



Useful Acoustic Reference Data

Typical average decibel levels (dBA) of some common sounds

Threshold of hearing	0 dB
Rustling leaves	20 dB
Quiet whisper (3 feet)	30 dB
Quiet home	40 dB
Quiet street	50 dB
Normal conversation	60 dB
Inside car	70 dB
Loud singing (3 feet)	75 dB
Automobile (25 feet)	80 dB
Motorcycle (30 feet)	88 dB
Foodblender (3 feet)	90 dB
Subway (inside)	94 dB
Diesel truck (30 feet)	100 dB
Power mower (3 feet)	107 dB
Pneumatic riveter (3 feet)	115 dB
Chainsaw (3 feet)	117 dB
Amplified Rock and Roll (6 feet)	120 dB
Jet plane (100 feet)	130 dB