guidelines for Speed Power (S/P) Trials (7.5-04-01-01.1, 2014) should be followed. The recommendations and guidelines in that ITTC document are generally worthy of review and adopting as testing protocol.

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### 3.6 Environmental Conditions

Environmental conditions at the time of underwater noise measurements can significantly influence the quality of results and thus need to be well documented. For example, information regarding water quality and characteristics may be needed to make proper range corrections, and sea state, wind speed and direction may have an influence on ship hydrodynamic performance, and hence acoustic performance. Ambient underwater noise, which sets a noise floor for ship underwater noise measurements, is a function of wind speed and wave height.

Variability of environment conditions that existed during standard speed trials for seven container ships was reviewed by Lee (2015). It was found that the range of wind speeds, wave heights and water temperatures were, 3.0~10.4 m/s, 0.4~1.7 m and 12.0~23.0 °C, respectively.

The most important environmental parameter to monitor is background noise. Background noise should be monitored during the conduct of all underwater noise measurements and reported along with underwater noise measurements. It is noted that while background noise levels are commonly reported in terms of Signal-to-Noise ratios (SNR) or equivalent Sea State levels (i.e. SS3 or in terms of equivalent Beaufort levels), for the purposes of documentation, background noise spectra (*SPL*) measured during the sea trials should be reported.

The ITTC P&G for Speed and Power Trials provides a listing of boundary conditions (location, wind, sea state, water depth, and current) that should not be exceeded in order to arrive at reliable speed/powering results. If underwater noise is measured as part of speed/powering testing, attention must be given to limitations for these boundary conditions. However, as discussed, more restrictive limits to wind, sea state

and current may be needed to ensure reliability of underwater noise measurements.

Depending on location and situation of the test site, it may be necessary to monitor and report water current at both the surface (affecting STW vs. SOG) and at the hydrophone(s) location. Water depth should be monitored and to the extent it is not constant, reported along with the reporting of underwater noise levels.

The final set of environmental parameters that are recommended to be monitored and reported as necessary are water temperature, density, and sound speed as a function of depth, and air temperature. Sound speed (vs. depth) profiles may be measured to support estimating propagation loss characteristics.


### 3.7 Ship Configuration

It is recommended that a maintenance inspection be made of the conditions of the propellers and hull as close in time to the testing period as possible, and preferably prior to testing to allow for any possible corrective actions. Particular attention should be given to the conditions of the propeller(s) and the possibility of excessive marine growth. Propeller fouling not only possibly reduces ship/speed relationship but can result in earlier cavitation onset and overall higher propeller noise levels. The pre-trial Ship Condition monitoring recommended in the ITTC Procedures 7.5-04-01-01.1 should preferably be followed. Results of this inspection should be included in the final reporting.

## 4. DATA ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING

### 4.1 Introduction

For underwater noise measurements, systems for accurate data acquisition, recording,

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processing, and displaying data from the hydrophone(s) are required. Such systems may comprise tape recorders, self-recording hydrophone(s), computer-based data acquisition systems or hardware-specific devices or combinations of these. The acoustic data processing system shall have a capability to; estimate background noise levels so that products such as background noise corrected levels and distance (range) adjusted levels can be provided; assess data quality and accuracy; and synchronize between hydrophone data and ship track position to allow range adjustments to measured levels.

## 4.2 Data Acquisition

### 4.2.1 Analogue-to-digital conversion (ADC)

The measurement system should be capable of covering at least the frequency range of a few Hz to 20 kHz with an appropriate sampling rate following Nyquist requirements and low-pass filtering to minimize aliasing. Resolution shall be at least 16 bits but if possible 24-bit to improve dynamic range performance.

### 4.2.2 Hydrophone information

The hydrophone(s) should have the bandwidth, sensitivity and dynamic range necessary to measure underwater noise from the ship under test. Usually, commercially available hydrophones of piezoelectric type are used for measurement of underwater noise. Hydrophone(s) should be omnidirectional across the required frequency range. The usable frequency range should cover from the low of a few Hz to the upper limit of about 50 kHz or higher. The maximum operating pressure ranges between 40 and 100 atm, with the latter allowing measurements down to 1,000 m ocean depth. A built-in preamplifier can be of great importance to provide signal conditioning, particularly for transmission over long underwater cable.

Hydrophone sensitivity should be as high as possible and consistent with the usable frequency range. Typical values range between -165 to -215 dB re: 1 V/ $\mu$ Pa.

