

ABSTRACT

The purpose of the reported study was to assess the effects of different levels of noise on performance of predominantly mental tasks. Because of time constraints, only one type of noise was used, at five (5) different levels throughout the experiment. Three (3) tasks, essentially of two (2) types were used on a total of fourteen (14) subjects over an age range of 19 to 37 years.

An intensive literature survey has been undertaken, and the subject of noise examined from various points of view, which should be of assistance to future researchers.

The main conclusion to be drawn from the experiments is that performance decreased generally with increase in noise, in a more or less linear fashion.

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