

SCHEDULE 1

Regulations 4(1) and 6(5)

Hand-Arm Vibration

Commencement Information

II Sch. 1 in force at 6.7.2005, see reg. 1

Part I-Daily exposure to vibration

The daily exposure to vibration ($A(8)$) of a person is ascertained using the formula:

$$A(8) = a_{hv} \sqrt{\frac{T}{T_0}}$$

where:

a_{hv} is the vibration magnitude, in metres per second squared (m/s^2);

T is the duration of exposure to the vibration magnitude a_{hv} ; and

T_0 is the reference duration of 8 hours (28,800 seconds).

To avoid confusion between vibration magnitude and daily exposure to vibration, it is conventional to express daily exposure to vibration in $m/s^2 A(8)$.

The vibration magnitude, a_{hv} , is ascertained using the formula:

$$a_{hv} = \sqrt{a_{hwX}^2 + a_{hwY}^2 + a_{hwZ}^2}$$

where:

a_{hwX} , a_{hwY} and a_{hwZ} are the root-mean-square acceleration magnitudes, in m/s^2 , measured in three orthogonal directions, x, y and z, at the vibrating surface in contact with the hand, and frequency-weighted using the weighting W_h .

The definition for the frequency weighting W_h is given in British Standard BS EN ISO 5349-1:2001.

Where both hands are exposed to vibration, the greater of the two magnitudes a_{hv} is used to ascertain the daily exposure.

If the work is such that the total daily exposure consists of two or more operations with different vibration magnitudes, the daily exposure ($A(8)$) for the combination of operations is ascertained using the formula:

$$A(8) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{hvi}^2 T_i}$$

where:

n is the number of individual operations within the working day;

a_{hvi} is the vibration magnitude for operation i ; and

T_i is the duration of operation i .

Part II-Exposure to vibration averaged over one week

The exposure to vibration averaged over one week ($A(8)_{\text{week}}$) is the total exposure occurring within a period of seven consecutive days, normalised to a reference duration of five 8-hour days (40 hours). It is ascertained using the formula:

$$A(8)_{\text{week}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{5} \sum_{j=1}^7 A(8)_j^2}$$

where:

$A(8)_j$ is the daily exposure for day j .

The exposure to vibration averaged over one week is for use only for the purposes of Regulation 6(5).

SCHEDULE 2

Regulations 4(2) and 6(5)

Whole-Body Vibration

Commencement Information

I2 [Sch. 2](#) in force at 6.7.2005, see [reg. 1](#)

Part I-Daily exposure to vibration

The daily exposure to vibration ($A(8)$) of a person is ascertained using the formula:

$$A(8) = k a_w \sqrt{\frac{T}{T_0}}$$

where:

a_w is the vibration magnitude (root-mean-square frequency-weighted acceleration magnitude) in one of the three orthogonal directions, x, y and z, at the supporting surface;

T is the duration of exposure to the vibration magnitude a_w ;

T_0 is the reference duration of 8 hours (28,800 seconds); and

k is a multiplying factor.

To avoid confusion between vibration magnitude and daily exposure to vibration, it is conventional to express daily exposure to vibration in $\text{m/s}^2 A(8)$.

Daily exposure to vibration ($A(8)$) is evaluated separately for the x, y and z directions of vibration.

For horizontal vibration (x and y directions), $k = 1.4$ and a_w is obtained using the W_d frequency weighting. For vertical vibration (z direction), $k = 1.0$ and a_w is obtained using the W_k frequency weighting.

Definitions for the frequency weightings are given in International Standard ISO 2631-1:1997.

If the work is such that the total daily exposure consists of two or more operations with different vibration magnitudes, the daily exposure ($A(8)$) for the combination of operations is ascertained using the formula:

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$$A(8) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T_0} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{wi}^2 T_i}$$

where:

n is the number of individual operations within the working day;

a_{wi} is the vibration magnitude for operation i ; and

T_i is the duration of operation i .

Part II-Exposure to vibration averaged over one week

The exposure to vibration averaged over one week ($A(8)_{\text{week}}$) is the total exposure occurring within a period of seven consecutive days, normalised to a reference duration of five 8-hour days (40 hours). It is ascertained using the formula:

$$A(8)_{\text{week}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{5} \sum_{j=1}^7 A(8)_j^2}$$

where:

$A(8)_j$ is the daily exposure for day j .

The exposure to vibration averaged over one week is for use only for the purposes of Regulation 6(5).

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There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Control of Vibration at Work Regulations 2005.