

Specific Noise Levels for Common Noises (dBA)*

Home

- 50 refrigerator
- 50-60 electrical toothbrush
- 50-75 washing machine
- 50-75 air conditioner
- 50-80 electrical shaver
- 55 coffee percolator
- 55-70 dishwasher
- 60-85 vacuum cleaner
- 60-95 hair dryer
- 65-80 alarm clock
- 70 TV audio
- 70-95 garbage disposal
- 75-85 flush toilet
- 80 pop-up toaster
- 80 doorbell
- 80 ringing telephone
- 80 whistling kettle
- 80-90 food processor
- 80-90 blender
- 80-95 garbage disposal
- 110 baby crying
- 110 squeaky toy held close to ear

Work

- 40 quiet office, library
- 50 large office
- 80 manual machine/tools
- 85 handsaw
- 90 tractor
- 90-115 subway
- 95 electric drill
- 100 factory machinery
- 110 power saw
- 110 leaf blower
- 120 chain saw
- 120 hammer on nail
- 120 pneumatic drills
- 120 heavy machine
- 120 jet plane (at ramp)
- 125 chain saw
- 130 jackhammer
- 130 power drill
- 130 air raid
- 140 airplane taking off
- 150 jet engine taking off
- 180 rocket launching

Recreation

- 40 quiet residential area
- 70 freeway traffic
- 85 noisy restaurant
- 90 truck
- 90 shouted conversation
- 95-110 motorcycle
- 100 disco
- 110 symphony concert
- 110 car horn
- 110-120 rock concert
- 112 personal cassette player on high
- 117 football game (stadium)
- 120 band concert
- 125 auto stereo (factory installed)
- 130 rock car races
- 162 fireworks (at least 3feet)
- 163 rifle
- 166 handgun
- 170 shotgun

*This decibel level information has been excerpted from the LHH (<http://www.lhh.org/noise/decibel.htm>).