The number of hydrophones employed for ship noise measurements varies depending on the application and typically vary between 1 and 10. The ANSI and ISO standards recommend the use of a 3 hydrophone array configuration for higher grade measurements.


### 4.2.3 Calibration

System calibration can be undertaken either as a full system calibration, or a calibration of individual components. For full system calibration, the complete measurement chain (hydrophone, amplifiers, cabling, filters, signal conditioning equipment, and analogue-to-digital converter (ADC)) should be tested using known electrical input signals and/or a hydrophone-calibrator before deployment to ensure that the equipment fulfils specifications. For calibration of individual components, the instruments should be tested using known electrical input signals and a hydrophone-calibrator. The calibration should cover the full frequency range of use and be compliant to national or international standards such as ANSI S1.20-2012 or IEC 60565 (2006).

Electronic filters should be used for; anti-aliasing purposes; reduce influence of very low frequency parasitic signals; signal equalization across the frequency range; and, possibly amplification to condition signals before digitization. Filters must be characterized over their full operating frequency range.

Calibration of the hydrophone and recording system should be done with an overall uncertainty of about 1 dB (expressed at a 95 % confidence level). The calibration should be taken



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both before and after the measurements. Sensitivity does not need to be within a narrow tolerance band but needs to be known with accuracy.

#### 4.2.4 System self-noise

System self-noise, or electrical noise, is a crucial parameter when measuring underwater noise. The system's noise equivalent pressure level should be calculated from the system electrical noise using the system sensitivity. The system noise equivalent pressure level should be at least 10 dB below the lowest noise level to be measured over the frequency range of interest.

#### 4.2.5 Background noise measurements and auxiliary data

Background noise must be measured using the noise measurement system with the ship sufficiently far from the hydrophone (typically more than 2 km) and in a stationary condition so as not to contribute the background noise measurements.

Background noise should be periodically monitored and at a minimum measured and documented at the beginning and the end of each test period (typically day or half-day of measurements) unless traffic or weather conditions (wind, sea state) significantly change (e.g. wind variation > 5 knots). When weather conditions or background noise levels noticeably change, but not such as to prevent the execution of testing, new background noise measurements need to be obtained. Acceptable sea state levels for which ship noise measurements can be made are generally set as requiring that ship noise levels be a specified number of dB higher than background noise levels as discussed later.

To avoid contamination from noise due to the hydrophone mooring system, or flow over


the hydrophones, careful design of the hydrophone support system is necessary. It is suggested to measure the acceleration of the hydrophone mount structure to assess the influence of vibrations on measured underwater noise. In general, it is recommended to record and document all auxiliary data that may be relevant, as described in Table 3, so that these may be used to assess data quality.

### 4.3 Data Processing, Reporting and Nomenclature

#### 4.3.1 Definitions and Nomenclature

Measurement and reporting of ship underwater noise is an involved process and careful attention needs to be given to procedures and the use of established nomenclature in order for the reported information to be of use. The AQUO & SONIC Guidelines document, (listed in Table 1), provides tables summarizing relevant terms and definitions related to measurement of underwater ship noise. The definitions provided in those tables should be adopted as the protocol for ship underwater noise measurements and reporting. For reference, an abbreviated version of the most relevant terms and definitions is provided in Table 4. A few of the more important terms are discussed and described below.

The three most relevant terms to define and distinguish are: Sound Pressure Level (*SPL*), Radiated (Pressure) Noise Level (*RNL*), and Source Level (*SL*). All are expressed in dB relative to the reference pressure of 1  $\mu$ Pa. *SPL* is the sound pressure level measured by a hydrophone at the testing facility. Radiated Noise Level is the *SPL* adjusted by a distance normalization, often assuming spherical spreading, to an equivalent 1-meter distance. *SL* is the *SPL* corrected for spreading and propagation losses (e.g. Lloyd Mirror, absorption, sea bottom reflections, etc.). Each measure conveys different

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information and clarity in use is needed to avoid confusion. These terms and others are further discussed below. Note that in the literature different symbols may be used for *SPL*, *RNL*, and *SL*.

