

January 17, 2008 Hearing Protective Device Test Report Number Q1441A Revision 0



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Attenuation measurements have been performed according to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Specifications, ANSI S3.19-1974, using the experimenter-fit protocol, on the Portwest Ltd. EP02 (uncorded) / EP08 (corded) / EP30 (corded metal detectable) reusable insert-type hearing protector (test ID Q1441A). The specified threshold measurement data were obtained using ten normal-hearing listeners, six male and four female. These listeners were selected from a standby group of about 35 volunteers, mostly graduate students, who regularly serve as listeners for measurements of this kind.

The measurements were made in a room designed for this purpose. All acoustic characteristics of the room meet the requirements outlined in ANSI S3.19-1974. The ambient noise levels in this room are below the limits specified in ANSI S3.19-1974, and open ear thresholds are used on a continuing basis to monitor the background noise levels. An automatic recording attenuator was used to record both open and occluded ear thresholds.

Each of ten subjects was tested three times at each of nine test frequencies. The attached Tables show grand mean attenuation values in decibels (dB) for each test signal along with group attenuation values. Standard deviations (S.D.) for the 30 different attenuation determinations for each test signal are also given. The results presented in this report pertain to the samples tested only.

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President

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**Individual and Summary Attenuation Data for
Hearing Protective Devices**

Test Method: ANSI S3.19-1974

Position: Insert

Manufacturer Portwest Ltd

Date: 1/17/08

Model: EP02 (uncorded) / EP08 (corded)
/ EP30 (corded metal detectable)

Test ID # Q1441A

FREQUENCY IN HERTZ

SUBJECT	125	250	500	1000	2000	3150	4000	6300	8000
1	34	38	40	41	40	48	42	47	54
	40	45	51	46	43	55	52	54	54
	33	39	44	42	43	51	47	53	53
2	30	33	32	34	40	45	43	50	50
	27	33	38	40	42	44	49	51	47
	28	35	34	35	38	37	41	55	51
3	36	44	46	42	38	48	49	54	53
	37	35	38	38	40	51	48	58	54
	42	45	50	42	40	51	51	51	56
4	46	43	46	46	41	40	46	42	47
	45	43	44	46	43	43	44	45	47
	50	55	48	45	41	44	49	47	48
5	33	41	43	36	37	48	51	52	50
	36	39	45	36	40	48	49	50	52
	40	39	43	38	41	49	54	52	53
6	32	36	39	38	39	45	36	44	50
	28	40	47	44	44	48	45	47	47
	31	36	42	42	40	45	42	43	48
7	35	44	48	43	43	46	41	46	44
	40	48	44	45	44	48	48	50	49
	35	46	46	47	46	50	45	46	47
8	42	42	44	39	38	37	39	54	48
	39	44	46	43	47	47	50	53	48
	37	42	45	43	44	45	48	55	48
9	49	49	51	52	41	41	48	45	41
	43	44	46	49	41	42	44	43	41
	42	43	46	49	40	40	45	43	41
10	36	32	35	33	36	46	49	55	47
	36	34	37	38	36	43	45	49	37
	38	40	37	35	37	48	51	51	44
MEANS	37.3	40.8	43.1	41.6	40.7	45.6	46.2	49.4	48.3
STD. DEV.	5.9	5.3	5.0	4.8	2.8	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.5

CSA CLASS A

NRR = 32 dB

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Measurements were made according to American National Standards Institute Specifications ANSI S3.19-1974.

Center Frequency in Hz	Mean Attenuation in dB	Group Attenuation in dB	Standard Deviation in dB
125	37.3	78.1	5.9
250	40.8		5.3
500	43.1		5.0
1000	41.6		4.8
2000	40.7	217.2	2.8
3150	45.6		4.2
4000	46.2		4.2
6300	49.4	97.7	4.4
8000	48.3		4.5

Test Item: Q1441A



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