

## APPENDIX 2-D.3: NOISE MODELING



## Daytime Construction Activities-Heavy Duty Equipment

Location	Distance to Nearest Receptor in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L <sub>eq</sub> dBA)	Equipment	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L <sub>max</sub> ) at 50 feet <sup>1</sup>	Usage Factor <sup>1</sup>
threshold	141	80.0	Pickup Truck	55	0.4
Center	5000	49.0	Pickup Truck	55	0.4
Staging Area	3000	53.4	Flat Bed Truck	84	0.4
			Concrete Mixer Truck	85	0.4
			Concrete Mixer Truck	85	0.4
			Auger Drill Rig	85	0.2
			Crane	85	0.16
			Drill Rig Truck	84	0.2
			Backhoe	80	0.4
			Backhoe	80	0.4
			Dozer	85	0.4
			Dump Truck	84	0.16
			Ground Type	hard	
			Source Height	8	
			Receiver Height	5	
			Ground Factor <sup>2</sup>	0.00	
			<b>Predicted Noise Level<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>L<sub>eq</sub> dBA at 50 feet<sup>3</sup></b>	
			Pickup Truck	51.0	
			Pickup Truck	51.0	
			Flat Bed Truck	80.0	
			Concrete Mixer Truck	81.0	
			Concrete Mixer Truck	81.0	
			Auger Drill Rig	78.0	
			Crane	77.0	
			Drill Rig Truck	77.0	
			Backhoe	76.0	
			Backhoe	76.0	
			Dozer	81.0	
			Dump Truck	76.0	
			<b>Combined Predicted Noise Level (L<sub>eq</sub> dBA at 50 feet)</b>	<b>89.0</b>	

Sources:

<sup>1</sup> Obtained from the FHWA Roadway Construction Noise Model, January 2006. Table 1.

<sup>2</sup> Based on Figure 6-5 from the Federal Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment, 2006 (pg 6-23).

<sup>3</sup> Based on the following from the Federal Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment, 2006 (pg 12-3).

$$L_{eq}(\text{equip}) = E.L. + 10 \cdot \log(\text{U.F.}) - 20 \cdot \log(D/50) - 10 \cdot G \cdot \log(D/50)$$

Where: E.L. = Emission Level;

U.F. = Usage Factor;

G = Constant that accounts for topography and ground effects (FTA 2006: pg 6-23); and

D = Distance from source to receiver.



## Site Preparation

Location	Distance to Nearest Receptor in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L <sub>eq</sub> dBA)	Equipment	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L <sub>max</sub> ) at 50 feet <sup>1</sup>	Usage Factor <sup>1</sup>
Threshold	1,707	50.0	Dump Truck	84	0.4
Residence 1	25	96.3	Flat Bed Truck	84	0.4
Residence 2	50	88.3	Flat Bed Truck	84	0.4
			Scraper	85	0.4
			Scraper	85	0.4
			Front End Loader	80	0.4
			Pickup Truck	55	0.4
			Pickup Truck	55	0.4
			Backhoe	80	0.4
			Dozer	85	0.4
			Ground Type	Soft	
			Source Height	8	
			Receiver Height	5	
			Ground Factor <sup>2</sup>	0.63	
			<b>Predicted Noise Level<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>L<sub>eq</sub> dBA at 50 feet<sup>3</sup></b>	
			Dump Truck	80.0	
			Flat Bed Truck	80.0	
			Flat Bed Truck	80.0	
			Scraper	81.0	
			Scraper	81.0	
			Front End Loader	76.0	
			Pickup Truck	51.0	
			Pickup Truck	51.0	
			Backhoe	76.0	
			Dozer	81.0	
			<b>Combined Predicted Noise Level (L<sub>eq</sub> dBA at 50 feet)</b>	<b>88.3</b>	

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U.F.= Usage Factor;

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## Night Line Stringing Equipment

