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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61169, which is a sectional specification (SS), provides information and rules for the preparation of detail specifications (DS) for RF coaxial connectors with snap-on coupling, typically for use in 50 Ω cable networks (MMCX).

It prescribes mating face dimensions for general purpose connectors – grade 2, dimensional details of standard test connectors-grade 0, gauging information and tests selected from IEC 61169-1, applicable to all detail specifications relating to series MMCX RF connectors.

This specification indicates recommended performance characteristics to be considered when writing a detail specification and it covers test schedules and inspection requirements for assessment levels M and H.

The MMCX miniature snap-on coupling structure series R.F. coaxial connector with the characteristic of normative impedance 50 Ω are used with various kinds of R.F cables and strips. The operating frequency limit is up to 6 GHz.

NOTE Metric dimension are original dimensions. All undimensioned pictorial configurations are for reference purpose only.

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IEC 60068-1, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

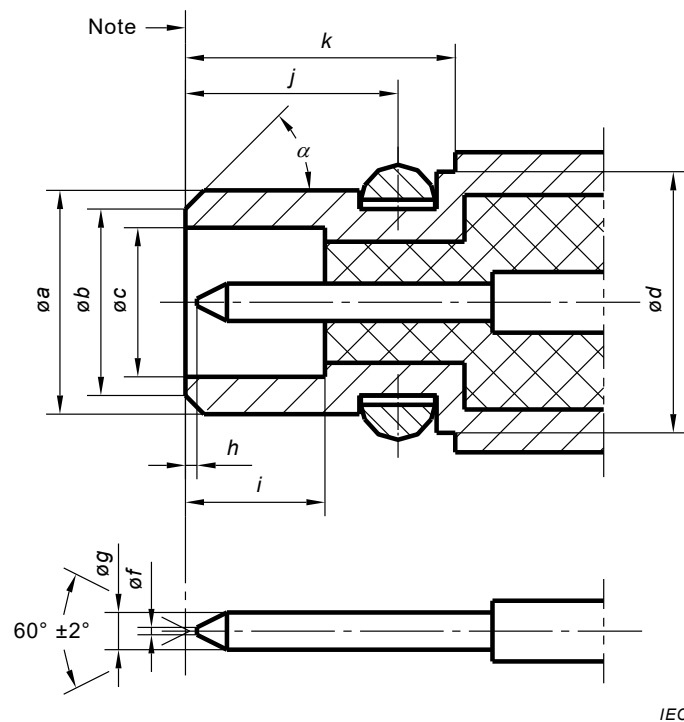
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3 Mating face and gauge information

3.1 Dimensions – General connectors – Grade 2

3.1.1 Connector with pin centre contact

The mating face of connector with pin centre contact is shown in Figure 1 and its dimensions are shown in Table 1.



NOTE Mechanical and electrical reference plane.

Figure 1 – Connector with pin centre contact

Table 1 – Dimensions of connector with pin centre contact

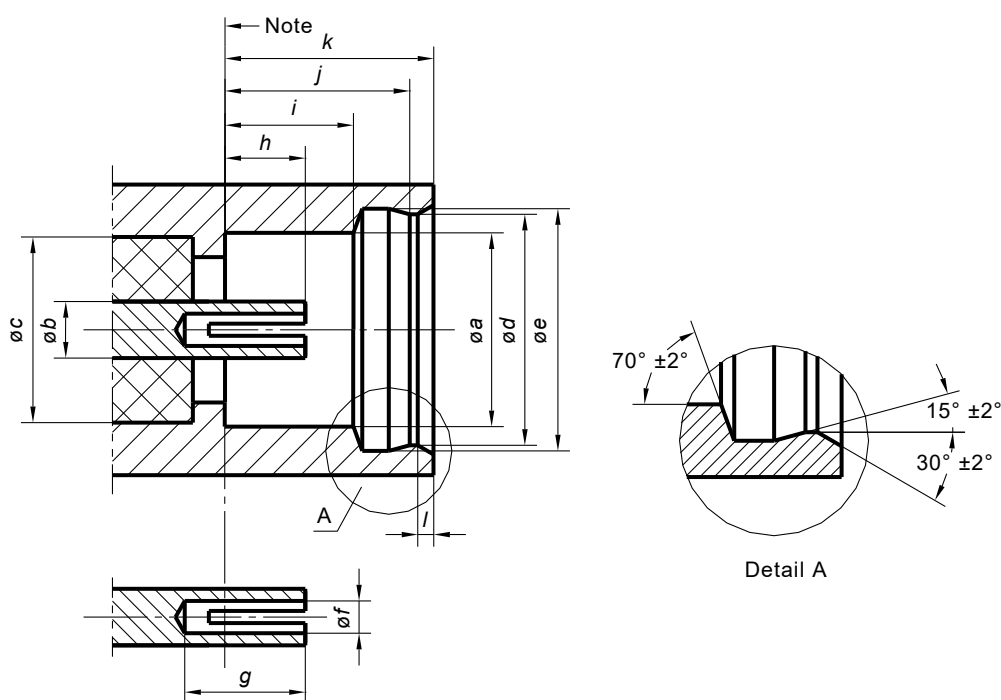
Ref.	mm	
	Min.	Max.
<i>a</i>	2,35	2,40
<i>b</i>	1,80	--
<i>c</i>	1,58	1,62
<i>d</i>	--	2,83
<i>f</i>	--	0,20
<i>g</i>	0,38	0,42
<i>h</i>	0,00	0,25
<i>j</i> ^a	1,23	--
<i>j</i> ^b	2,08	2,12
<i>k</i>	2,70	--
α	30°	--

