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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**

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This part is an International Standard which gives immunity requirements and test procedure related to conducted broadband disturbances.

## ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) –

### Part 4-31: Testing and measurement techniques – AC mains ports broadband conducted disturbance immunity test

#### 1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 61000 relates to the conducted immunity of electrical and electronic equipment to electromagnetic disturbances coming from intended and/or unintended broadband signal sources in the frequency range 150 kHz up to 80 MHz.

The object of this standard is to establish a common reference to evaluate the immunity of electrical and electronic equipment when subjected to conducted disturbances caused by intended and/or unintended broadband signal sources on AC mains ports. The test method documented in this standard describes a consistent method to assess the immunity of an equipment or system against a defined phenomenon.

Equipment not having at least one AC mains port is excluded. The power ports not intended to be connected to AC mains distribution networks are not considered as “AC mains ports” and therefore are excluded.

This standard is applicable only to single phase equipment having rated input current  $\leq 16$  A; the application of the broadband disturbance to multiple phase equipment and/or equipment with rated input current  $> 16$  A is under consideration.

NOTE As described in IEC Guide 107, this standard is a basic EMC publication for use by product committees of the IEC. As also stated in Guide 107, the IEC product committees are responsible for determining whether this immunity test standard is to be applied or not, and if applied, they are responsible for determining the appropriate test levels and performance criteria. TC 77 and its sub-committees are prepared to co-operate with product committees in the evaluation of the value of particular immunity tests for their products.

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#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-161 as well as the following apply.

##### 3.1

##### **artificial hand**

electrical network simulating the impedance of the human body under average operational conditions between a hand-held electrical appliance and earth

Note 1 to entry: The construction should be in accordance with CISPR 16-1-2.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-161:1990, 161-04-27, modified – A note to entry has been added.]

### **3.2 auxiliary equipment**

#### **AE**

equipment necessary to provide the equipment under test (EUT) with the signals required for normal operation and equipment to verify the performance of the EUT

### **3.3 common mode impedance**

asymmetrical mode impedance between a cable attached to a port and the reference ground plane (RGP)

Note 1 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.

### **3.4 coupling network**

electrical circuit for transferring energy from one circuit to another with a defined impedance

Note 1 to entry: Coupling and decoupling devices can be integrated into one box (coupling/decoupling network (CDN)) or they can be in separate networks.

### **3.5 coupling/decoupling network CDN**

electrical circuit incorporating the functions of both the coupling and decoupling networks

### **3.6 coupling/decoupling network for differential mode coupling CDND**

electrical circuit incorporating the functions of both the coupling and decoupling networks that injects the signal primarily in differential mode

### **3.7 decoupling network decoupling device**

electrical circuit for preventing test signals applied to the EUT from affecting other devices, equipment or systems that are not under test

### **3.8 differential mode impedance**

symmetrical mode impedance between L and N of an AC mains port

### **3.9 longitudinal conversion loss LCL**

measure, in a one- or two-port network, of the degree of unwanted transverse (symmetric mode) signal produced at the terminals of the network due to the presence of a longitudinal (asymmetric mode) signal on the connecting leads

Note 1 to entry: LCL is a ratio expressed in dB.

[SOURCE: ITU-T O.9:1999, 4.1, modified – The definition has been rephrased and the parentheses have been added.]

### 3.10 orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing OFDM

digital multi-carrier modulation scheme, which uses a large number of closely-spaced orthogonal sub-carriers

Note 1 to entry: See ITU-R BT.1306-7:2015.

Note 2 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.

### 3.11 test generator

generator capable of generating the required test signal

Note 1 to entry: The generator may include the following: white noise source, modulation source, attenuators, broadband power amplifier and filters.

Note 2 to entry: See Figure 3.

