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#### INTRODUCTION

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IEC 61000 is published in separate parts according to the following structure:

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Definitions, terminology

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Description of the environment

Classification of the environment

**Compatibility levels** 

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**Emission limits** 

Immunity limits (in so far as they do not fall under the responsibility of the product committees)

Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques

Measurement techniques

Testing techniques

Part 5: Installation and mitigation guidelines

Installation guidelines

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#### Part 6: Generic standards

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#### ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) -

#### Part 4-36: Testing and measurement techniques – IEMI immunity test methods for equipment and systems

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61000 provides methods to determine test levels for the assessment of the immunity of equipment and systems to intentional electromagnetic interference (IEMI) sources. It introduces the general IEMI problem, IEMI source parameters, derivation of test limits and summarises practical test methods.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 61000-4-4, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test

IEC 61000-4-12, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-12: Testing and measurement techniques – Ring wave immunity test

IEC 61000-4-18, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-18: Testing and measurement techniques – Damped oscillatory wave immunity test

#### 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

For the purposes of this document, the following terms, definitions and abbreviations apply.

#### 3.1 Terms and definitons

#### 3.1.1

#### attenuation

reduction in magnitude (as a result of absorption and/or scattering) of an electric or magnetic field or a current or voltage, usually expressed in decibels

#### 3.1.2 bandratio br

ratio of the high and low frequencies between which there is 90 % of the energy

Note 1 to entry: If the spectrum has a large dc content, the lower limit is nominally defined as 1 Hz (see IEC 61000-2-13 for further details).

# 3.1.3 bandratio decades brd bandratio expressed in decades as: brd = log10(br)

#### 3.1.4

#### burst

time frame in which a series of pulses occurs with a given repetition rate

Note 1 to entry: When multiple bursts occur, the time between bursts is usually defined.

#### 3.1.5

#### conducted HPEM environment

high-power electromagnetic currents and voltages that are either coupled or directly injected to cables and wires with voltage levels that typically exceed 1 kV

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#### 3.1.6

#### continuous wave

CW

time waveform that has a fixed frequency and is continuous

#### 3.1.7

### electromagnetic compatibility EMC

ability of an equipment or system to function satisfactorily in its electromagnetic environment without introducing intolerable electromagnetic disturbances to anything in that environment

#### 3.1.8

#### electromagnetic disturbance

any electromagnetic phenomenon which may degrade the performance of a device, equipment or system

#### 3.1.9

#### electromagnetic interference

#### EMI

degradation of the performance of a device, transmission channel or system caused by an electromagnetic disturbance

Note 1 to entry: Disturbance and interference are respectively cause and effect.

#### 3.1.10

#### (electromagnetic) shield

electrically continuous housing for a facility, area, or component used to attenuate incident electric and magnetic fields by both absorption and reflection

#### 3.1.11

#### (electromagnetic) susceptibility

inability of a device, equipment or system to perform without degradation in the presence of an electromagnetic disturbance

Note 1 to entry: Susceptibility is a lack of immunity.

#### 3.1.12 equipment under test EUT equipment being subjected to the test

#### 3.1.13 high-altitude electromagnetic pulse HEMP

electromagnetic pulse produced by a nuclear explosion outside the earth's atmosphere

Note 1 to entry: Typically above an altitude of 30 km.

#### 3.1.14 high-power microwaves HPM

narrowband signals, nominally with peak power in a pulse, in excess of 100 MW at the source

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Note 1 to entry: This is a historical definition that depended on the strength of the source. The interest in this document is mainly on the EM field incident on an electronic system.

#### 3.1.15

#### hyperband signal

signal or waveform with a pbw (see 3.1.20) value between 163,4 % and 200 % or a bandratio > 10

#### 3.1.16

#### hypoband signal

narrowband signal or waveform with a pbw of < 1 % or a bandratio < 1.01

#### 3.1.17

## intentional electromagnetic interference IEMI

intentional malicious generation of electromagnetic energy introducing noise or signals into electric and electronic systems, thus disrupting, confusing or damaging these systems for terrorist or criminal purposes

[SOURCE: IEC 61000-2-13:2005, 3.16]

#### 3.1.18

#### L band

radar frequency band between 1 GHz and 2 GHz

#### 3.1.19

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mesoband signal signal or waveform with a pbw value between 1 % and 100 % or a bandratio between 1,01 and 3

#### 3.1.20

#### percentage bandwidth

pbw

bandwidth of a waveform expressed as a percentage of the centre frequency of that waveform

Note 1 to entry: The pbw has a maximum value of 200 % when the centre frequency is the mean of the high and low frequencies. The pbw does not apply to signals with a large dc content (e.g., HEMP) for which the bandratio decades is used.

