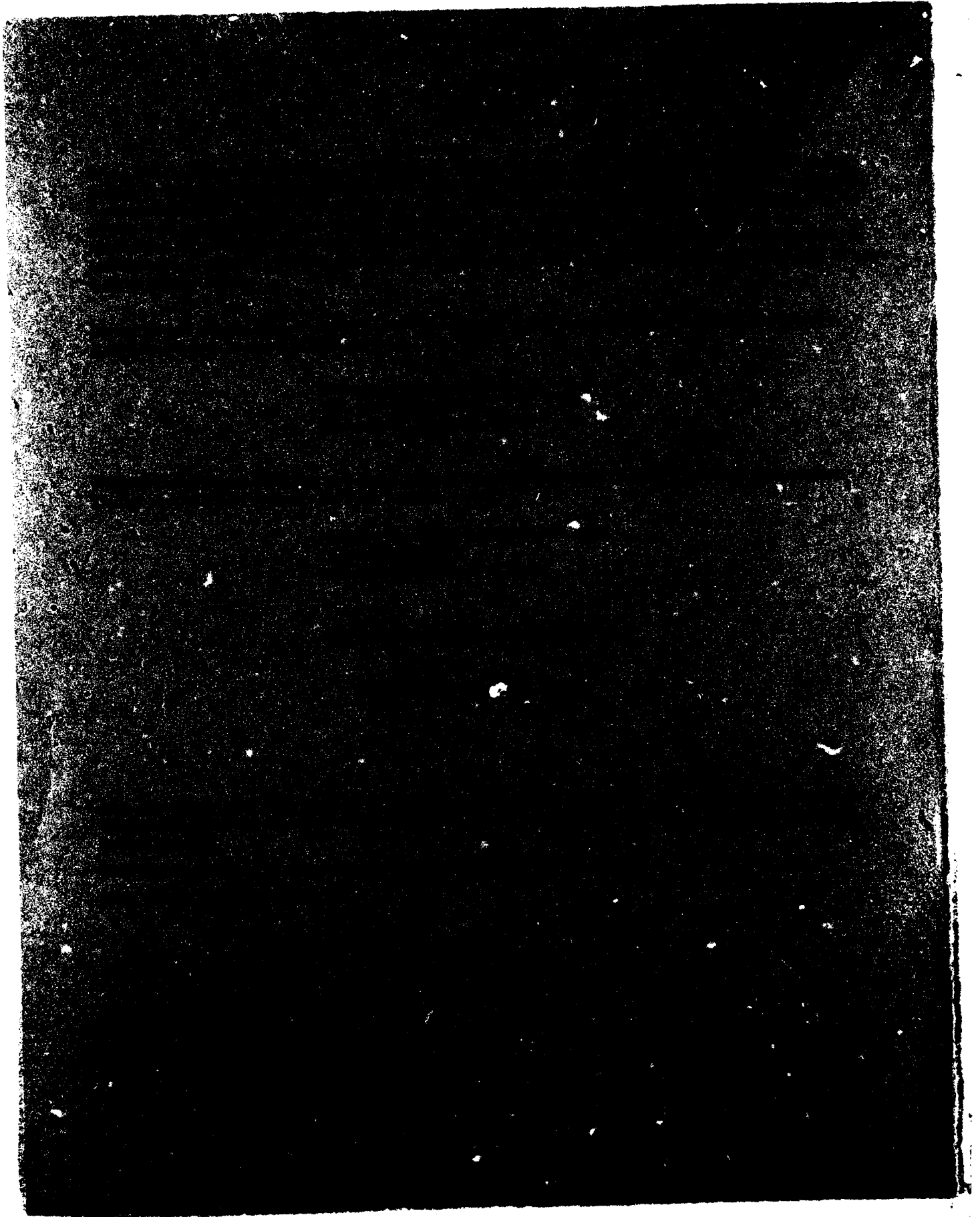


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PREFACE

This report was prepared by the Biodynamic Environment Branch, Air Force Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory, under Project/Task 723108, Crew Safety In Operational Noise Environments.

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INTRODUCTION

The E-4B is a Boeing 747 aircraft modified to serve as the national emergency/HQ Strategic Air Command Airborne Command Post. Power is provided by four General Electric CF6-50E turbofan engines rated at 52,500 lbs. thrust.

This volume provides measured data defining the bioacoustic environments produced inside this aircraft. Such data are essential to evaluate ear protection requirements, limiting personnel exposure times, voice communication capabilities, and annoyance problems associated with operations of the E-4B aircraft.