#### 4.3.2 Underwater Noise Measurements

Underwater noise (*SPL*) measured from a test vessel shall be processed to allow corrections for background noise contamination and adjustments for distance normalized to obtain radiated noise levels (*RNL*). The processing of *SPLs* should be conducted by narrowband (typically 1 Hz) analysis in the frequency range between 20 Hz to 2 kHz and one-third-octave bands throughout the 20 Hz to 20 kHz frequency range (or higher). It is noted that narrowband processing is often performed over the full frequency range of interest. Similarly, the (equivalent) *SPL* of background noise pressure ( $p_n$ ) shall be measured as described earlier, following the same analysis procedures and in the same bandwidths as the underwater ship noise. If *SL* are to be reported then the facility established procedures for correcting for propagation losses should be followed.

*SPL* (in dB) is the fundamental quantity used to represent underwater noise, and is defined in terms of a pressure ratio as follows:

$$SPL = 10 \log_{10} \frac{\tilde{p}_{rms}^2}{p_{ref}^2} \quad (4.1)$$

where *SPL* is the sound pressure level in dB,  $\tilde{p}_{rms}^2$  is the mean-square of the acoustic pressure, and  $p_{ref}$  is the reference pressure (1  $\mu$ Pa in water). Note that the above can also be written as  $20 \log_{10} \left( \frac{\tilde{p}_{rms}}{p_{ref}} \right)$  without ambiguity. The definition of standard statistical terms such as  $\tilde{p}_{rms}$  and other spectral terms follow those provided in Bendat and Piersol (2011)

Of primary interest is the distribution of underwater sound as a function of frequency for which there are three commonly adopted formats. The first is that given by the above equation which is the ‘Mean-Square Sound Pressure Level’ (referred to as the ‘Overall Sound Pressure Level’, *OASPL*) and is a single value representing the total (frequency integrated) sound pressure level. The second is the ‘Narrowband Spectrum of Sound Pressure Level’ (*SPL<sub>NB</sub>*) which provides the distribution of *SPL* measured in narrow frequency bands of constant width. The most common and preferred bandwidth for such displays is 1 Hz and the resulting spectrum (*SPL<sub>1-Hz</sub>*) is then termed a ‘spectral density’ (implicitly meaning a 1 Hz bandwidth). The third most common is to display *SPL* measurements in terms of proportional-band levels, with one-third-octave (OTO) bands being most common (*SPL<sub>1/3</sub>*). In what follows, the explicit dependence on frequency of measurements expressed as spectra is not shown unless needed for purposes of definition and clarity.


The definition for a narrowband spectrum is a direct adaptation of the definition of sound pressure level given above but with the replacement of the  $\tilde{p}_{rms}^2$  with  $\tilde{p}^2(f, \Delta f)_{rms}$  which is the mean-square pressure measured in the bandwidth  $\Delta f$  centered about frequency  $f$ ;

$$SPL_{NB}(f, \Delta f) = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{\tilde{p}^2(f, \Delta f)_{rms}}{\tilde{p}_{rms}^2} \right) \quad (4.2)$$

with subscript ‘NB’ meaning narrowband. If the bandwidth  $\Delta f$  is 1 Hz then it is a spectral density and the subscript ‘1-Hz’ may be used.

One-third-octave bands are a class of frequency bands with bandwidths that are proportional to the centre frequency ( $f_n$ ) of the band. The progression relationship for OTO bands is  $f_{n+1}/f_n = 2^{1/3}$ . This progression does not occur



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periodically within a decade and for convenience a series of ‘preferred/standard’ OTO centre frequencies have been established. When sound pressure levels are provided as OTO band levels this is stated explicitly and the term  $SPL_{1/3}$  is used. It is acceptable for data to be processed in  $1/10^{\text{th}}$  decade bands and either reported as such or reported at being OTO band levels. The difference in bandwidths between the two is sufficiently small to make this acceptable.

While conversions between  $SPL_{NB}$  levels and  $SPL_{1/3}$  levels are possible special care needs to be taken to prevent erroneous results.  $SPL_{1/3}$  levels can be estimated by summing  $SPL_{NB}$  levels over the frequency band covering each OTO band. However, there needs to be a sufficient number of  $SPL_{NB}$  values within the OTO band to properly represent the OTO band. On the other hand, estimates of  $SPL_{NB}$  levels can be made by subtracting  $10\log_{10}(\Delta f_{1/3})$  from  $SPL_{1/3}$  levels to arrive at an  $SPL_{1-Hz}$  level. However, this is only valid if the levels within the  $SPL_{1/3}$  band are uniform in frequency. Similarly if levels within a given  $SPL_{NB}$  are constant, these levels can be converted to  $SPL_{1-Hz}$  levels by subtracting  $10\log_{10}(\Delta f_{BW})$  from the  $SPL_{NB}$  levels, where  $\Delta f_{BW}$  is the bandwidth of the narrowband levels.