### 3.12 voltage standing wave ratio VSWR

ratio of a maximum to an adjacent minimum voltage magnitude along the line

## 4 General

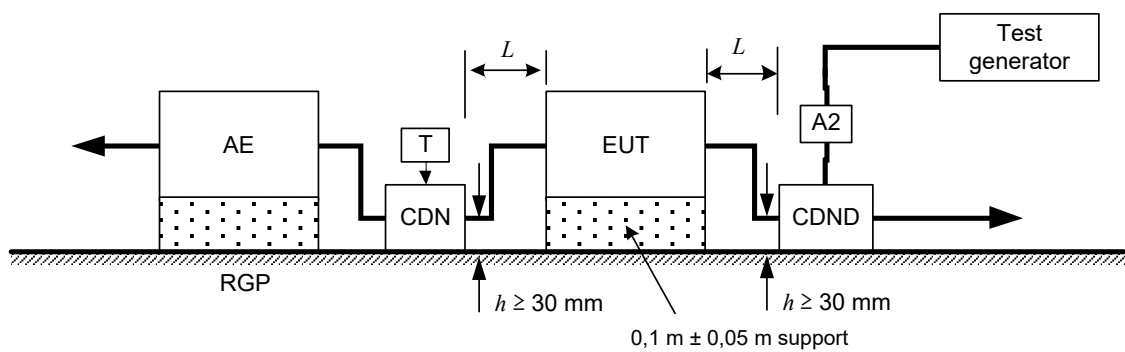
The source of disturbance covered by this standard is basically an intended and/or unintended conducted broadband disturbance superimposed on the mains line to the AC mains port of the EUT.

For example, the signals generated by PLT systems are intentionally-generated broadband disturbances, whereas other electrical and electronic equipment connected to the AC mains network may emit unintentional broadband disturbances.

NOTE Power line telecommunications (PLT) is also known as broadband power line (BPL) and as power line communication (PLC).

Even when the broadband signal is intended to be differential, the unbalance of the mains converts part of it into a common mode signal. To take this phenomenon into account, the disturbance signal is injected through a coupling/decoupling network for differential mode coupling (CDND) having a longitudinal conversion loss (LCL) similar to a typical mains distribution network (see Figure 1).

The characteristics of the CDND are given in 6.2.



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**Key**

A2 optional power attenuator

 $L$   $0,1 \text{ m} \leq L \leq 0,3 \text{ m}$ T termination  $50 \Omega$ 

CDND coupling and decoupling network for injection of the test signal primarily in differential mode

CDN coupling and decoupling network as prescribed in IEC 61000-4-6

**Figure 1 – Immunity test to broadband conducted disturbances**

With the EUT connected to the CDND, a power attenuator (A2 in Figure 1) of 3 dB or larger shall be inserted between the test generator and the CDND, unless it can be shown that the voltage standing wave ratio (VSWR) due to the mismatch between the test generator and the CDND is  $\leq 2$ .

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**5 Test levels**

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The level of the broadband test signal to be applied to the AC power ports under test over the selected frequency range of interest is defined by its power spectral density (PSD) expressed in dBm/Hz and shall be selected from column 2 of Table 1.

For convenience, the test levels are also given for the whole frequency range from 150 kHz to 80 MHz in equivalent voltage spectrum expressed in dB ( $\mu\text{V}$ )/100 kHz (see column 3 of Table 1), and in total forward power expressed in dBm (see column 4 of Table 1).

These values were derived in a  $50 \Omega$  system using Formula (1) and need to be recalculated if a different or reduced frequency range is selected for the test.

For more details regarding the verification of test levels see also Figure 11.

**Table 1 – Test levels**

Frequency range 150 kHz to 80 MHz			
Level	Power spectral density dBm/Hz	Equivalent voltage spectrum density dB (µV)/100 kHz	Total forward power dBm
1	–60	97	19
2	–50	107	29
3	–40	117	39
x <sup>a</sup>	Special	Special	Special

NOTE The requirements are in column 2; columns 3 and 4 are added for convenience.

<sup>a</sup> "x" can be any level, above, below or in between the others. The level has to be specified in the dedicated equipment specification.

An example of a broadband test signal is shown in Figure 2.

In particular cases of intentional broadband disturbances, product committees may specify a suitable limited frequency range for testing the EUT.

