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- a) added information on newly developed detail specification standards of mechanical structures for the electrical and electronic equipment practices;
- b) added information on newly developed performance test standards for the verifications of environmental performances and safety aspects and issues of the thermal performance and thermal management for the electrical and electronic equipment practices;
- c) introduced the relations between the mechanical structure for electrical and electronic system, the verification of environmental performance and safety aspects and issues of the thermal performance and thermal management for the electrical and electronic equipment practices.

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INTRODUCTION

~~The trend towards constantly increasing functional integration and ever smaller volume and space requirements for electronic components and integrated circuits, as well as the advent of new manufacturing methods, automatic manufacturing and testing equipment and the use of Computer Aided Engineering (CAE) systems offer users considerable technical and economic advantages.~~

~~In order to ensure that, when using newly developed components, manufacturing methods and CAE systems, the advantages can be fully exploited during planning, design, manufacture and testing, it is necessary for equipment practices to meet the following requirements (see IEC Guide 103):~~

~~— arrangement of products with a minimum loss of area and space;~~

There is a continuous trend towards higher functional integration and smaller electronic components and integrated circuits. At the same time, new manufacturing methods, automatic manufacturing and testing equipment, and Computer Aided Engineering (CAE) systems have created commercial advantages for their users.

For users to take technical and economic advantage of these new components and technologies during planning, design, manufacturing, and testing, it is necessary for equipment practices to meet the following requirements (see IEC Guide 103): arrangement of products with a minimum loss of area and space;

- dimensional interchangeability of products, e.g. regarding overall dimensions, mounting dimensions (fixing holes, cut-out, etc.);
- dimensional compatibility and determination of interface dimensions of products which:
 - are combined with other products, e.g. instruments, racks, panels and cabinets, etc.;
 - are used in buildings that have been built in accordance with a modular system, e.g. column spacing, room height, door height, etc.

An obstacle arises from the use of two systems of dimensioning (inch – metre) that are not compatible with each other. The use of an interface between both dimensioning systems represents one way around this obstacle. The recommendation is:

- to use only one dimensioning system and to use SI units.

The dimensions given in 5.3 of this document have been taken from System I of IEC Guide 103 in consideration with other documents on dimensional coordination.

In accordance with the above considerations, IEC 60917-1 Ed.1 was published in 1998. This generic standard for mechanical structures for electronic equipment practices has been used to meet advanced requirements for various industrial applications of micro-electronics technology.

After publication of this generic standard, development of dimensional sectional and detail specifications consisting of the metric 25 mm modular standards, IEC 60917-2-X, and 19 inch (in) conventional standards, IEC 60297-3-XXX, was undertaken. In parallel, standards to address environmental performance and safety aspects of the mechanical structures were developed as the IEC 61587 series. All these standards are based on indoor system applications. The next step for the mechanical structure was the developments of the IEC 61969 series for outdoor applications.

In the first decade of the 21st century, the IEC 62194 and IEC 62610 series were developed to define the verification of the thermal performance of enclosures and address thermal management issues of the electrical and electronic equipment practices.

This document describes the relationships between the mechanical structure for electrical and electronic systems, the verification of environmental performance and safety aspects, and the issues of the thermal performance and of the thermal management for the electrical and electronic equipment practices.

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MODULAR ORDER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MECHANICAL STRUCTURES FOR ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT PRACTICES –

Part 1: Generic standard

1 ~~Scope and object~~

~~This International Standard relates to equipment practices. The modular order is applicable to the main structural dimensions of electronic equipment mounted in various installations where dimensional interfaces have to be considered.~~

~~It refers to basic design parameters and is not intended to be used for manufacturing tolerances or clearances.~~

~~In addition, information on interfaces to other technical fields, on technology and advanced design aspects is included.~~

~~This standard also covers standard terms for parts and assemblies of mechanical structures for electronic equipment.~~

~~This generic standard gives the definitions of a modular order for mechanical structures of electronic equipment and provides for dimensional compatibility at mechanical interfaces with related engineering applications, e.g. printed boards, components, instrumentation, furniture, rooms, buildings, etc.~~

~~Furthermore, it supports the introduction and application of the modular order rules considering that:~~

- ~~— compatibility of interface dimensions is aimed at the electronic field on the basis of the SI unit metre;~~
- ~~— technical and economic advantages can be achieved when using the rules.~~

~~The terms in this standard should be used in all standards for mechanical structures of electronic equipment and in related technical documents.~~

This part of IEC 60917 specifies the relationships between equipment practices and the modular order which are applicable to the main structural dimensions of electronic and electrical equipment mounted in various installations where dimensional interfaces have to be considered for mechanical compatibility.