Calculation of the average sound pressure level  $SPL_{AVG}$  using  $SPL$  levels from individual hydrophones is given as:

$$SPL_{AVG} = 10 \log_{10} \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N 10^{(SPL_i/10)} \right] \quad (4.3)$$

where,  $SPL_{AVG}$ , is the average sound pressure level (in dB),  $SPL_i$  is the level (in dB) for the  $i$ -th hydrophone, and  $N$  is the number of hydrophones.

The above method can also be applied to calculate an aspect averaged  $SPL$  when levels over the aspect are measured in increments, such as

every 1-second. For this,  $SPL_i$  is the individual 1-second  $SPL$ s that are measured.

#### 4.3.3 Correction for background noise

Background noise corrected radiated noise,  $SPL'_p$ , shall be calculated as,


$$SPL'_p = 10 \log_{10} \left[ 10^{\left( \frac{SPL_{p_{s+n}}}{10} \right)} - 10^{\left( \frac{SPL_{p_n}}{10} \right)} \right] \quad (4.4)$$

where  $SPL'_p$  is the  $SPL$  (dB) of the test ship after subtracting background noise,  $SPL_{p_{s+n}}$  is the  $SPL$  (dB) as measured on range which contains contributions from the test vessel noise and background noise, and  $SPL_{p_n}$  is the  $SPL$  of the background noise (dB) at the hydrophone when the test vessel is not present (see earlier section for discussion of measuring background noise).

As a metric of background noise contamination, the difference in level,  $\Delta SPL$  (expressed in dB), between underwater sound pressure levels measured during the ship trials and underwater background noise levels, is calculated as,

$$\Delta SPL = SPL_{p_{s+n}} - SPL_{p_n} = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{p_{s+n}^2}{p_n^2} \right) \quad (4.5)$$

If the value of  $\Delta SPL$  is less than 3 dB, the background noise is considered too high in comparison with the measured sound pressure level and the measurement for the test ship is regarded as ‘contaminated’ and discarded. If  $\Delta SPL$  is greater than 10 dB then no adjustments for background noise contamination is necessary. However, if  $\Delta SPL$  are in the range of  $\Delta SPL \geq 3$  dB and  $\Delta SPL < 10$  dB, background noise corrections to the measurements should be made following equation (4.4). Note that  $\Delta SPL$  is a function of frequency and hence so will be the application of equation (4.4).

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#### 4.3.4 Correction for propagation loss

The ship's radiated noise source level,  $SL$ , is calculated from the measured  $SPL'_p$  as,

$$SL = SPL'_p + PL \quad (4.6)$$

where  $PL$  is the 'propagation loss' which accounts for all changes in pressure level during propagation from the source (ship) to the receiver (hydrophone). Formally,  $SL$  is effectively the level of noise, at 1 m from the source, an equivalent monopole source would make in an unbounded ocean.  $PL$  results from numerous effects; geometrical spreading losses; absorption losses; and, sea surface and sea bottom reflection effects. If possible,  $PL$  should be measured at the test range and that value used for converting measured  $SPL$  to  $SL$ . Otherwise, standard estimations or numerical modelling results are needed to determine  $PL$ .

The radiated noise level,  $RNL$ , of a ship only accounts for geometrical spreading losses. Assuming spherical spreading,

$$RNL = SPL'_p + 20 \log_{10} \left[ \frac{r}{r_0} \right] \quad (4.7)$$

where  $r_0$  is the reference distance of 1 m and  $r$  (in meters) is the distance between the test ship acoustic centre and the locations of the hydrophone(s). Based on practical experience, alternative spreading loss formulations are in use such as  $18 \cdot \log_{10}[r/r_0]$  in the DNV rule and  $19 \cdot \log_{10}[r/r_0]$  in the BV rule for shallow water.

One method to quantify and account for propagation losses is to execute the AQUO project's recommended test protocol of conducting trials for multiple CPA. Such testing essentially uses the test vessel as an acoustic source from which source-to-receiver propagation characteristics can be determined.

