

Some Sound Fragments of Berlin December 1993 recorded by
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Airport Tegel

1 Main Hall at 0.57: Gong + announcement 0.00.00

Some Railway Stations:

Lichtenberg

2 Main Hall a large hall, but only few 0.01.25
reverberation

3 Passage ! Crack at the beginning 0.05.00

4 Platform at 5.55: Gong + announcement 0.06.39
outside platforms, partly rooked
S-Bahn (City Train) comes + leaves
shunting locomotive in background

Hauptbahnhof

5 Main Hall similar size as in Lichtenberg, 0.12.02
but more reverberation

6 Passage at 23.58: Gong + announcement 0.17.07

7 Platform several platforms, completely rooked 0.25.00
by an arch-shaped construction of
steel and glass

Alexanderplatz

8 Platform similar construction as in 0.28.16
Hauptbahnhof, but a bit smaller

Friedrichstraße

9 Platform similar as before 0.32.45
Sounds from distant Trains are
transmitted by the rails as clicks.
at 34.10: Gong + announcement
in the background

Zoologischer Garten

10 Platform a more modern, rectangular roof- 0.36.12
construction

signals of closing doors of the ICE
(InterCity Express)

11 same Platform at 38.00 Gong + announcement 0.38.43
closing door again
at 42.20: announcement +
incoming train

Some common means of traffic, recorded from inside:

S-Bahn (City Train)

12 an older one ringing bell as caution-signal 0.42.49

13 new one from East Berlin 0.43.22

14 new one from West Berlin 0.46.25

U-Bahn (Subway)

15 from East Berlin starts outside and gets into the 0.51.11
tunnel at 52.29

16 from West Berlin from 57.20 some noise on the 0.55.26
left channel

street car - only in service in East Berlin

- 17 a very old one standing a while before starting, so a walkman is hearable 0.57.52
- 18 newer one buzzing sound when it speeds up or slows down 1.02.10
- 19 same type with another steering (without special sound) at 1.03.56: police car is passing ! Cracks at the beginning and end (sorry) 1.06.55

Crosswalk Signals

- 20 usual crosswalk signal at several crossroads in Berlin 1.10.35
- 21 steady signal to find the location, loudness depends on the level of the surrounding sounds 1.14.20

Shopping Centre

- 22 Kaufhof some significant sounds: telephone, cash register, signal for staff in the background 1.17.17

in Addition:

- 3 Recordings from my balcony 1.18.20
- 23 workers on a building site (street car in background, left) 1.21.20
- 24 the same with a concrete mixer, some cars 1.24.31
- 25 rainy sunday morning, church bells in the background 1.24.31

Birds

- 26 ducks, high frequency sounds from ducks walking over thin ice 1.26.38
- A sound of planes is always present.
- 27 sea gulls and coots smaller sea gulls than in Vancouver traffic and industrial sounds in the background (till 1.30.50) 1.28.05