^a The dimension should meet the mechanical and electrical requirements, also compensate the electrical effect caused by gaps.

^b The shape of elastic gasket is optional and its diameter and position should meet the mechanical and electrical requirements.

3.1.2 Connector with socket centre contact

The mating face of connector with socket centre contact is shown in Figure 2 and its dimensions are shown in Table 2.



NOTE Mechanical and electrical reference plane.

Figure 2 – Connector with socket centre contact
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Table 2 – Dimensions of connector with socket centre contact
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Ref.	mm	
	Min.	Max.
a	2,41	--
b	0,70 (nominal)	
c ^a	--	--
d	2,88	2,92
e	3,00	3,04
f ^b	--	--
g	1,40	--
h	0,90	1,20
i	1,57	1,63
j	2,26	2,34
k	--	2,69
l	0,14	0,23

^a The diameter chosen shall meet nominal impedance of 50 Ω and electrical and mechanical requirements.

^b Centre contact design is optional. It should however meet the gauging requirements of 3.2.1 and relevant reflection factor requirements of Clause 4 using grade 0 connector in accordance with Figure 5.

3.2 Gauges

3.2.1 Gauge pin for socket centre contact

The gauge pin for socket centre contact is shown in Figure 3 and its dimensions are shown in Table 3.

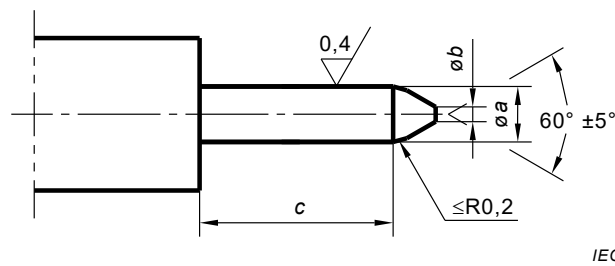


Figure 3 – Gauge pin for socket centre contact

Table 3 – Dimensions of gauge pin for socket centre contact

Ref.	Gauge A (For sizing purpose)		Gauge B (For retention purpose) Mass of gauge : 28 ⁺² ₀ g	
	mm		mm	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
a	0,420	0,425	0,375	0,380
b	0,00	0,20	0,00	0,20
c	0,90	1,10	1,00	1,20

Material: steel, polished.

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Test procedure:

a) Sizing test

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The gauge A should insert the socket centre contact three times, this is a sizing operation.

b) Insertion test

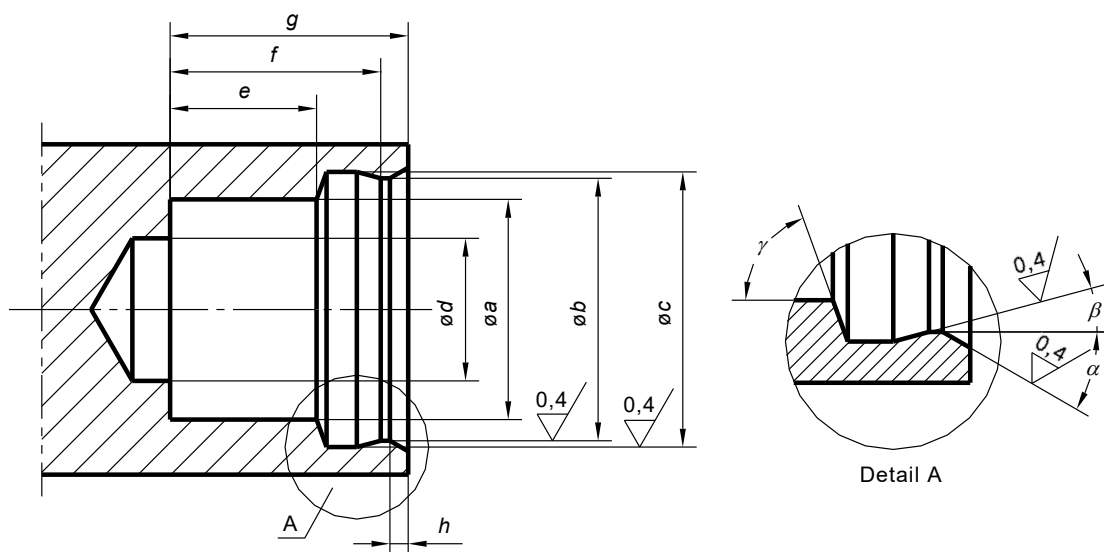
Following the sizing operation, if specified in the detail specification, the force necessary to insert gauge A fully into the socket centre contact shall be measured. When this test is required, the insertion force shall not exceed 5 N.

