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- c) background of the shielded screening attenuation test method for measuring the screening effectiveness of feed-throughs and electromagnetic gaskets (IEC 62153-4-10);
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Part 4-1: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Introduction to electromagnetic (EMC) screening measurements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62153 deals with screening measurements. Screening (or shielding) is one basic way of achieving electromagnetic compatibility (EMC). However, a confusingly large number of methods and concepts is available to test for the screening quality of cables and related components, and for defining their quality. This technical specification gives a brief introduction to basic concepts and terms trying to reveal the common features of apparently different test methods. It is intended to assist in correct interpretation of test data, and in the better understanding of screening (or shielding) and related specifications and standards.

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IEC 60096-1:1986, *Radio-frequency cables – Part 1: General requirements and measuring methods*¹

IEC 60096-4-1, *Radio-frequency cables – Part 4: Specification for superscreened cables – Section 1: General requirements and test methods*¹

IEC 60169-1-3, *Radio-frequency connectors - Part 1: General requirements and measuring methods - Section Three: Electrical tests and measuring procedures: Screening effectiveness*

IEC 61196-1:2005, *Coaxial communication cables - Part 1: Generic specification - General, definitions and requirements*

IEC 61726, *Cable assemblies, cables, connectors and passive microwave components - Screening attenuation measurement by the reverberation chamber method*

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CISPR 25, *Vehicles, boats and internal combustion engines – Radio disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement for the protection of on-board receivers*

3 Symbols interpretation

This clause gives the interpretation of the symbols used throughout this specification.

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| α_1, α_2 | attenuation constants of primary and secondary circuit |
| a_s | screening attenuation |
| a_{sn} | normalized screening attenuation with phase velocity difference not greater than 10 % and 150 Ω characteristic impedance of the injection line ($Z_s=150 \Omega$ and $ \Delta v/v_1 =10\%$ or $\epsilon_{r1}/\epsilon_{r2n}=1,21$) |
| c_0 | velocity of light in free space $c_0 = 3 \times 10^8$ m/s |
| C_T | through capacitance of the braided cable |
| CUT | cable or component under test |
| E | e.m.f. |
| f | frequency |
| f | far end |
| f_c | cut-off frequency |
| f_{cf} | far end cut-off frequency |
| f_{cn} | near end cut-off frequency |
| Φ_1 | the total flux of the magnetic field induced by the disturbing current I_1 |
| Φ'_{12} | the direct leaking magnetic flux |
| Φ''_{12} | complete magnetic flux in the braid |
| I_1, U_1 | current and voltage in the primary circuit (feeding system) |
| I_F | current coupled by the feed through capacitance to the secondary system (measuring system) |