

Sound Attenuation Calculator - Inverse Square Law

The formula to calculate sound attenuation over distance for a **point source** is:

$$Lp(R2) = Lp(R1) - 20 \cdot \log_{10}(R2/R1)$$

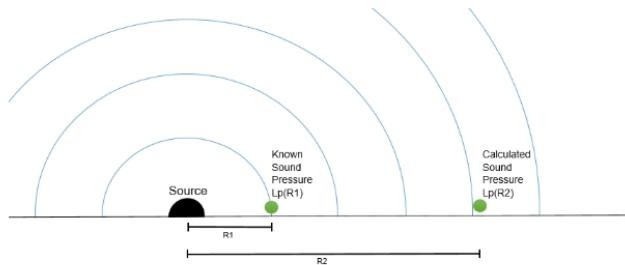
Where:

Lp(R1) = Known sound pressure level at the first location (typically measured data or equipment vendor data)

Lp(R2) = Unknown sound pressure level at the second location

R1 = Distance from the noise source to location of known sound pressure level

R2 = Distance from noise source to the second location



Known sound pressure level (dB(A))

95

Select Metric or Imperial Units:

Metric

Imperial

Distance from source for known sound pressure level (R1) (ft)

3

Tested sound pressure levels are commonly given at 1m or 3ft (R1)

Distance from source to position R2 (ft)

40

Attenuated sound pressure level (dB(A))

72.5