An alternative to conducting multiple CPA runs to determine PL is to use a known source that is towed along the same path as the target ship. Either a set of single frequencies or broad band noise can be used as input to the known source. It is important to tow the source at the depth of the acoustic centre of the test ship in order to properly replicate surface reflection effects.


There are a number of empirical relationships for estimating sound absorption which should be accounted for, particularly at higher frequencies (10's of kHz range). One example is the deep water model by Thorp (1965).

Effect of sea surface and sea bottom reflection are not specifically losses but are propagation path related and are describe separately below.

#### 4.3.5 Correction for bottom and free surface effects

For hydrophones deployed from the sea bottom in a fixture with hydrophone height above the bottom less than 0.2 m, reflections could affect measurements. In this case the suggested correction factor, arising from the assumption that all incident energy is scattered and redistributed into the water with no transmission into the bottom, is to reduce levels by 5 dB (Jensen et al., 2011, Urick, 1983).

Measurements of underwater noise from a ship is affected by ship noise reflected from the sea surface and can exhibit a spatially-dependent constructive/destructive pattern (Lloyd mirror) resulting from the coherent sum of the direct and reflected signals. The complex interference pattern that forms is a function of both source and receiver locations and the conditions of the sea surface, all of which are difficult to fully and accurately account for during field measurements.

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To minimize the influence of sea surface reflections it is recommended that reported ship noise levels be calculated as the power average of the background corrected *RNL* levels measured at each of the three hydrophones in the vertical array of hydrophones described earlier (for example, ANSI/ASA 3-hydrophone average). This provides a spatial averaging that greatly reduces constructive/destructive effects.

Urlick (1983) derived a relationship to account for surface reflections that is based on source and receiver geometry and is a function of a surface reflection coefficient  $\mu$ . That relationship, expressed in the form of a propagation loss term,  $PL_{LM}$  (LM being Lloyd mirror) is,

$$PL_{LM} = -10 \log_{10} \left[ 1 + \mu^2 - 2\mu \cos \left( \frac{2kd_s d_r}{r} \right) \right] \quad (4.8)$$

for which  $\mu$  is the surface reflection coefficient ( $\mu \leq 1$ )  $k$  the acoustic wavenumber ( $k = \omega/c_0$ ;  $c_0$  speed of sound in water),  $r$  the range (source-to-receiver distance),  $d_s$  the depth of the acoustic source, and  $d_r$  the depth of the receiver.

For a perfectly reflecting surface ( $\mu=1$ ) two extrema occur. First, when the surface reflected contribution at the measurement point is exactly out of phase with the direct path signal and total cancellation occurs. This occurs when the cosine term equals 1 and  $PL_{LM}$  goes to minus infinity. Second, when the surface reflected path contribution at the measurement point is exactly in phase with the direct path signal and the two add coherently resulting in the pressure doubling. This occurs when the cosine term equals -1 and the  $PL_{LM}$  is 6 dB.

For sea trials, where sea surface scattering is influenced by sea state and bubbles, the Lloyd mirror interference pattern is only observed at low frequencies and not at high frequencies.

Ainslie (2010) proposes a formulation in which the free surface mirror gives an incoherent image of the noise source at high frequencies while at low frequencies a linearization of equation (4.8) is used. The resulting equation reads

$$PL_{LM} = -10 \log_{10} \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4k^2 d_s^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right] \quad (4.9)$$

where  $\theta$  corresponds to the depression angle of the hydrophone. The rule by BV uses a slightly different formulation for the Lloyd-mirror correction.


Note that as the test ship traverses the measurement track the geometry between the test vessel and fixed hydrophone(s) continuously changes and hence there are continuous changes in the relative contribution (constructive or destructive) from the surface reflected path to the measurements.

Alternatively, the propagation loss can be calculated by numerical models. The Bureau Veritas Underwater Radiated Noise (URN) Rule Note (2014) suggests the use of a wave integration model, namely the Scooter/Fields model for low frequencies (below 1,000 Hz), and ray trace based models, namely Bounce or Bellhop models, for higher frequencies. Other well validated models can also be used. The propagation models need as inputs sound-depth velocity profiles, noise source depth, hydrophone depth, and sea bottom characteristics. A numerical model that includes near field effects may be needed when ship underwater noise measurements are made for short source-receiver configurations.

