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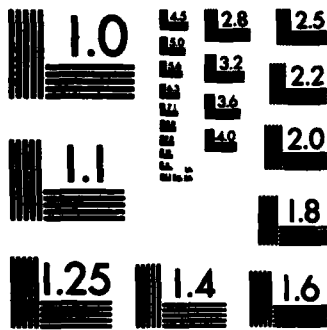
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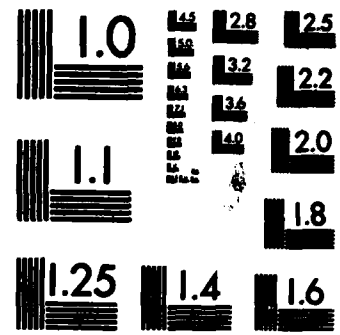
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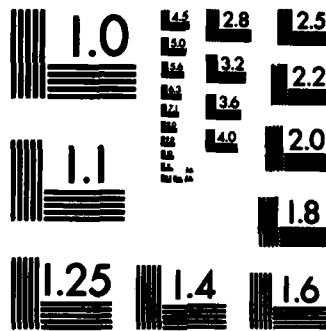
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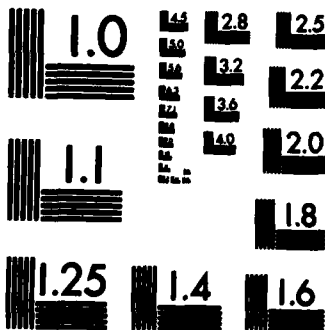
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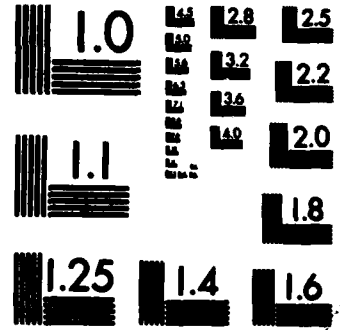
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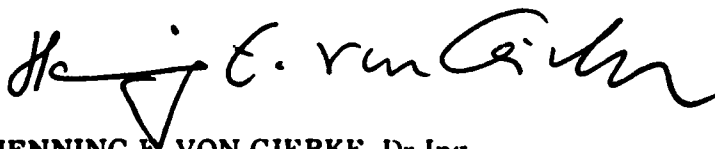
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 noise level, and limiting times for total daily exposure of personnel with and without standard Air Force ear protectors. Refer to Volume 1 of this handbook, "USAF Bioenvironmental Noise Data Handbook, Vol. 1: Organization, Content and Application," 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**

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## INTRODUCTION

The C-140 Jet Star is a transport aircraft used for operational support and is manufactured by the Lockheed-Georgia Company. The aircraft is powered by four J60-P-5A turbojet engines each rated at 3000 lbs. thrust. The engine is manufactured by the United Technologies Corp., Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division.

This volume provides measured and extrapolated data defining bioacoustic environments produced inside the 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 C-140 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., 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.

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## IN-FLIGHT NOISE

### MEASUREMENTS

All noise measurements were made on-board a standard-configured C-140 aircraft during typical speed, altitude, and flight maneuver conditions. These levels describe the standard C-140 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 C-140 aircraft at the seven 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 measures are widely used to assess the effects of noise on personnel and their performance.

**TABLE 1****MEASUREMENT LOCATIONS AND TEST CONDITIONS  
C-140, ANDREWS AFB, 7 JUNE 1982**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>HEIGHT ABOVE DECK</b>
1	Pilot/Copilot	Seated Head Level
2	Flight Engineer/Navigator	Seated Head Level
3	First Row Seats, Centerline	40" Above Deck
4	Second Row Seats, Centerline	40" Above Deck
5	Third Row Seats, Centerline	40" Above Deck
6	Fourth Row Seats, Centerline	40" Above Deck
7	Pantry Aft of Aircraft	40" Above Deck