This volume is one of a series published by the Air Force Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory (AFAMRL) 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. Refer to Volume 1 (reference 1) 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., in-flight/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 AFAMRL/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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IN-FLIGHT NOISE

MEASUREMENTS

All noise measurements were made on-board a standard-configured E-4B aircraft during typical speed, altitude, and flight maneuver conditions. These levels describe the standard E-4B environments, but may not be representative of those levels encountered if the aircraft has been configured differently (e.g., major equipment or structural changes).

Acoustic measurements were made at various flight crew and passenger locations. Table 1 lists the *measurement locations and test conditions* as numeric/alphabetic designators which are used on the data pages. The designator 1/A means measurement location 1 and test condition A.

The microphone position was at ear level external to headgear in a region 0.2-0.3 meter from the head when an individual was present. At unoccupied locations, measurements were made at ear level throughout a volume where the head would normally be located. In both cases, the microphone was randomly moved throughout a spherical volume approximately 0.3 meter in diameter and the resultant samples analyzed using a 4- or 8-second integration time to obtain a power-averaged level which effectively smooths out short-duration fluctuations and best describes the exposure.

Although the presence of a crew member or passenger at a measurement location affects the resultant sound field, the magnitude of such effects is generally small and not significant in determining exposure limits or voice communication capabilities. Consequently, no distinction is made in this report between occupied and unoccupied measurement locations.

RESULTS

The measured data presented in Table 2 define the sound pressure levels (SPL) produced inside the E-4B aircraft at the specified locations. This table includes the overall, 1/3 octave band, and octave band levels. From these data, C-weighted and A-weighted sound levels, maximum permissible time for one exposure per day (AFR 161-35) with and without standard Air Force ear protectors, preferred speech interference level, and perceived noise level are calculated and presented in Table 3. These variety of measures are widely used to assess the effects of noise on personnel and their performance.

**TABLE 1
MEASUREMENT AND TEST CONDITIONS**

E-4B, Offutt AFB, 28 September 1981
Tail # 125

Location	Position	Height Above Deck
1	Between Pilot and Copilot	Seated Head Level
2	Navigator Station	Seated Head Level
3	Navigator Station (Sextant Operator's Position)	2.4 m
4	Crew Rest Area	1.5 m
5	Crew Rest Area	Seated Head Level
6	Forward Crew Bunk	1.5 m
7	Aft Crew Bunk	1.5 m
8	VIP Lounge - Door Open	Seated Head Level
9	VIP Lounge - Door Closed	Seated Head Level
10	Forward Equipment Room	1.5m
11	Pantry	1.5 m
12	Antenna Room	Seated Head Level
13	Equipment Room/Rm-2 Position	Seated Head Level
14	Data Room (Tech Control)	1.5m
15	VIP Conference Room	Seated Head Level
16	Battle Staff Briefing Area-Table	Seated Head Level
17	Battle Staff Briefing Area-Seats	Seated Head Level
18	Battle Staff Room - Forward Wall	Seated Head Level
19	Battle Staff Room - Aft Wall	Seated Head Level
20	Communication Room - Forward Position	Seated Head Level
21	Communication Room - Aft Position	Seated Head Level
22	Aft Passenger Seats	Seated Head Level
23	Aft Passenger Bunk	1.5 m
24	Tail Passenger Bunk	1.5 m

CONDITION	DESCRIPTION
A	Cruise - 21.5 M, 285 KIAS
B	Cruise - 21.5 M, 285 KIAS, Refueling Door Open
C	Cruise - 21.5 M, 285 KIAS, Refueling Operation
D	Cruise - 33 M, 436 KIAS
E	Cruise - 33 M, 436 KIAS, Antenna Extending
F	Cruise - 33 M, 436 KIAS, Antenna Retracting (Motor Start)
G	Cruise - 33 M, 436 KIAS, Antenna Retracting (Motor Full Speed)

