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The main changes with respect to the previous edition are as follows.

- The document has been updated in line with the development of the DAB system, and in particular the introduction of DAB+ audio services (see ETSI TS 102 563).<sup>1</sup>
- Requirements for displays, text and data applications have been introduced to reflect market trends.

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<sup>1</sup> For an overview of the DAB standards, see ETSI TR 101 495.



- Additional test methods have been introduced to allow R.F. measurements to be made on receivers with integrated antennas and/or no external BER indicators by using an acoustic impairment method.
- Clause 6 has been updated to reflect the development of the market and to provide better guidance for the implementation of optional features.

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### 1 Scope

This International Standard describes the digital audio broadcasting (DAB) receiver characteristics for consumer equipment intended for terrestrial and cable reception operating in VHF band III. Dedicated receivers for specific applications are not within the scope of this standard. This standard describes the characteristics for different classes and categories of DAB receivers such as standard and multimedia receivers and domestic, automotive and adapter receivers.

### 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 60169-10, *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 10: R.F. coaxial connectors with inner diameter of outer conductor 3 mm (0,12 in) with snap-on coupling – Characteristic impedance 50 ohms (Type SMB)*

IEC 60315-1, *Methods of measurement on radio receivers for various classes of emission – Part 1: General considerations and methods of measurement, including audio-frequency measurements*

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IEC 60958-3, *Digital audio interface – Part 3: Consumer applications*

IEC 61169-2:2007, *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 2: Sectional specification – Radio frequency coaxial connectors of type 9,52*

IEC 61169-24, *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 24: Sectional specification – Radio frequency coaxial connectors with screw coupling, typically for use in 75 ohm cable networks (type F)*

IEC 61606 (all parts), *Audio and audiovisual equipment – Digital audio parts – Basic measurement methods of audio characteristics*

IEC 61938, *Multimedia systems – Guide to the recommended characteristics of analogue interfaces to achieve interoperability*

IEC 62106:2009, *Specification of the radio data system (RDS) for VHF/FM sound broadcasting in the frequency range from 87,5 MHz to 108,0 MHz*

ISO/IEC 10646, *Information technology – Universal Coded Character Set (UCS)*

ISO/IEC 11172-3, *Information technology – Coding of moving pictures and associated audio for digital storage media at up to about 1,5 Mbit/s – Part 3: Audio*

ISO/IEC 13818-3, *Information technology – Generic coding of moving pictures and associated audio information – Part 3: Audio*

ISO/IEC 14496-3 *Information technology – Coding of audio-visual objects – Part 3: Audio*

ISO/IEC 23003-1:2007, *Information technology – MPEG audio technologies – Part 1: MPEG Surround*

ISO 20860-1, *Road vehicles – 50 ohms impedance radio frequency connection system interface – Part 1: Dimensions and electrical requirements*

ETSI EN 300 401:2006, *Radio Broadcasting Systems; Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) to mobile, portable and fixed receivers*

ETSI EN 301 234, *Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Multimedia Object Transfer (MOT) protocol*

ETSI TS 101 498, *Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Broadcast Website*

ETSI TS 101 499, *Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); SlideShow; User Application Specification*

ETSI TS 101 756, *Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Registered Tables*

ETSI TS 101 757, *Digital Audio Broadcasting System (DAB); Conformance Testing for DAB Audio*

ETSI TS 102 371, *Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM); Transportation and Binary Encoding Specification for Service and Programme Information (SPI)*

ETSI TS 102 428, *Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); DMB video service; User Application Specification*

ETSI TS 102 563, *Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Transport of Advanced Audio Coding (AAC) audio*

ETSI TS 102 652, *Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Intellitext; Application specification*

ETSI TS 102 818, *Hybrid Digital Radio (DAB, DRM, RadioDNS); XML Specification for Service and Programme Information (SPI)*

ETSI TS 102 979, *Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Journaline; User application specification*

ETSI TS 102 980, *Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Dynamic Label Plus (DL Plus); Application specification*

ETSI TS 103 176, *Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Rules of implementation; Service information features*

COST 207, *Digital Land Mobile Radio Communications – COST 207, Commission of the European Communities, Final Report, 14 March 1984 – 13 September 1988, Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, Luxembourg, 1989*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following definitions apply. Other definitions, abbreviations and symbols are solely related to DAB unless stated otherwise.