This document also established terms for parts and assemblies of mechanical structures for electrical and electronic equipment, to clarify the specific relations between equipment practices and modular order.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050-581:1978, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 581: Electromechanical components for electronic equipment*

IEC 60297 (all parts), *Mechanical structures for electronic equipment*

~~IEC 60297-1:1986, Dimensions of mechanical structures of the 482,6 mm (19 in) series – Part 1: Panels and racks~~

~~IEC 60297-2:1982, Dimensions of mechanical structures of the 482,6 mm (19 in) series – Part 2: Cabinets and pitches of rack structures~~

~~IEC 60297-3:1984, Dimensions of mechanical structures of the 482,6 mm (19 in) series – Part 3: Subracks and associated plug-in units~~

IEC 60297-3-100, Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Dimensions of mechanical structures of the 482,6 mm (19 in) series – Part 3-100: Basic dimensions of front panels, subracks, chassis, racks and cabinets

IEC 60297-3-101, Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Dimensions of mechanical structures of the 482,6 mm (19 in) series – Part 3-101: Subracks and associated plug-in units

IEC 60297-3-102, Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Dimensions of mechanical structures of the 482,6 mm (19 in) series – Part 3-102: Injector/extractor handle

IEC 60297-3-103, Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Dimensions of mechanical structures of the 482,6 mm (19 in) series – Part 3-103: Keying and alignment pin

IEC 60297-3-104, Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Dimensions of mechanical structures of the 482,6 mm (19 in) series – Part 3-104: Connector dependent interface dimensions of subracks and plug-in units

IEC 60297-3-105, Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Dimensions of mechanical structures of the 482,6 mm (19 in) series – Part 3-105: Dimensions and design aspects for 1U high chassis

IEC 60297-3-106, Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Dimensions of mechanical structures of the 482,6 mm (19 in) series – Part 3-106: Adaptation dimensions for subracks and chassis applicable with metric cabinets or racks in accordance with IEC 60917-2-1

IEC 60297-3-107, Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Dimensions of mechanical structures of the 482,6 mm (19 in) series – Part 3-107: Dimensions of subracks and plug-in units, small form factor

IEC 60297-3-108, Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Dimensions of mechanical structures of the 482,6 mm (19 in) series – Part 3-108: Dimensions of R-type subracks and plug-in units

IEC 60297-3-109, Mechanical structures for electrical and electronic equipment – Dimensions of mechanical structures of the 482,6 mm (19 in) series – Part 3-109: Dimensions of chassis for embedded computing devices

IEC 60297-3-110, Mechanical structures for electrical and electronic equipment – Dimensions of mechanical structures of the 482,6 mm (19 in) series – Part 3-110: Residential racks and cabinets for smart houses

~~IEC 60297-4:1995, Dimensions of mechanical structures of the 482,6 mm (19 in) series – Part 4: Subracks and associated plug-in units – Additional dimensions~~

~~IEC 60473:1974, Dimensions for panel-mounted indicating and recording electrical measuring instruments~~

~~IEC 60629:1978, Standard sheets for a modular system (for installation accessories for use in domestic and similar installations)~~

IEC TR 60668:~~1980~~, *Dimensions of panel areas and cut-outs for panel and rack-mounted industrial-process measurement and control instruments*

IEC 60917-2:~~1992~~, *Modular order for the development of mechanical structures for electronic equipment practices – Part 2: Sectional specification – Interface co-ordination dimensions for the 25 mm equipment practice*

IEC 60917-2-1:~~1993~~, *Modular order for the development of mechanical structures for electronic equipment practices – Part 2: Sectional specification – Interface co-ordination dimensions for the 25 mm equipment practice – Section 1: Detail specification – Dimensions for cabinets and racks*

IEC 60917-2-2:~~1994~~, *Modular order for the development of mechanical structures for electronic equipment practices – Part 2: Sectional specification – Interface co-ordination dimensions for the 25 mm equipment practice – Section 2: Detail specification – Dimensions for subracks, chassis, backplanes, front panels and plug-in units*

IEC 60917-2-3, *Modular order for the development of mechanical structures for electronic equipment practices – Part 2-3: Sectional specification – Interface co-ordination dimensions for the 25 mm equipment practice – Extended detail specification – Dimensions for subracks, chassis, backplanes, front panels and plug-in units*

IEC 60917-2-4, *Modular order for the development of mechanical structures for electronic equipment practices – Part 2-4: Sectional specification – Interface co-ordination dimensions for the 25 mm equipment practice – Adaptation dimensions for subracks or chassis applicable in cabinets or racks in accordance with IEC 60297-3-100 (19 in)*