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB) 1/3 OCTAVE BAND											IDENTIFICATION#	
2											OMEGA 3.2	
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: (OPERATION:)											TEST BQ-000-001	
E-4B AIRCRAFT ()											RUN 03	
INFLIGHT NOISE LEVELS ()											25 JAN 82	
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()												
LOCATION/CONDITION												
	15/D	16/D	17/D	18/D	19/D	20/D	21/D	22/C	22/D	23/D	24/D	
FREQ (HZ)												
25	65	76	72	83	82	80	83	96	85	86	83	
31.5	65	75	71	83	81	82	84	94	86	84	81	
40	71	74	76	88	77	82	76	87	83	83	84	
50	70	73	72	80	75	74	72	81	80	81	87	
63	71	79	78	86	77	74	72	85	81	84	88	
80	67	75	76	82	75	71	73	84	83	84	87	
100	68	73	74	78	75	71	75	85	87	83	86	
125	67	76	76	77	78	74	75	86	85	82	82	
160	66	73	74	75	77	72	73	85	82	80	78	
200	66	71	71	74	76	73	70	84	78	77	78	
250	66	72	71	73	72	69	66	81	75	75	75	
315	66	70	70	72	69	66	65	76	72	73	74	
400	65	65	64	69	66	63	61	72	68	71	72	
500	65	63	63	68	68	62	59	70	67	68	67	
630	64	63	62	66	65	60	58	70	66	68	68	
800	63	61	60	65	62	57	56	66	64	66	66	
1000	62	60	57	63	59	54	54	63	62	64	65	
1250	58	56	54	59	55	50	51	59	58	61	63	
1600	52	51	49	53	49	45	47	55	52	56	59	
2000	47	49	47	48	46	45	46	53	49	54	55	
2500	44	46	43	49	45	44	48	53	48	53	52	
3150	43	44	42	47	46	46	50	52	48	53	53	
4000	39	41	39	45	44	43	42	50	45	51	53	
5000	37	38	37	44	44	44	41	50	45	52	53	
6300	36	37	35	43	44	44	40	48	45	51	52	
8000	37	37	35	44	43	46	40	47	45	51	52	
10000	36	37	35	43	43	45	42	47	45	52	53	
OVERALL	79	85	85	93	88	87	88	100	94	93	95	

LEVEL CORRECTED TO REMOVE BACKGROUND/ELECTRONIC NOISE.

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)											IDENTIFICATION:	
2 OCTAVE BAND											OMEGA 3.2	
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: (OPERATION:)											TEST BQ-000-001	
E-4B AIRCRAFT ()											RUN 01	
INFLIGHT NOISE LEVELS ()											25 JAN 82	
											PAGE J1	
LOCATION/CONDITION												
FREQ (HZ)	1/A	1/B	1/D	2/A	2/B	2/D	3/D	4/C	4/D	5/D	6/D	7/D
31.5	72	79	73	72	79	72	71	81	81	81	77	81
63	72	92	72	73	91	70	74	86	79	82	81	79
125	77	93	78	72	92	72	75	93	80	78	76	78
250	71	91	71	75	83	74	82	89	77	79	79	80
500	74	89	73	80	88	77	86	81	77	78	78	77
1000	78	90	77	78	85	79	84	74	72	72	72	71
2000	73	82	73	76	78	77	86	65	61	61	64	62
4000	65	69	67	70	70	75	87	58	54	54	58	60
8000	60	62	63	66	67	73	81	51	49	49	52	57
OVERALL	83	98	83	85	97	85	93	96	86	87	86	87

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB) OCTAVE BAND		IDENTIFICATIONS											
2		OMEGA 3.2 TEST BQ-000-001											
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:		OPERATION:										RUN 02	
E-4B AIRCRAFT													
INFLIGHT NOISE LEVELS												25 JAN 82	
												PAGE J2	
		LOCATION/CONDITION											
FREQ (HZ)		8/C	8/D	9/D	10/D	11/C	12/D	12/E	12/F	12/G	13/F	14/D	14/F
31.5		77	71	66	84	82	83	84	83	82	81	84	84
63		82	70	64	77	86	88	87	89	88	93	82	85
125		87	68	67	82	86	93	90	91	91	87	80	85
250		82	65	66	83	83	90	87	92	90	85	75	82
500		72	64	64	81	76	85	85	89	89	82	70	75
1000		65	62	63	81	74	84	84	90	96	80	67	72
2000		53	52	52	74	66	80	80	86	89	71	62	65
4000		44	43	43	71	64	75	76	79	80	65	61	62
8000		40	37	34	68	59	71	73	75	76	65	62	53
OVERALL		89	76	73	90	91	97	95	98	100	92	88	90

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB) OCTAVE BAND											IDENTIFICATION
2											OMEGA 3.2
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:	(OPERATION:)										TEST 8Q-000-001
E-48 AIRCRAFT	()										RUN 03
INFLIGHT NOISE LEVELS	()										25 JAN 62
	()										PAGE J3
	LOCATION/CONDITION										
FREQ (HZ)	15/D	16/D	17/D	18/D	19/D	20/D	21/D	22/C	22/D	23/D	24/D
31.5	72	80	78	90	85	86	87	99	89	89	88
63	75	81	81	88	80	78	77	88	86	88	92
125	72	79	79	81	81	77	79	90	90	87	88
250	71	76	75	78	78	75	72	86	80	80	81
500	69	68	68	73	71	66	64	75	72	74	74
1000	66	64	62	68	64	59	59	68	67	69	70
2000	54	54	51	54	52	49	52	58	55	59	61
4000	45	46	45	50	49	49	51	56	51	57	58
8000	41	42	40	48	48	50	45	52	50	56	57
OVERALL	79	85	85	93	88	87	88	100	94	93	95