#### 3.1.21 port-of-entry PoE

physical location (point) on an electromagnetic barrier, where EM energy may enter or exit a topological volume, unless an adequate PoE protective device is provided

Note 1 to entry: A PoE is not limited to a geometrical point.

Note 2 to entry: PoEs are classified as aperture PoEs or conductive PoEs according to the type of penetration. They are also classified as architectural, mechanical, structural or electrical PoEs according to the functions they serve.

#### 3.1.22

#### pulse

transient waveform that usually rises to a peak value and then decays, or a similar waveform that is an envelope of an oscillating waveform

## 3.1.23 pulse repetition frequency

### prf

number of pulses per unit time, measured in Hz (per second)

#### 3.1.24

#### radiated HPEM environment

high-power electromagnetic fields with peak electric field levels that typically exceed 100 V/m

#### 3.1.25

rE<sub>far</sub>

electric field normalised at a distance of 1 m from the antenna as derived from an E-field measurement at a given distance in the far-field

#### 3.1.26

#### sub-hyperband signal

signal or a waveform with a pbw value between 100 % and 163,4 % or a bandratio between 3 and 10

#### 3.1.27

#### transient

pertaining to or designating a phenomenon or a quantity which varies between two consecutive steady states during a time interval which is short compared with the time-scale of interest

Note 1 to entry: A transient can be a unidirectional impulse of either polarity or a damped oscillatory wave with the first peak occurring in either polarity.

#### 3.1.28

#### ultrawideband

UWB signal that has a percent bandwidth greater than 25 % - 70e1-4a5c-be5d-8d6ad0409edc/iec-

#### 3.2 Abbreviations

DS	Damped sinusoid
EMI	Electromagnetic interference
ESD	Electrostatic discharge
НЕМР	High-altitude electromagnetic pulse
HIRF	High-intensity radiated fields
HPD	Horizontally polarized dipole
HPEM	High-power electromagnetic
НРМ	High-power microwave
LEMP	Lightning electromagnetic pulse
LLSF	Low level swept field
LLSC	Low level swept current
NEMP	Nuclear electromagnetic pulse
SE	Shielding effectiveness
UWB	Ultra wideband

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VPD

#### Vertically polarized dipole

#### 4 General

The use of electromagnetic sources to generate intentional electromagnetic interference (IEMI) is of increasing concern as the reliance of society on technology increases significantly. Many technical papers have been published that show the effects of IEMI are cause for concern; they are summarised in [1]<sup>1</sup>. A summary of failure mechanisms at equipment level is provided in Annex A.

The effects of IEMI on equipment can be similar to the effects caused by high-power electromagnetic (HPEM) environments. HPEM environments include high-intensity radiated fields (HIRF) generated by radio and radar systems, lightning electromagnetic pulse (LEMP) and electrostatic discharge (ESD). Some of these HPEM environments have similar characteristics to those sources used to cause IEMI but are unintentional EMI sources, i.e. non-malicious. However, it is possible to use information regarding qualification of equipment and systems to these environments to inform the likely response to IEMI.

The IEC defines IEMI within 3.1.17 as 'intentional malicious generation of electromagnetic energy introducing noise or signals into electric and electronic systems, thus disrupting, confusing or damaging these systems for terrorist or criminal purposes'.

Within this definition it is possible to also include tammers, which are designed to overload antenna receiver circuits (front doors) by operating at or close to the victim receiver frequency of operation. Jammers typically require low power to operate due to the fact that receivers are designed to operate at very low power levels (nW or less). More information on the issue of jammers can be found in Annex G.

This document complements IEC 61000-4-25 [2], which deals with high-altitude electromagnetic pulse (HEMR) immunity test methods for equipment and systems.

#### 5 IEMI environments and interaction

#### 5.1 General

There are many types of sources that can generate electromagnetic environments that can potentially be used to cause intentional electromagnetic interference (IEMI). IEC 61000-2-13 [3] discusses the various environments that can be generated and categorises them in terms of time characteristics, frequency range and bandratio. Further details and actual examples are included within Annex B.

A key requirement of developing IEMI test methods and test levels is to achieve a good understanding of the environment in which the victim equipment or system will be required to operate. Within this document specific focus is provided for victim equipment that is integrated within a site or other fixed installation and it is generally assumed that such equipment is housed within a building.

IEMI phenomena are unlike other EMC standardised phenomena where assumptions can be made about the general or average disturbance level arriving at victim equipment ports. Important parameters related to the IEMI interaction with victim systems which will affect the test level include:

- a) IEMI source parameters
  - 1) frequency range of the source,

<sup>1</sup> Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography in Clause 8.