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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1995. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) a new informative annex describing the use of time-selective techniques to minimize the influence of acoustic reflections from the measurement setup;
- b) provision for the calibration of microphones in driven shield configuration.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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### Part 3: Primary method for free-field calibration of laboratory standard microphones by the reciprocity technique

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61094

- specifies a primary method of determining the complex free-field sensitivity of laboratory standard microphones so as to establish a reproducible and accurate basis for the measurement of sound pressure under free-field conditions,
- is applicable to laboratory standard microphones meeting the requirements of IEC 61094-1,
- is intended for use by laboratories with highly experienced staff and specialized equipment.

NOTE The calibration principle described in this part of IEC 61094 is also applicable to working standard microphones, preferably used without their protection grid.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 61094-1:2000, *Measurement microphones – Part 1: Specifications for laboratory standard microphones*

IEC 61094-2:2009, *Electroacoustics – Measurement microphones – Part 2: Primary method for pressure calibration of laboratory standard microphones by the reciprocity technique*

IEC TS 61094-7:2006, *Measurement microphones – Part 7: Values for the difference between free-field and pressure sensitivity levels of laboratory standard microphones*

ISO 9613-1, *Acoustics – Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors – Part 1: Calculation of the absorption of sound by the atmosphere*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement – Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

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##### 3.1 phase

<free-field sensitivity of a microphone> phase angle between the open-circuit voltage and the sound pressure that would exist at the position of the acoustic centre of the microphone in the absence of the microphone, for a sinusoidal plane progressive wave of given frequency and direction of sound incidence, and for given environmental conditions