<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
A	APU Running - Cockpit Door + Aircraft Door Open
B	Ground Runup, Idle
C	Taxi
D	Ground Runup, Military
E	Takeoff/Roll
F	Lift Off, Gear Up, Climb to 3,000 ft.
G	Cruise, 4,000 ft. - 250 KIAS
H	Climb thru 13,000 ft. - .55M
I	Cruise, 28,000 ft. - Normal Speed
J	Cruise, 28,000 ft. - High Speed
K	Cruise, 17,000 ft. - High Speed
L	Cruise, 17,000 ft. - Medium Speed, 300 KIAS
M	Cruise, 11,000 ft. - 300 KIAS
N	Cruise, 11,000 ft. - 250 KIAS
O	Descending to 8,000 ft. - Flaps 20°
P	Descending to 3,000 ft. - Flaps 20°
Q	Approach, Gear Down, 1,000 ft. - Flaps 45°
R	Landing, Touch Down, Reverse Thrust

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)		IDENTIFICATION:											
1/3 OCTAVE BAND		OMEGA 3.2											
2		TEST CD-092-001											
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:		RUN 01											
C-140		20 JUL 62											
IN-FLIGHT CREW NOISE		PAGE F1											
		LOCATION/CONDITION											
		1/A	2/A	1/B	2/B	3/B	1/C	1/D	1/E	1/F	1/G	2/G	1/H
FREQ (HZ)													
25	67	70	67	61	61	70	61	61	90	77	74	75	75
31.5	66	68	64	61	61	64	79	77	88	76	72	69	75
40	61	63	63	61	61	63	77	77	93	75	71	68	75
50	58	61	71	63	65	76	75	75	90	71	71	66	70
63	61	62	65	60	65	76	77	77	85	80	75	83	82
80	65	65	71	61	66	80	79	88	88	81	70	76	75
100	65	68	77	72	67	73	73	73	72	72	67	68	69
125	71	76	82	79	72	74	77	87	87	72	71	74	69
160	67	72	71	69	66	68	77	85	71	65	69	64	64
200	63	68	69	66	63	63	74	78	78	66	66	69	64
250	68	73	72	70	67	68	75	78	69	69	69	71	65
315	68	74	68	65	63	67	78	78	78	71	69	72	69
400	73	75	63	69	65	64	80	78	74	74	76	73	72
500	73	75	64	69	65	67	77	74	74	74	79	75	71
630	71	78	63	66	60	68	80	75	73	73	80	81	78
800	71	78	60	63	60	66	78	75	73	73	78	79	79
1000	69	75	58	59	60	63	73	72	69	69	78	79	80
1250	67	73	63	65	66	66	72	72	70	70	77	77	79
1600	67	74	57	61	61	66	70	71	69	69	75	77	79
2000	64	71	53	58	56	66	65	65	64	64	72	74	75
2500	69	71	59	55	55	61	63	64	62	62	69	72	73
3150	60	67	53	53	58	56	62	63	63	63	70	66	71
4000	57	65	50	53	54	59	58	58	61	61	64	64	67
5000	58	65	48	50	50	51	57	54	62	62	60	60	62
6300	55	62	50	51	53	50	62	56	56	63	58	59	59
8000	56	62	49	50	51	50	54	53	58	58	55	57	58
10000	58	66	48	46	49	47	52	52	57	57	55	58	57
OVERALL	81	86	85	82	79	87	90	98	87	87	89	89	89

LEVEL CORRECTED TO REMOVE BACKGROUND/ELECTRONIC NOISE.







TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)		IDENTIFICATION:											
2		OMEGA 3.2											
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:		TEST CD-082-001											
C-140		RUN 02											
IN-FLIGHT CREW NOISE		20 JUL 82											
		PAGE J2											
		LOCATION/CONDITION											
		2/H 1/I 2/I 3/I 4/I 5/I 6/I 7/I 1/J 2/J 3/J 4/J											
FREQ (HZ)		2/H	1/I	2/I	3/I	4/I	5/I	6/I	7/I	1/J	2/J	3/J	4/J
31.5		74	77	73	75	76	74	75	72	77	73	77	78
63		87	82	86	82	87	83	84	87	86	86	84	81
125		75	72	79	77	78	79	81	83	76	77	80	81
250		76	70	74	79	81	80	81	86	76	78	82	81
500		81	79	80	83	84	84	87	87	82	84	87	87
1000		85	85	85	83	83	83	84	85	89	88	85	84
2000		92	83	85	75	76	75	75	77	88	88	78	76
4000		72	75	76	65	65	66	66	68	79	81	68	68
8000		61	65	67	55	57	61	63	67	69	69	59	62
OVERALL		91	89	91	89	91	89	91	98	93	93	92	91



MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE										IDENTIFICATION:												
										OMEGA 3.2												
										TEST CD-082-001												
										RUN 01												
										20 JUL 82												
										PAGE H1												
										LOCATION/CONDITION												
1/A	2/A	1/B	2/B	3/B	1/C	1/D	1/E	1/F	1/G	2/G	1/H											
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	81	86	84	82	78	85	89	97	86	87	89	89										
OASLA	78	84	79	74	72	75	84	83	80	86	86	87										
T	960	480	960	960	960	960	480	571	960	339	339	285										
MINIMUM SPL EAR MUFFS																						
OASLA*	57	62	63	60	55	61	65	72	62	62	63	62										
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960										
U-SIR EAR PLUGS																						
OASLA*	55	60	50	51	48	52	61	62	56	61	62	62										
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960										
FLENTS EAR PLUGS																						
OASLA*	54	60	51	51	48	52	61	63	56	61	62	61										
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960										
H-157 IN-FLIGHT COMMUNICATION UNIT																						
OASLA*	59	63	63	60	56	61	66	72	63	63	65	64										
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960										
COMMUNICATION																						
PREFERRED SPEECH INTERFERENCE LEVEL (PSIL IN DB)																						
PSIL	74	79	65	68	66	70	79	77	75	81	82	82										
ANNOYANCE																						
PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL, TONE CORRECTED (PNLT IN PNDB)																						
TONE CORRECTION (C IN DB)																						
PNLT	90	97	90	88	87	91	97	97	92	97	98	98										
C	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	1										

\* BASED ON CALCULATED SPL SPECTRUM UNDER PROTECTIVE DEVICE.

TABLE: MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE

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IDENTIFICATION:

OMEGA 3.2

TEST CD-082-001

RUN 02

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HAZARD/PROTECTION											
C-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLC IN DBC) AT EAR	90	89	91	88	91	89	91	98	93	93	91
A-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLA IN DBA) AT EAR	88	88	89	85	86	86	87	88	92	93	88
MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE TIME (T IN MINUTES) FOR ONE EXPOSURE PER DAY (AFR 161-35, JULY 73)	240	240	202	404	339	339	285	240	120	101	240
NO PROTECTION											
MINIMUM OPL EAR MUFFS	64	62	64	64	66	65	67	73	66	67	66
OASLA*	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
U-51R EAR PLUGS	63	62	63	62	63	62	64	66	66	66	65
OASLA*	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
FLENTS EAR PLUGS	62	62	63	62	63	62	64	66	65	66	64
OASLA*	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
H-157 IN-FLIGHT COMMUNICATION UNIT	66	64	66	65	67	66	68	74	69	69	68
OASLA*	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960
COMMUNICATION											
PREFERRED SPEECH INTERFERENCE LEVEL (PSIL IN DB)	83	82	83	80	81	81	82	83	86	87	83
PSIL											
ANNOYANCE											
PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL, TONE CORRECTED (PNLT IN PNDB)	100	100	101	96	97	97	99	102	105	105	99
TONE CORRECTION (C IN DB)	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
PNLT											
C											

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IN-FLIGHT CREW NOISE ( (										20 JUL 82										
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HAZARD/PROTECTION																				
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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	94	91	98	91	90	90	87	80	84	88	90									
OASLA	88	88	89	91	89	89	81	76	82	77	84									
T	240	240	202	143	202	202	807	960	679	960	480									
MINIMUM OPL EAR MUFFS																				
OASLAs	69	66	73	64	63	63	62	54	60	64	66									
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960									
U-51R EAR PLUGS																				
OASLAs	65	65	67	65	64	64	58	52	59	56	61									
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960									
FLENTS EAR PLUGS																				
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T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960									
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TONE CORRECTION (C IN DB)																				
PNLT	100	99	102	102	100	100	93	87	93	90	96									
C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	1									

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