

# HOW LOUD IS IT?

## Construction

Rock drilling	up to 115 dBA
Chain saw operation	up to 125 dBA
Abrasive blasting	105-112 dBA
Heavy equipment operation	95-110 dBA
Demolition	up to 117 dBA
Needle guns	up to 112 dBA
Pneumatic chip hammer	103-113 dBA
Jack hammer	102-111 dBA
Concrete joint cutter	99-102 dBA
Skillsaw	88-102 dBA
Stud welder	101 dBA
Bulldozer	93-96 dBA
Earth tamper	90-96 dBA
Crane	90-96 dBA
Hammer	87-95 dBA
Gradeall	87-94 dBA
Front-end loader	86-94 dBA
Backhoe	84-93 dBA



## House and Garden

Leaf blower	103 dBA (gas)
Blower	up to 110-112 dBA
Chain Saw	up to 116 dB
Mower	95-120 dBA
Power saw	95-115 dBA
Router	85-110 dBA
Food blender	88 dBA
Vacuum cleaner	88 dBA
Average home interior	50 dB

## Environmental Sounds

Heavy traffic	78 dBA
Thunder clap	120 dBA
Whisper at 5 feet	30 dB
Leaves rustling in a breeze	20 dB



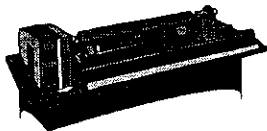
## Music

Clubs and discos	91-96 dBA or more
Dance floor	85-100 dBA
At the bar	90 dBA and up
Personal stereos	60-114 dBA
Rock concerts	100 dB or more
Car stereos	up to 154 dBA in the car
Home Stereo	80-115 dBA



## Miscellaneous Other

Toy pistols	150-160 dB peak
Jazzercise class	90-92 dBA
Sporting events	95-100 dB average.
Referee whistles	103-107 dBA
Motorcycle	80-115 dBA
Ambulance siren	120 dB
Private aircraft	80-110 dBA
Fishing (powerboat)	60-115 dBA
Apollo liftoff	188 dBA



## General Industry

Punch Press	110 dBA
Textile loom	108 dBA
Lathe	81 dBA



## Firearms

.22 caliber rifles	132-139 dB peak
Mauser pistols	163-170 dB peak
12-gauge shotguns	150-165 dB peak
Shotguns	163-172 dB peak
Rifles	143-170 dB peak
Other firearms	110-175 dBA



## Farming

Tractor	93-103 dBA
Grain dryers	88-110 dBA @ 20 ft
Pig squeals	115 dBA (single squeal)
Feeding breeders	85-105 dBA
Feeding growers	91-112 dBA
Feeding weaners	90-107 dBA
Corn grinding	93-97 dBA
Orchard sprayer	85-106 dBA

*The best way to protect against hearing loss in the future is to protect your hearing today and every day. Remember to follow your company's hearing conservation program and use hearing protection for off-the-job hearing hazards, too. When purchasing appliances, tools or equipment, look for noise-reduced models. A little safety sense can help save one of your most valuable senses – your hearing.*



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