#### 3.1

##### **bit error rate**

##### **BER**

ratio of the number of bits received inverted to the total number of bits sent

#### 3.2

##### **DAB receiver**

receiver intended to receive and decode signals transmitted according to the DAB system specification ETSI EN 300 401

Note 1 to entry: Figure 1 shows an example of a functional block diagram of a DAB receiver according to ETSI EN 300 401 (for information only).

#### 3.3

##### **standard radio receiver**

DAB receiver intended to present audio programmes with at least an alphanumeric display

#### 3.4

##### **multimedia receiver**

DAB receiver intended to present audio programmes and data applications with a colour display of at least (320 × 240) pixels

#### 3.5

##### **minimum requirement**

lowest value that a DAB receiver should fulfil in order to be called a DAB receiver

Note 1 to entry: It takes into account low-cost receivers.

#### 3.6

##### **DAB service**

service in which the primary service component is encoded in a stream audio sub-channel according to ETSI EN 300 401:2006, Clause 7

#### 3.7

##### **DAB+ service**

service in which the primary service component is encoded in a stream audio sub-channel according to ETSI TS 102 563

#### 3.8

##### **DMB service**

service in which the primary service component is encoded in a stream data sub-channel according to ETSI TS 102 428

#### 3.9

##### **data service**

service in which the primary service component is encoded in a stream data or packet data sub-channel

