

THE MASKING HANDBOOK (FOR AUDIOMETRY)

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APPENDIX A8

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

A/C:	Air-conduction
AML:	Active Masking Level
ANSI:	American National Standards Institute Inc.
BBone:	Best, bone-conduction threshold
B/C:	Bone-conduction
CHL:	Conductive hearing loss
EML:	Effective Masking Level
FM:	Frequency modulation
HTL:	Hearing threshold level
IA:	Interaural attenuation
IML:	Initial Masking Level
MaskN:	Masking noise
maxMask:	Maximum masking level that is guaranteed to not cause overmasking
minIA:	Minimum known, or minimum possible, interaural attenuation for a specific signal and test device.
minMask:	Minimum appropriate masking level
minMask+5 Method:	Minimum Masking Level +5 dB WRS Method
minIA SPN:	Minimum possible interaural attenuation level for speech-noise
NBN:	Narrowband noise
NITWIT:	Non-Ideal Test of Word Intelligibility approach to WRS testing
NTE:	Non-Test Ear
NTE BBone:	Non-Test Ear, best, bone-conduction threshold
NTE max A/B Gap:	Maximum air-bone gap present from the Non-Test Ear
OE:	Occlusion Effect
potCR:	Highest possible level of potential crossover
potCR Mask:	Highest possible amount of potential crossover for a masking signal
ROC:	Risk of signal crossover
ROM:	Risk of, or potential for, overmasking
SDT:	Speech Detection Threshold
sitIA:	Interaural attenuation value inferred from an individual subject
SNHL:	Sensorineural hearing loss
SPN:	Speech-noise

SR:	Stochastic resonance
SRT:	Speech Recognition Threshold
TE:	Test Ear
TE BBone:	Test Ear, best bone-conduction threshold (i.e., a representation of the cochlear hearing of the Test Ear)
TE HTL:	Air-conduction hearing threshold level from a Test Ear
TEL:	Test level delivered to the Test Ear
TDH:	A style or brand of supra-aural headphones
WRS:	Word Recognition Score
wrsAML:	Active Masking Level applied as part of an overall masking level for Word Recognition Score testing
wrsDD35 Method:	Drop-Down 35 Method of masking for Word Recognition Score testing
wrsMAX:	Maximum viable, test level for Word Recognition Score testing
wrsTEL:	Test level for Word Recognition Score