The total forward power for a given power spectral density and selected frequency range can be calculated using Formula (1).

$$P_{TF} = P_{SD} + 10 \log \left( \frac{f_{stop} - f_{start}}{1 \text{ Hz}} \right) \tag{1}$$

where

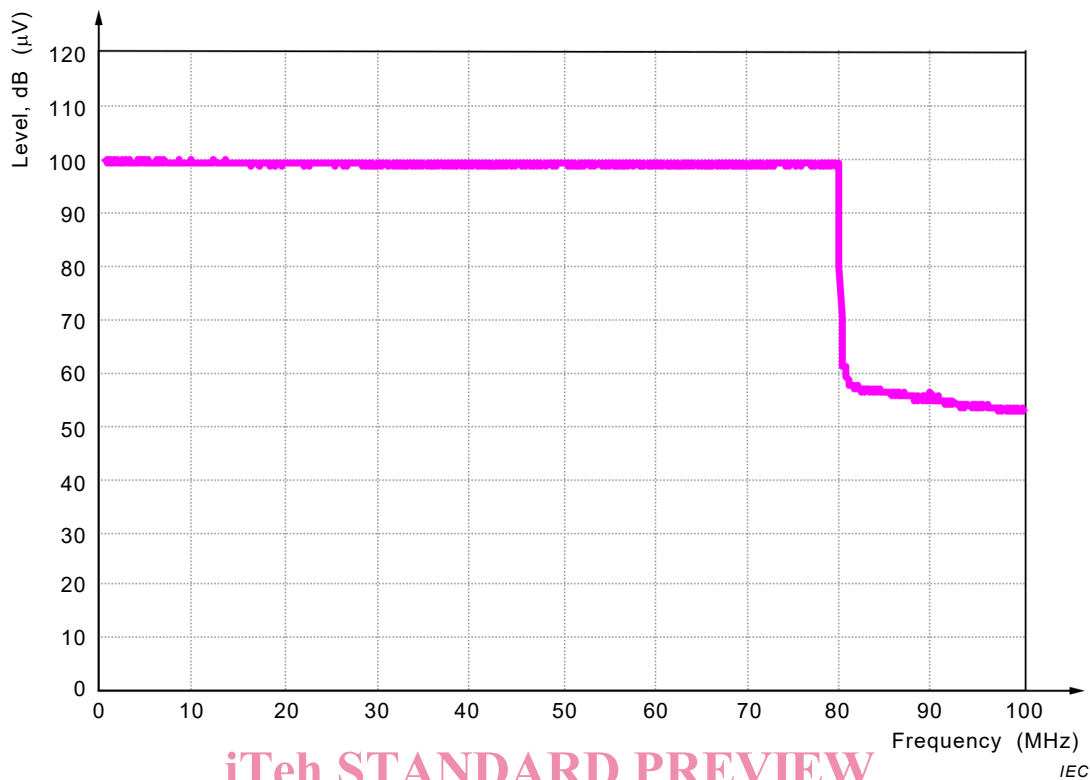
$P_{TF}$  is the total forward power, in dBm;

$P_{SD}$  is the power spectral density, in dBm/Hz;

$f_{stop}$  is the upper frequency of the test frequency band, in Hz; and

$f_{start}$  is the lower frequency of the test frequency band, in Hz.

The setting procedure of the test levels at the EUT port of the coupling device (CDND) is described in 6.4.



**Figure 2 – Example of voltage spectrum of a broadband test signal measured with a 120 kHz resolution bandwidth**

## 6 Test equipment and level setting procedures

### 6.1 Test generator

The test generator (see Figure 3) includes all the necessary equipment and to provide a broadband input to the CDND that causes the required test signal to be applied to the EUT with the required level, frequency range, modulation, etc.

A typical arrangement comprises the following items which may be separate or integrated into one or more test instruments:

- a white noise source, G1, capable of generating a broadband signal over the frequency band of interest. The parameters can be set by manual control or programmable control (e.g. frequency band, amplitude). For more details, see Annex B.
- a pulse modulation capability of 1 Hz and 2 Hz (50 % duty cycle);
- a variable attenuator, A1, (typically from 0 dB to 40 dB) to control the output level of the generated disturbing source, and which is optional;
- an RF switch, S1, by which the disturbing broadband signal can be switched on and off when evaluating the immunity of the EUT. S1 may be included in G1 and is optional;
- a broadband power amplifier, PA, which may be necessary to amplify the signal if the output power of the G1 is insufficient;
- a low-pass filter (LPF), and/or a high-pass filter (HPF), which may be necessary to avoid interference caused by (higher order or sub-) harmonics with some types of EUT, for example RF receivers. When required, they shall be inserted between the output of the broadband power amplifier, PA, and the coupling device (CDND).

The characteristics of the test generator are given in Table 2.