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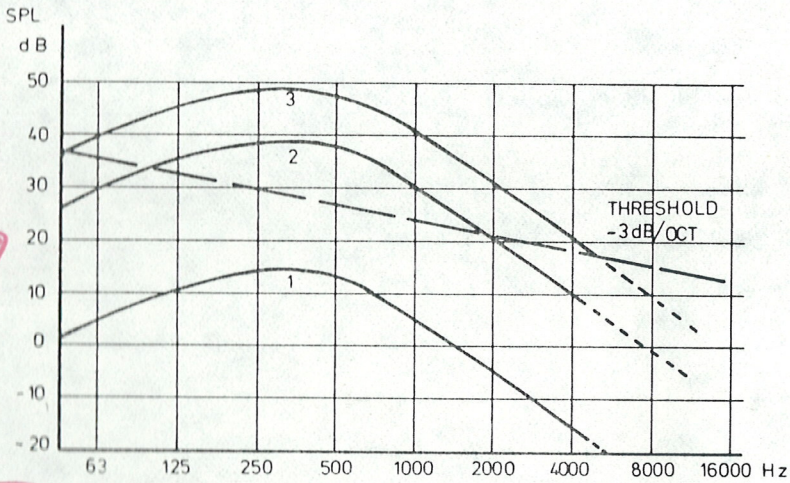


FIG. 3 Masking of speech by noise

The curves 1 and 3 enclose the dynamic range of speech (see fig. 5).
 The threshold corresponds to masking by pink noise.
 The dynamic range falling below the threshold is masked.

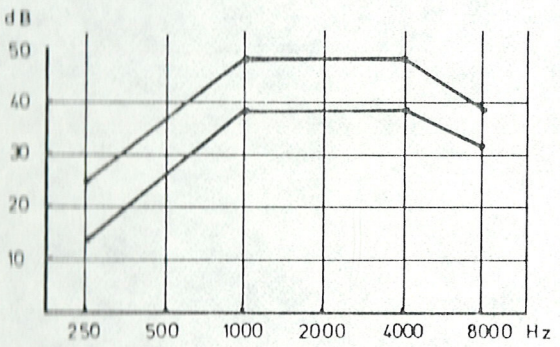


FIG. 4 Range of attenuation, effected for environmental noise by earcaps, approved for protection of hearing by national institutes for safety of labour.