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The assessment position is the lounge windo on the ground floor, south face of the neighbouring building, 83 Moor Lane.



Step	Instructions	MCS contractor results / notes
1.	From manufacturer's data, obtain the A-weighted sound power level of the heat pump. See ' <u>Note 1:</u> <u>Sound power level</u> '. The highest sound power level specified should be used (the power in "low noise mode" should not be used).	STEP1RESULT = 62
	Example: Manufacturer's data states the sound power level of the heat pump is 55 dB(A).	
2.	Use ' <u>Note 2: Sound pressure level</u> ' and ' <u>Note 3:</u> <u>Determination of directivity</u> ' below to establish the directivity 'Q' of the heat pump noise.	STEP 2 RESULT = Q4
	Example: The heat pump is to be installed on the ground and against a single wall hence the directivity (Q) of the heat pump noise is Q4.	
3.	Measure the distance from the heat pump to the assessment position in metres. Example: Distance between heat pump and	step 3 result =
	assessment position is 4 metres.	
4.	Use table in ' <u>Note 4: dB distance reduction'</u> below to obtain a dB reduction.	STEP 4 RESULT = - 17
	Example: 4metres @ Q4 = -17 db.	

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5.	Establish whether there is a solid barrier between the heat pump and the assessment position using ' <u>Note</u> <u>5: Barriers between the heat pump and the</u> <u>assessment position</u> ' and note any dB reduction.	STEP 5 RESULT =
	Example: There is a brick wall between the heat pump and the assessment position. Moving less than 25cm enables the assessment position to be seen. dB reduction = -5 dB.	
6.	Calculate the sound pressure level (see ' <u>Note 2:</u> <u>Sound pressure level'</u>) from the heat pump at the assessment position using the following calculation: (STEP 1) + (STEP 4) + (STEP 5)	STEP 6 RESULT = 45
	Example (55) + (-17) + (-5)=55 – 17 – 5 =33 dB(A) Lp	
7.	Background noise level. For the purposes of the MCS Planning Standard for air source heat pumps the background noise level is assumed to be 40 dB(A) Lp. For information see <u>Note 6: MCS</u> <u>Planning Standard for air source heat pumps</u> <u>background noise level</u> .	STEP 7 RESULT = 40 dB(A)
8.	Example: Background noise level is 40 dB(A). Determine the difference between STEP 7 background noise level and the heat pump noise level using the following calculation: (STEP 7) - (STEP 6)	STEP 8 RESULT = -5

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NOTE 7: DECIBEL CORRECTION (STEP 9)

<u>Please note that the left hand column should be used for both positive and negative</u> <u>differences (e.g. a difference of +3 and -3 both attract a correction of 1.8 dB).</u>

Difference between the two noise levels (db) (+/-)	Add this correction to the higher noise level (db)
0	3.0
1	2.5
2	2.1
3	1.8
4	1.5
5	1.2
6	1.0
7	O.8
8	0.6
9	O.5
10	0.4
11	0.3
12	0.3
13	0.2
14	0.2
15	0.1

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