## 4.4 Uncertainty analysis

### 4.4.1 Sources of uncertainty, variability, and error

Ship underwater noise measurements are subject to potentially large variations that need

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to be controlled or understood in order for the measurements to be of use. Numerous studies have been done to understand and quantify the source and impacts of these variations, particularly in support of drafting the various standards, classifications, and guidelines that are being issued. Attention is given to several publications that specifically address these issues. It is noted that while the terms variability, repeatability, and error are used somewhat synonymously, they can mean different aspects of results in a final level of uncertainty. It is further noted, but not expanded upon, that in uncertainty analysis a distinction is made between Type A uncertainty, which is uncertainty evaluated by statistical analysis of a series of observations and Type B uncertainty which is evaluated by non-statistical methods.

An extensive review of aspects that influence the uncertainty and repeatability of underwater noise measurements is provided in the AQUO document listed in Table 1. To estimate levels of uncertainty and repeatability, five measurements-related categories were considered: 1) Distance Measurement Accuracy, 2) Noise recording accuracy, 3) Propagation/Transmission loss, 4) Vessel, and 5) Post processing. The Vessel category covers issues of speed, propeller/machinery conditions, load conditions, and currents. A theoretical study of expected uncertainty for each category was made. The values for repeatability are identical as for the uncertainty but exclude contributions from noise recording and transmission. Table 2 is a modified copy of the uncertainty and repeatability estimates provided in the AQUO document. In the original tables a distinction is made between deep and shallow water, but apart from the grade A U(D) term the numbers for the uncertainties are identical so they are not listed separately in Table 2. These theoretical estimates were found to be in general agreement to estimates based on review of a set of ship noise data.

An investigation into the repeatability of noise measurements was performed as part of the SONIC project by Humphrey, et al. (2015). The standard deviation (70% uncertainty) of levels from a single hydrophone for several runs is between 1 and 2 dB, but it may increase significantly at low frequency for hydrophones deployed relatively close to the free surface. Systematic differences between hydrophones deployed at different depths were observed for frequencies below 1 kHz while for higher frequencies differences between hydrophones were of the same order as the variability for a single hydrophone.


Regression analysis applied to a large number of sea trial data involving cavitating propellers gave an average uncertainty estimate, at 95% confidence level, of 4.8 dB for a single dataset and 6.5 dB for combined data sets, Sponagle (1988). A single data set consists of noise spectra measured within a period of a few days and combined datasets consists of noise spectra for the same ship measured at different times over a period of several years.

#### 4.4.2 Quantification and minimization of uncertainty

Independent of the testing protocol followed, uncertainty estimates for each of the five categories listed in the AQUO Standard should be made. The method of estimating the uncertainty should be clearly described.

Estimates of uncertainty resulting from data acquisition and processing systems can be made using standard procedures such as those provided by the ISO documents listed at the end of this section. Adopting modern data acquisition procedures, dedicating particular attention to system maintenance, and performing scheduled calibrations should result in instrumentation errors being of marginal concern.



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Measurements of underwater ship noise are greatly influenced by on-range environmental conditions which include; effects on source-to-receiver propagation characteristics (transmission); multi-path transmission due to sea surface and ocean bottom reflections; and, contaminating effects of background ocean noise. To minimize propagation-related uncertainty, range propagation characteristics should be well documented based on dedicated acoustic calibrations such as those from towed known source calibrations. Results of calibrations of this type should be included in reporting of underwater ship noise measurements to allow the customer to estimate the impact of this uncertainty when using the reported measurements. Procedures for accounting for background noise were provided earlier. To minimize this uncertainty, careful attention should be given to monitoring background noise and ensuring that for each underwater noise measurement there is a measurement of background noise representative of what existed during the ship noise measurement. If possible, the conduct of test runs should be conducted so that quieter ship conditions are tested during periods of lower ambient/background noise.

Repeatability issues may occur due to unrealized changes in ship operations (equipment line-up, speed, etc.) or due to variations resulting from changes in seaway conditions (currents, wave action, etc.). Uncertainty due to ship operations are minimized by careful attention to ship conditions and indoctrination of ship's crew as to the impact of ship operations on underwater noise. There is little control over uncertainty resulting from seaway conditions other than conducting tests only during favourable weather conditions, which is generally not possible. Careful documentation should be made of both weather and seaway conditions for all ship noise measurements so that the influence of this uncertainty can be assessed. To minimize seaway-

related uncertainty it is recommended that multiple sets of measurements be made for each condition with the reported noise being an average of these individual results. Repeat tests are a principal method listed by all standards and best practices as a means to mitigate/quantify uncertainty.

