

Hand-Arm Vibration Measurement System

A machinery safety directive was enacted by the EU in 2002, whose objective and main targets are shown below

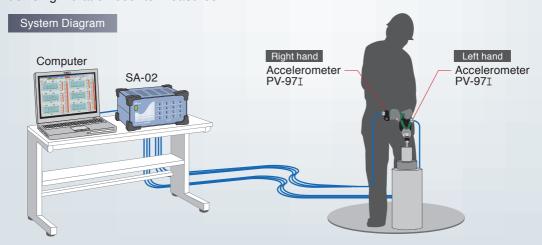
Purpose: Obligate employers to reduce the risk of injury in persons using

hand-held power tools.

Main requirements: Require employers to establish indicative values and limit values.

If indicative values are exceeded, provide information to machinery operators about risk reduction, and carry out suitable health checks.

In order for employers to assess the vibration exposure of operators, data regarding the vibration levels of hand-held power tools as well as about usage time etc. are required. Manufacturers of hand-held power tools must provide vibration ratings and indications that allow employers to fulfill their obligations. A measurement setup for the evaluation of human exposure to hand-transmitted vibration is described in ISO 5349-1. Measurement methods are specified in ISO 8662-1 and ISO 5349-2. The current system complies with these standards. Because frequency analysis is carried out at the same time, the results are also useful for devising vibration countermeasures.

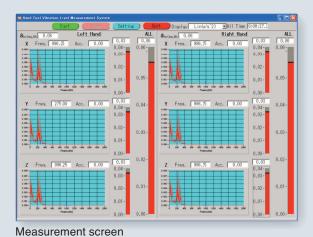


Equipment configuration

Product	Model	Quantity
Multi-Channel Signal Analyzer	SA-02M (8ch)	1
Computer for SA-02		1
Hand-arm Vibration Measurement Software	CAT-SA02-HT	1
Piezoelectric Accelerometer (Triaxial)	PV-97I	2
BNC adapter	VP-52C	6
BNC link connector	VP-54C	6*1
BNC-BNC coaxial cable	EC-90 series	6*1

^{*1} The PV-97I is supplied with a 3-meter cable. These extension parts are required only if longer cable runs are necessary.

Measurement result examples



Application examples

Hand-held power tools such as chain saws, bush cutters, sanders, grinders, rock drills, pavement breakers, etc.

Applicable standards, reference material

ISO 8041 Human response to vibration Measuring instrumentation

ISO 5349-1 Mechanical vibration - Measurement and evaluation of human exposure to hand-transmitted vibration -

Part 1: General requirements

ISO 5349-2 Mechanical vibration - Measurement and evaluation of human exposure to hand-transmitted vibration -

Part 2: Practical guidance for measurement at the workplace

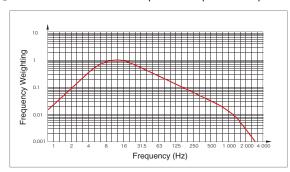
ISO 8662-1 Hand-held portable power tools - Measurement of vibrations at the handle - Part 1~Part14

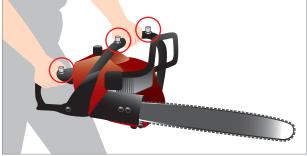
Supplementary information: Measurement method features

- 1)Triaxial measurement
- 2) Hand-arm frequency correction coefficient Wh is used.
- ③Evaluation quantity: Vibration total value a_v (m/s²)

This value is determined by the vector sum of vibration values for each axis.

- Measurement time: At least 1 minute is desirable.
- 3 Accelerometer attachment position: Specified separately in standards for respective product category.





Example of accelerometer attachment positions (chain saw)





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