



## TRB Annual Meeting



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# ***Purpose and Current Activities of the Acoustical Society of America***

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# *Acoustical Society of America (ASA)*

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- **Founded in 1929**
- **Member society of American Institute of Physics**
- **Purpose: to increase and diffuse the knowledge of acoustics and *promote its practical application***

# *Acoustical Society of America (ASA)*

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- **Technical Research**
- **Standards Administration**

## *ASA Functions*

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- **Technical Research**
    - **Technical committees**
      - Noise**
      - Architectural acoustics**
      - Physical acoustics**
      - Psych & Phys acoustics**
      - Speech Communication**
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# *ASA Technical Research Advantages*

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- **Society of many disciplines**
  - **Cross “cultural” contacts**
  - **Provides forum for  
pure research & applications**
    - **JASA, ARLO, Meeting Sessions**
  - **Addresses all noise issues**
    - **Sources, Propagation, Effects**
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## *ASA – Recent Special Sessions Related to Transportation Noise*

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- **Dec 2000 – Newport Beach**
  - **ASA / NOISE-CON**
    - ◆ **Aircraft Noise**
    - ◆ **Community Noise**
    - ◆ **Hong Kong Airport Railway**
    - ◆ **Noise Barriers**
    - ◆ **Soundscapes**
    - ◆ **Combined Noise Source Effects**

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- **June 2000 – Atlanta**
  - ◆ **Educating the Public on the Perils of Overexposure to Noise**
  - ◆ **Noise and Vibration Effects and Noise Exposure Modeling**

## *ASA – Recent Special Sessions Related to Transportation Noise*

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- **Nov 1999 – Columbus**
  - ◆ **Earth and Airborne Propagation**
  - ◆ **Noise and FICAN – Preservation of Natural Quiet**
  - ◆ **Animal Bioacoustics Effects**
  - ◆ **Status of Noise Regulations**
  - ◆ **Classroom Acoustics**



## *ASA – Recent Special Sessions Related to Transportation Noise*

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- **Oct 1998 – Norfolk**
  - ◆ **Community and Transportation Noise Issues**
  - ◆ **Propagation and Diffraction (PA)**
  - ◆ **Noise Effects of Airbag Deployment**
  - ◆ **Interior Cabin Noise (SA)**
  - ◆ **Sonic Boom Symposium**

## *ASA – Upcoming Special Sessions Related to Transportation Noise*

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- **June 2001 – Chicago**
    - ◆ **Low frequency community noise effects**
    - ◆ **Measurement procedures in social studies for soundscapes and annoyance**
    - ◆ **Community noise ordinances**
    - ◆ **Motor vehicle interior noise**
    - ◆ **International noise initiatives**
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## *ASA Functions*

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- **Standards Administration**
    - **ANSI accredited committees**
      - S1 Acoustics**
      - S2 Mechanical Vibration and Shock**
      - S3 Bioacoustics**
      - S12 Noise**
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# *ANSI S12*

## *Transportation Noise Related Standards*

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- **S12.8 Barrier Insertion Loss**
- **S12.9 Environmental Sound Assessment (Parts 1 – 5)**
- **S12.14 Audible Outdoor Warning Devices**
- **S12.18 Outdoor Measurement SPL**

# *ANSI S12*

## *Noise Standards in Preparation*

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- **WG 15 Outdoor Community Noise**
  - **WG 31 Predicting Outdoor SPLs**
  - **WG 37 Measuring Sleep Disturbance**
  - **WG 40 Shipboard Noise**
  - **WG 41 Model Community Noise Ordinance**
  - **WG 42 Classroom Acoustics**
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# *Conclusions*

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- **ASA thru TCN & ANSI S12**
  - **Significant players in transportation noise research and policy development**
  - **Continued activity with other technical societies and ISO**
  - **Must work harder to keep US in leadership position**
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