Overall uncertainty analysis should be done in accordance with the following regulations/recommendations:

ISO, 1992, "Measurement Uncertainty," ISO/TC 69/SC 6.

ISO, 1993a, "Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement," ISO, First edition, ISBN 92-67-10188-9.


ISO, 1993b, "International Vocabulary of Basic and General Terms in Metrology," ISO, Second edition, ISBN 92-67-01075-1.

ITTC 2014, 4T, 1993b, "International Vocabulary of Basic and General Terms in Metrology," ISO, Second edition, ISBN 92-67-01075-1.

## 5. REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED DATA

In addition to the recommendations provided in §3, particulars of the test ship, measurement system, graphic of the measurement results and environmental condition shall be considered and reported along with the noise measurements.


Table 3 provides a listing of data that is "Required" to be reported and data that is "Recommended" to be reported. If the latter are considered, the reliability and the quality of the measurements will be considerably improved.

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- ISO 17208-1:2016 Underwater acoustics – Quantities and procedures for description and measurement of underwater sound from ships – Part 1: Requirements for precision measurements in deep water used for comparison purposes
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**Table 2: Computed estimates of the uncertainty U and repeatability R at 95% confidence level for the URN measurements procedure of the AQUO project**

Grade		A <sup>1</sup>	B <sup>1</sup>
Accuracy type		engineering	comparison
Distance accuracy measurement	U(D), R(D)	1 dB	1.5 dB
Noise recording accuracy <sup>2</sup>	U(H)	2.5 dB	4.3 dB
Transmission/Propagation loss <sup>3</sup>	U(TL)	3 dB	7 dB
Vessel	U(V), R(V)	1 dB	1.2 dB
Post Processing	U(PP), R(PP)	2 dB	2 dB
<b>Total Uncertainty</b>		4 dB	7 dB
<b>Total Repeatability</b>		1.2/2.3 dB	2/3 dB
<sup>1</sup> : In the original table a distinction is made between deep and shallow water, but apart from the U(D) for grade A, the numbers for the uncertainties are identical and are not listed separately in this table			
<sup>2</sup> : Due to fact that this uncertainty is only important for high frequencies, it is not accounted for in the final uncertainty of the measurement			
<sup>3</sup> : Note that some publications use the term ‘transmission loss’ instead of ‘propagation loss’. Propagation loss was adopted in (ISO DIS 18405, 2015) and is therefore generally preferred.			

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**Table 3: Required and recommended data for reporting underwater noise measurements**

	<b>Required</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
General information (Ship, propeller operating conditions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Type of ship</li> <li>● Main and auxiliary machinery equipment and resilient mountings</li> <li>● Ship main particulars (length, draft fore/aft, breadth)</li> <li>● Propeller main particulars (Diameter, number of blades, pitch, running pitch)</li> <li>● Shaft immersion and number of shafts</li> <li>● Known problems or concerns that may affect underwater sound levels</li> <li>● Hull and propeller(s) inspection</li> <li>● Engine power, RPM and ship speed for each run</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● IMO number</li> <li>● Classification</li> <li>● Year of construction</li> <li>● Propeller design conditions</li> <li>● Drawing of stern shape including arrangement of appendages</li> <li>● Last date and means of hull and propeller cleaning</li> <li>● Accuracy of ship operating conditions during testing; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Speed (kn)</li> <li>■ RPM</li> <li>■ Power setting</li> <li>■ Pitch (for CPP)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Position and time of the measurements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GPS-coordinates of the measurement system and the test ship positions</li> <li>● Depth of water</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Distance to coast</li> <li>● Sea bottom type/sediment type</li> <li>● Date and time of measurement at each run</li> </ul>
Environmental conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Water temperature</li> <li>● Weather and sea-state</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Salinity of the water</li> <li>● Wind speed and rate of rainfall</li> <li>● Vessel traffic</li> </ul>
Measurement system and Instrumentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Deployment of the system</li> <li>● Number of hydrophone(s)</li> <li>● Position of hydrophone(s)</li> <li>● Depth of hydrophone(s) deployment</li> <li>● Review of data acquisition system</li> <li>● Type, frequency range, directionality, sensitivity</li> <li>● Data sampling rate</li> <li>● Type and settings of amplifier and filters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hydrophone manufacture, model number and sensitivity</li> <li>● Field calibration method and results</li> <li>● Factory calibration data</li> </ul>
Measurements and processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Description of ship track geometry</li> <li>● Measuring period</li> <li>● Integration period used for measuring level (i.e., <math>\pm 30^\circ</math>)</li> <li>● Correction procedures applied to measured levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Background noise</li> <li>■ Range correction (spherical spreading, etc.)</li> <li>■ Propagation loss (by absorption)</li> <li>■ Surface effects (e.g. Lloyd mirror)</li> <li>■ Bottom effects</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vibration characteristics of ship hull</li> <li>● Time series</li> </ul>