Location	Distance to Nearest Receptor in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L <sub>eq</sub> dBA)	Equipment	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L <sub>max</sub> ) at 50 feet <sup>1</sup>	Usage Factor <sup>1</sup>
Threshold	793	45.0	Man Lift	85	0.1
Residence 1	690	45.0	Pickup Truck	55	0.1
Residence 2	250	56.6	Pickup Truck	55	0.1

Ground Type	soft
Source Height	8
Receiver Height	5
Ground Factor <sup>2</sup>	0.63

Predicted Noise Level <sup>3</sup>	L <sub>eq</sub> dBA at 50 feet <sup>3</sup>
Man Lift	75.0
Pickup Truck	45.0
Pickup Truck	45.0

**Combined Predicted Noise Level (L<sub>eq</sub> dBA at 50 feet)**  
75

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$$L_{eq}(\text{equip}) = E.L. + 10 \cdot \log(U.F.) - 20 \cdot \log(D/50) - 10 \cdot G \cdot \log(D/50)$$

Where: E.L. = Emission Level;

U.F.= Usage Factor;

G = Constant that accounts for topography and ground effects (FTA 2006: pg 6-23); and

D = Distance from source to receiver.



## Day Line Stringing Equipment (no helicopter)

Location	Distance to Nearest Receptor in feet	Combined Predicted Noise Level (L <sub>eq</sub> dBA)	Equipment	Reference Emission Noise Levels (L <sub>max</sub> ) at 50 feet <sup>1</sup>	Usage Factor <sup>1</sup>
Threshold	835	50.0	Crane	85	0.16
Residence 1	600	52.1	Man Lift	85	0.2
Residence 2	100	72.6	Pickup Truck	55	0.4
			Pickup Truck	55	0.4

Ground Type	soft
Source Height	8
Receiver Height	5
Ground Factor <sup>2</sup>	0.63

Predicted Noise Level <sup>3</sup>	L <sub>eq</sub> dBA at 50 feet <sup>3</sup>
Crane	77.0
Man Lift	78.0
Pickup Truck	51.0
Pickup Truck	51.0

Combined Predicted Noise Level (L <sub>eq</sub> dBA at 50 feet)
80.6

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Where: E.L. = Emission Level;

U.F.= Usage Factor;

G = Constant that accounts for topography and ground effects (FTA 2006: pg 6-23); and

D = Distance from source to receiver.

