

Noise Level Chart

A noise level chart showing examples of sounds with dB levels ranging from 0 to 115 decibels.

dBA	Example	Home & Yard Appliances	Other
0	healthy hearing threshold		
10	a pin dropping		
20	rustling leaves		
30	whisper		
40	babbling brook	computer	
50	light traffic	refrigerator	library
60	conversational speech	air conditioner clothes dryer	
70	shower	dishwasher	business office
75	toilet flushing	vacuum cleaner	
80	alarm clock	garbage disposal	
85	passing diesel truck	snow blower	
90	squeeze toy	lawn mower	arc welder
95	inside subway car	food processor	belt sander
100	motorcycle (riding)		handheld drill
105	sporting event		table saw
110	rock band	car horn	jackhammer
115	emergency vehicle siren		riveter

Very few of the noise sources noted here produce sound at a fixed intensity. Virtually all noise sources produce a range of noise, approximately 5 to 10 dB on either side of the listed value.