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**Table 4: Summary of terms & definitions for underwater SPL definition**  
(abbreviated Table from AQUO/SONIC Guidelines Document<sup>1</sup>)

	Abbreviation	Symbol	Relations	Unit
Reference Sound Pressure in water	$P_{ref}$	$p_{ref}$	$p_{ref} = 1 \mu\text{Pa}$	$\mu\text{Pa}$
Sound Pressure Level	SPL	$L_p$	$L_p = 10 \log_{10} \frac{p_{RMS}^2}{p_{ref}^2} \text{dB}$	dB re $1 \mu\text{Pa}^2$
lower and upper frequency of band	$f_{min} f_{max}$			Hz
frequency band-width	$B$	$\Delta f,$ $\Delta f_{BW}$	$B \text{ or } BW = f_{max} - f_{min}$	Hz
centre frequency of band	$f_c$		$f_c = \sqrt{f_{max} f_{min}}$	Hz
one-third octave	one-third octave is a logarithmic measure of a frequency range equal to one third of an octave			
one-tenth decade	one-tenth decade is a logarithmic measure of a frequency range equal to one tenth of a decade			
one-third octave band	$B_{1/3}$	bandwidth is approximately the same	$f_{max} = 2^{1/3} f_{min} \approx 1.25992 f_{min}$	Hz
one-tenth decade band	$B_{1/10}$		$f_{max} = 10^{0.1} f_{min} \approx 1.25893 f_{min}$	Hz
signal level; subscripts indicate frequency band-width of spectral analysis	$L_{1/10}$	signal level per 1/3-octave band (approximately identical to $L_{1/3}$ )		
	$L_{1/3}$	signal level per 1/10-decade band (approximately identical to $L_{1/10}$ )		
	$L_{NB}$	signal level per narrowband (preferably 1 Hz bandwidth)		
SPL one-third octave band level	$SPL_{1/3}$	$L_p$		dB re $1 \mu\text{Pa}^2$
SPL spectrum level( spectral density)	$SPL_{1\text{Hz}}$	$L_s$	$SPL_{1\text{Hz}} = SPL_{1/3} - 10 \log_{10} \frac{B_{1/3}}{1\text{Hz}} \text{dB}^*$ * Spectrum must be uniform over $B_{1/3}$	dB re $1 \mu\text{Pa}^2 / \text{Hz}$

Summary of terms & definitions for underwater SPL definition (continued)

(abbreviated Table from AQUO/SONIC Guidelines Document<sup>1</sup>)

	Abbreviation	Symbol	Relations	Unit
range		$r$		m
reference distance		$r_0$	$r_0 = 1 \text{ m}$	m



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<i>far field</i>			region sufficiently far from the source that in a free-field the pressure (or velocity) decrease proportional to distance (1/r scaling)	
<i>radiated noise level</i>	RNL		$RNL = SPL + 10\log_{10}(r/r_0)^2$	<i>dB re 1μPa<sup>2</sup>m<sup>2</sup></i>
<i>propagation loss transmission loss<sup>3</sup></i>	PL		$PL = SL - SPL$	<i>dB re m<sup>2</sup></i>
			difference between monopole source level and mean-square sound pressure level	
<i>radiated noise source level</i>	SL		level of equivalent monopole source in unbounded ocean; RNL after removing effects of sea bottom, sea surface and absorption	<i>dB re 1μPa<sup>2</sup>m<sup>2</sup></i>
<sup>1</sup> : Terms and definitions will be defined in ISO 18405 (Underwater acoustics – Terminology), to be released in 2017				
<sup>2</sup> : Empirical, numerical or other adjustments other than $20\log_{10}(r/r_0)$ may be used				
<sup>3</sup> : Note that some publications use the term ‘transmission loss’ instead of ‘propagation loss’. Propagation loss was adopted in (ISO DIS 18405, 2015) and is therefore generally preferred.				