#### 3.10

##### **capacity unit**

##### **CU**

smallest addressable portion of a DAB multiplex

**3.11**

**dynamic label**

**DL**

text message from the broadcaster for display on receivers

**3.12**

**fast information group**

**FIG**

signalling information from the broadcaster which is used by the receiver

**3.13**

**MPEG surround**

system providing mono and stereo compatible coding of surround audio

**3.14**

**onset of impairment**

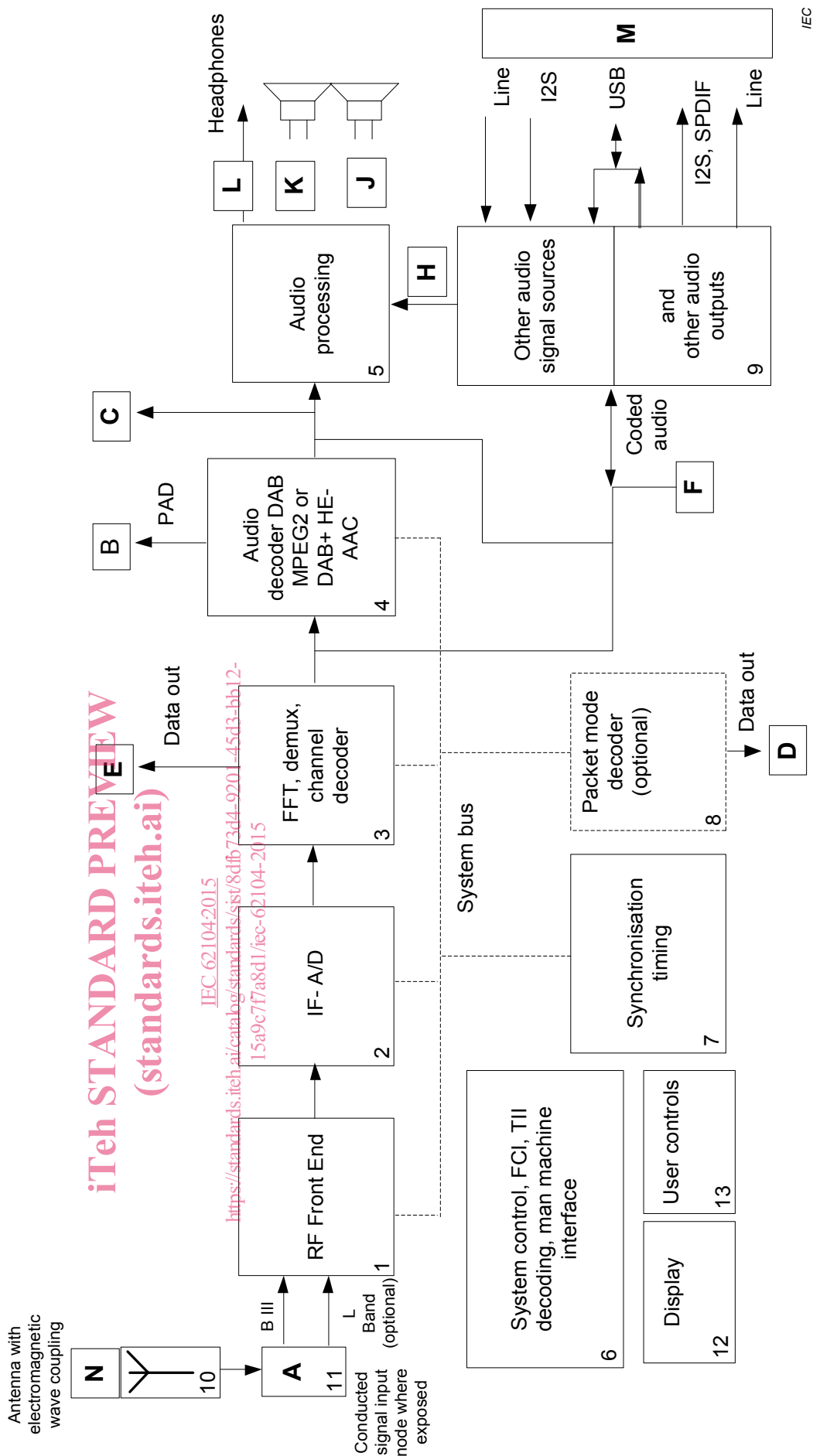
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point at which audio impairments reach a threshold of three per 10 s listening period

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**Key** The numbers in the corners refer to blocks.  
 NOTE Block 8 is optional, block 9 is not part of the DAB receiver.

**Figure 1 – Example of a functional block diagram of a DAB receiver**

## 4 Basic implementation and functional performance requirements

### 4.1 Automatic mode selection

#### 4.1.1 General

Four different transmission modes are defined: modes I, II, III and IV. Radiofrequency characteristics are described in Clause 15 of ETSI EN 300 401:2006.

The modes can be detected by checking the following relevant parameters of the DAB signal: the frame duration, null-symbol duration and carrier spacing.

#### 4.1.2 Requirements

The receiver shall detect the mode of the DAB signal and switch to the appropriate reception mode.

### 4.2 Frequency bands

The receiver shall provide reception of at least one DAB ensemble, in the following r.f. band:

Band III: 174 MHz to 240 MHz

Cable and other specific requirement receivers may also provide reception in other r.f. bands.

The centre frequencies are given in Annex A. The receiver should be able to correctly deal with transmitter frequency offsets by up to  $\pm 1/2$  of the carrier spacing.

### 4.3 Channel decoder

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The channel decoder shall decode at least one sub-channel and shall be capable of decoding:

- when containing a DAB service, at least 280 capacity units;
- when containing a DAB+ service, at least 144 capacity units.

#### 4.3.2 Multimedia receiver

The channel decoder shall be capable of decoding at least four sub-channels simultaneously and shall be capable of decoding at least 288 capacity units.

### 4.4 Service selection

#### 4.4.1 General

The main service channel (MSC) and the fast information channel (FIC) carry the components and multiplex configuration information (MCI) respectively of the services which make up a DAB ensemble.

Each service has one or more service components. Several services may be carried in one ensemble. Service components may be audio or data. DAB, DAB+, DMB and data services all may be present in the same ensemble.

A user of a DAB receiver accesses service components by selecting a service. Only services that contain a primary service component that the receiver can decode shall be presented to the user for selection.