IEC 60917-2-5, *Modular order for the development of mechanical structures for electronic equipment practices – Part 2-5: Sectional specification – Interface co-ordination dimensions for the 25 mm equipment practice – Cabinet interface dimensions for miscellaneous equipment*

IEC 61554, *Panel mounted equipment – Electrical measuring instruments – Dimensions for panel mounting*

IEC 61587 (all parts), *Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Tests for IEC 60917 and IEC 60297 series*

IEC 61969-1, *Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Outdoor enclosures – Part 1: Design guidelines*

IEC 61969-2, *Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Outdoor enclosures – Part 2: Coordination dimensions*

IEC 61969-3, *Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Outdoor enclosures – Part 3: Environmental requirements, tests and safety aspects*

IEC 62194, *Method of evaluating the thermal performance of enclosures*

IEC TS 62454, *Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Design guide: Interface dimensions and provisions for water cooling of electronic equipment within cabinets of the IEC 60297 and IEC 60917 series*

IEC 62610 (all parts), *Mechanical structures for electrical and electronic equipment – Thermal management for cabinets in accordance with IEC 60297 and IEC 60917 series*

IEC Guide 103:1980, *Guide on dimensional co-ordination*

~~ISO 31:1992, *Quantities and units*~~

~~ISO 1000:1992, *SI units and recommendations for the use of their multiples and of certain other units*~~

ISO 1006:1983, *Building construction – Modular coordination – Basic module*

ISO 1040:1983, *Building construction – Modular coordination – Multimodules for horizontal coordinating dimensions*

ISO 1791, *Building construction – Modular co-ordination – Vocabulary*

ISO 2848, *Building construction – Modular coordination – Principles and rules*

~~ISO 3827-1:1977, *Shipbuilding – Coordination of dimensions in ships' accommodation – Part 1: Principles of dimensional coordination*~~

ISO 3394, *Packaging – Complete, filled transport packages and unit loads – Dimensions of rigid rectangular packages*

ISO 3676, *Packaging – Complete, filled transport packages and unit loads – Unit load dimensions*

ISO 6514, *Building construction – Modular coordination – Sub-modular increments*

ISO 80000-1:2009, *Quantities and units – Part 1: General*

ISO 80000-3:2006, *Quantities and units – Part 3: Space and time*

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3 Terms, terminology and definitions

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

equipment practice

mechanical structure involved in housing and mounting of electrical, electronic and electromechanical systems

Note 1 to entry: The equipment practice provides for compatibility between mechanical parts, electrical interconnections and electrical and electronic components.

3.2

modular order

set of rules which establishes a relationship between co-ordination dimensions and the base pitch, multiple pitches and mounting pitches to be used in equipment practice

3.3 co-ordination dimension

reference dimension used to co-ordinate mechanical interfaces. This is not a manufacturing dimension with a tolerance.

~~NOTE — An actual outside dimension of a mechanical structure related to a co-ordination dimension can only decrease.~~

3.4 aperture dimension

special co-ordination dimension for the usable space between features (structural parts)

Note 1 to entry: The actual inside dimension of an aperture can only increase.

3.5

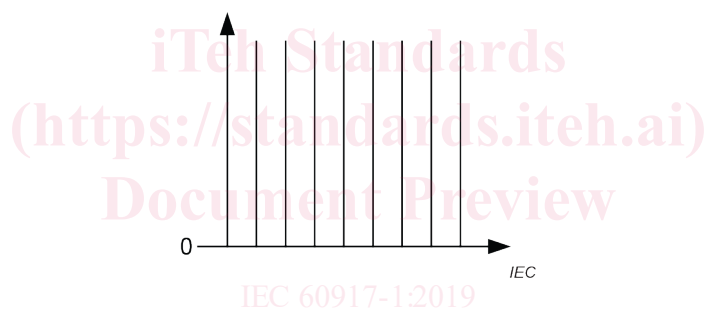
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multiplier having ~~integer~~ values ~~of range continuing~~ in continuous series of integers 1, 2, 3, ...

3.6 pitch

one division step of a regularly subdivided coordinate

SEE: Figure 1.



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3.7 base pitch

p

smallest distance between adjacent grid lines used in the equipment practices

3.8 multiple pitch

Mp

integer multiple of the base pitch

3.9 mounting pitch

mp

pitch used to arrange parts or assemblies in a given space

Note 1 to entry: The nominal value of a mounting pitch is achieved by using a base or multiple pitch multiplied by a factor F from Table 2.

Note 2 to entry: Actual dimensions used in an equipment practice are created for the nominal mounting pitch and they include manufacturing tolerance.

3.10 reference plane

theoretical plane without thickness or tolerances used to define spaces