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TABLE: MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE											IDENTIFICATION:	
3											OMEGA 3.2	
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: (OPERATION:)											TEST 80-000-001	
E-4B AIRCRAFT ()											RUN 01	
INFLIGHT NOISE LEVELS ()											25 JAN 82	
()											PAGE M1	
()												
LOCATION/CONDITION												
	1/A	1/B	1/D	2/A	2/B	2/D	3/D	4/C	4/D	5/D	6/D	7/D
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)												
NO PROTECTION												
OASLC	83	98	83	84	97	84	92	95	85	86	85	86
OASLA	80	93	80	82	89	84	93	84	77	78	78	77
T	960	101	960	679	202	480	101	480	960	960	960	960
MINIMUM QPL EAR MUFFS												
OASLA*	58	75	59	60	74	59	67	73	62	52	61	62
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
V-51R EAR PLUGS												
OASLA*	56	69	55	58	67	58	65	63	55	56	56	56
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
FLENTS EAR PLUGS												
OASLA*	55	69	54	58	67	57	65	64	56	57	56	56
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
H-157 IN-FLIGHT COMMUNICATION UNIT												
OASLA*	60	77	60	61	75	61	69	75	63	63	63	64
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
COMMUNICATION												
PREFERRED SPEECH INTERFERENCE LEVEL (PSIL IN DB)												
PSIL	75	87	74	78	84	78	65	73	70	70	71	70
ANNOYANCE												
PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL, TONE CORRECTED (PNLT IN PNOB)												
TONE CORRECTION (C IN DB)												
PNLT	93	103	93	95	102	97	110	97	89	90	91	90
C	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0

* BASED ON CALCULATED SPL SPECTRUM UNDER PROTECTIVE DEVICE.

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TABLE: MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE		IDENTIFICATION:											
3		OMEGA 3.2											
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:		OPERATION:										TEST BQ-000-001	
E-4B AIRCRAFT												RUN 02	
INFLIGHT NOISE LEVELS												25 JAN 82	
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		LOCATION/CONDITION											
		8/C	8/D	9/D	10/D	11/C	12/D	12/E	12/F	12/G	13/F	14/D	14/F
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)													
NO PROTECTION													
OASLC	89	75	73	89	90	96	94	98	99	91	86	90	
OASLA	76	65	66	84	80	89	89	94	97	84	73	78	
T	960	960	960	480	960	202	202	85	50	480	960	960	
MINIMUM QPL EAR MUFFS													
OASLA*	67	50	49	65	67	74	71	74	74	68	62	67	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
V-51R EAR PLUGS													
OASLA*	56	43	44	61	58	66	65	70	74	62	52	56	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	360	960	960	960	960	
FLENTS EAR PLUGS													
OASLA*	57	44	44	61	59	67	65	70	73	62	53	57	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
H-157 IN-FLIGHT COMMUNICATION UNIT													
OASLA*	68	51	51	67	68	75	73	76	76	70	63	68	
T	960	960	960	960	950	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
COMMUNICATION													
PREFERRED SPEECH INTERFERENCE LEVEL (PSIL IN DB)													
PSIL	63	59	60	79	72	83	83	89	91	78	66	71	
ANNOYANCE													
PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL, TONE CORRECTED (PNLT IN PNDB)													
TONE CORRECTION (C IN DB)													
PNLT	90	77	76	90	96	103	102	108	112	98	89	93	
C	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	

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TABLE: MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE											IDENTIFICATION:	
3											OMEGA 3.2	
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: (OPERATION:)											TEST BQ-000-001	
E-4B AIRCRAFT ()											RUN 03	
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()												
LOCATION/CONDITION												
	15/D	16/D	17/D	18/D	19/D	20/D	21/D	22/C	22/D	23/D	24/D	
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)												
NO PROTECTION												
OASLC	79	84	84	91	86	85	86	97	93	92	94	
OASLA	70	71	71	74	73	69	68	80	77	77	77	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
MINIMUM QPL EAR MUFFS												
OASLA*	55	61	61	65	62	59	60	71	70	58	70	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
V-51R EAR PLUGS												
OASLA*	48	51	50	55	52	49	48	60	56	56	58	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
FLENTS EAR PLUGS												
OASLA*	49	52	51	56	53	51	50	62	58	57	59	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
H-157 IN-FLIGHT COMMUNICATION UNIT												
OASLA*	56	62	62	66	63	60	60	72	70	58	70	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
COMMUNICATION												
PREFERRED SPEECH INTERFERENCE LEVEL (PSIL IN DB)												
PSIL	63	62	60	65	62	58	58	67	64	67	68	
ANNOYANCE												
PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL, TONE CORRECTED (PNLT IN PNDB)												
TONE CORRECTION (C IN DB)												
PNLT	81	84	84	89	87	83	84	94	93	92	93	
C	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	

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