**Combined Noise Levels @ 50 feet**

**Reference Noise Levels**

Helicopter (10 minute hovering)  
Reconductoring Construction Noise

**SEL dBA**

100

**Leq dBA**

72

89

Reconductoring  
+ Helicopter

**Combined Hourly Leq Noise Level @ 50 feet**

89

Source: Kaman Aerospace Corporation 1993



Equipment Description	Acoustical Usage Factor (%)	Spec 721.560 Lmax @ 50ft (dBA slow)	Actual Measured Lmax @ 50ft (dBA slow)	No. of Actual Data Samples (count)	Spec 721.560 LmaxCalc	Spec 721.560 Leq	Distance	Actual Measured LmaxCalc	Actual Measured Leq
Auger Drill Rig	20	85	84	36	79.0	72.0	100	78.0	71.0
Backhoe	40	80	78	372	74.0	70.0	100	72.0	68.0
Bar Bender	20	80	na	0	74.0	67.0	100		
Blasting	na	94	na	0	88.0		100		
Boring Jack Power Unit	50	80	83	1	74.0	71.0	100	77.0	74.0
Chain Saw	20	85	84	46	79.0	72.0	100	78.0	71.0
Clam Shovel (dropping)	20	93	87	4	87.0	80.0	100	81.0	74.0
Compactor (ground)	20	80	83	57	74.0	67.0	100	77.0	70.0
Compressor (air)	40	80	78	18	74.0	70.0	100	72.0	68.0
Concrete Batch Plant	15	83	na	0	77.0	68.7	100		
Concrete Mixer Truck	40	85	79	40	79.0	75.0	100	73.0	69.0
Concrete Pump Truck	20	82	81	30	76.0	69.0	100	75.0	68.0
Concrete Saw	20	90	90	55	84.0	77.0	100	84.0	77.0
Crane	16	85	81	405	79.0	71.0	100	75.0	67.0
Dozer	40	85	82	55	79.0	75.0	100	76.0	72.0
Drill Rig Truck	20	84	79	22	78.0	71.0	100	73.0	66.0
Drum Mixer	50	80	80	1	74.0	71.0	100	74.0	71.0
Dump Truck	40	84	76	31	78.0	74.0	100	70.0	66.0
Excavator	40	85	81	170	79.0	75.0	100	75.0	71.0
Flat Bed Truck	40	84	74	4	78.0	74.0	100	68.0	64.0
Front End Loader	40	80	79	96	74.0	70.0	100	73.0	69.0
Generator	50	82	81	19	76.0	73.0	100	75.0	72.0
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Gradall	40	85	83	70	79.0	75.0	100	77.0	73.0
Grader	40	85	na	0	79.0	75.0	100		
Grapple (on Backhoe)	40	85	87	1	79.0	75.0	100	81.0	77.0
Horizontal Boring Hydr. Jacl	25	80	82	6	74.0	68.0	100	76.0	70.0
Hydra Break Ram	10	90	na	0	84.0	74.0	100		
Impact Pile Driver	20	95	101	11	89.0	82.0	100	95.0	88.0
Jackhammer	20	85	89	133	79.0	72.0	100	83.0	76.0
Man Lift	20	85	75	23	79.0	72.0	100	69.0	62.0
Mounted Impact Hammer (	20	90	90	212	84.0	77.0	100	84.0	77.0
Pavement Scarafier	20	85	90	2	79.0	72.0	100	84.0	77.0
Paver	50	85	77	9	79.0	76.0	100	71.0	68.0
Pickup Truck	40	55	75	1	49.0	45.0	100	69.0	65.0
Pneumatic Tools	50	85	85	90	79.0	76.0	100	79.0	76.0
Pumps	50	77	81	17	71.0	68.0	100	75.0	72.0
Refrigerator Unit	100	82	73	3	76.0	76.0	100	67.0	67.0
Rivit Buster/chipping gun	20	85	79	19	79.0	72.0	100	73.0	66.0
Rock Drill	20	85	81	3	79.0	72.0	100	75.0	68.0
Roller	20	85	80	16	79.0	72.0	100	74.0	67.0
Sand Blasting (Single Nozzle	20	85	96	9	79.0	72.0	100	90.0	83.0
Scraper	40	85	84	12	79.0	75.0	100	78.0	74.0
Shears (on backhoe)	40	85	96	5	79.0	75.0	100	90.0	86.0
Slurry Plant	100	78	78	1	72.0	72.0	100	72.0	72.0
Slurry Trenching Machine	50	82	80	75	76.0	73.0	100	74.0	71.0
Soil Mix Drill Rig	50	80	na	0	74.0	71.0	100		
Tractor	40	84	na	0	78.0	74.0	100		
Vacuum Excavator (Vac-tru	40	85	85	149	79.0	75.0	100	79.0	75.0
Vacuum Street Sweeper	10	80	82	19	74.0	64.0	100	76.0	66.0
Ventilation Fan	100	85	79	13	79.0	79.0	100	73.0	73.0
Vibrating Hopper	50	85	87	1	79.0	76.0	100	81.0	78.0
Vibratory Concrete Mixer	20	80	80	1	74.0	67.0	100	74.0	67.0
Vibratory Pile Driver	20	95	101	44	89.0	82.0	100	95.0	88.0
Warning Horn	5	85	83	12	79.0	66.0	100	77.0	64.0
Welder / Torch	40	73	74	5	67.0	63.0	100	68.0	64.0

Source:  
FHWA Roadway Construction Noise Model, January 2006. Table 9.1  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
CA/T Construction Spec. 721.560