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**Abstract**

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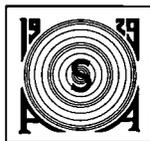
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## Foreword

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- ANSI/ASA S1.4-2014/Part 3 / IEC 61672-3:2013 is an identical national adoption of IEC 61672-3:2013.

This nationally adopted international standard is one of three standards that, taken together, revise and replace ANSI S1.4-1983 (R 2006), ANSI S1.4A-1985 (R 2006) and ANSI S1.43-1997 (R 2007). The subject matter in this document (Part 3) was not part of the superseded American National Standards.

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# Electroacoustics – Sound Level Meters – Part 3: Periodic Tests

## 1 Scope

This 2014 edition of ANSI/ASA S1.4-2014/Part 3 / IEC 61672-3 describes procedures for periodic testing of time-weighting, integrating-averaging, and integrating sound level meters that were designed to conform to the class 1 or class 2 specifications of the second edition of IEC 61672-1. The aim of the standard is to ensure that periodic testing is performed in a consistent manner by all laboratories.

NOTE 1 In this document, references to IEC 61672-1, IEC 61672-2, and IEC 61672-3 refer to the second editions unless stated otherwise.

**U.S. INFORMATIVE NOTE** In this document, references to IEC 61672-1, IEC 61672-2, and IEC 61672-3 refer to the three parts of ANSI/ASA S1.4-2014 / IEC 61672:2013. See the list provided in the Foreword.

NOTE 2 Procedures for the periodic testing of sound level meters designed to conform to the specifications of IEC 61672-1:2002 were given in IEC 61672-3:2006.

The purpose of periodic testing is to assure the user that the performance of a sound level meter conforms to the applicable specifications of IEC 61672-1 for a limited set of key tests and for the environmental conditions under which the tests were performed.

The extent of the tests in this part of ANSI/ASA S1.4 / IEC 61672 is deliberately restricted to the minimum considered necessary for periodic tests.

Periodic tests described in this edition of ANSI/ASA S1.4/Part 3 / IEC 61672-3 apply to sound level meters for which the manufacturer claims conformance to the specifications of the second edition of IEC 61672-1. Periodic tests described in this part of ANSI/ASA S1.4 / IEC 61672 apply to sound level meters for which the model has been, or has not been, pattern approved by an independent testing organization responsible for pattern approvals in accordance with the test procedures of the second edition of IEC 61672-2.

Because of the limited extent of the periodic tests, if evidence of pattern approval is not publicly available, no general conclusion about conformance to the specifications of IEC 61672-1 can be made, even if the results of the periodic tests conform to all applicable requirements of this edition of ANSI/ASA S1.4/Part 3 / IEC 61672-3.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60942, *Electroacoustics – Sound calibrators*

IEC 61094-5, *Measurement microphones – Part 5: Methods for pressure calibration of working standard microphones by comparison*