c) Retention test

After sizing or insertion test, the gauge B shall be inserted into the socket centre contact. The contact shall retain the mass of the gauge C in a vertical downward position.

3.2.2 Gauge for outer contact

The gauge for outer contact is shown in Figure 4 and its dimensions are shown in Table 4.



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Figure 4 – Gauge for outer contact

Table 4 – Dimensions of gauge for outer contact

Ref.	Gauge A (For sizing purpose)		Gauge B (For retention purpose) Mass of gauge : 600 ⁺⁵ g	
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	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
a	2,41	2,425	2,42	2,425
b	2,875	2,88	2,92	2,925
c	3,04	3,05	2,99	3,00
d	1,58	1,62	1,58	1,62
e	1,63	1,64	1,56	1,57
f	2,30	2,305	2,255	2,26
g	2,65	2,66	2,65	2,66
h	0,135	0,14	0,13	0,23
α	32°	32,5°	27°	33°
β	15,5°	16°	14°	14,5°
γ	69°	71°	69°	71°

Material: steel, polished.

Test procedure:

a) Sizing test

The gauge A should insert the outer contact once, this is a sizing operation.

b) Insertion test

Following the sizing operation, if specified in the detail specification, the force necessary to insert gauge A fully into the outer contact shall be measured. When this test is required, the insertion force shall not exceed 18 N.

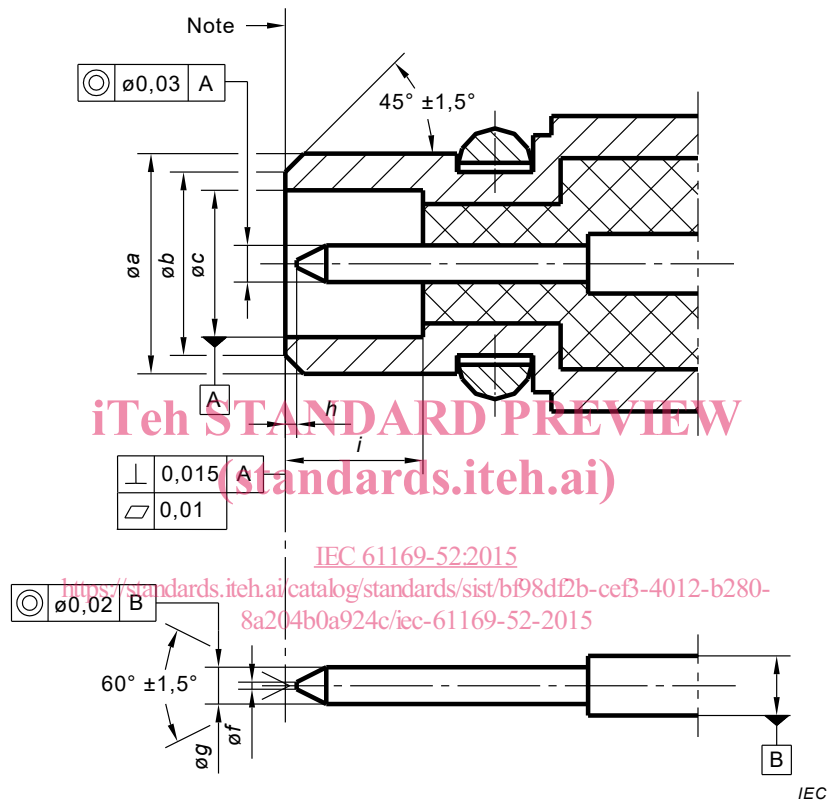
c) Retention test

After sizing or insertion test, the gauge B shall be inserted into the outer contact. The contact shall retain the mass of the gauge B in a vertical downward position.

3.3 Dimensions – Standard test connectors – Grade 0

3.3.1 Connector with pin centre contact

The mating face of standard test connector with pin centre contact is shown in Figure 5 and its dimensions are shown in Table 5.



NOTE Mechanical and electrical reference plane.

Figure 5 – Connector with pin centre contact

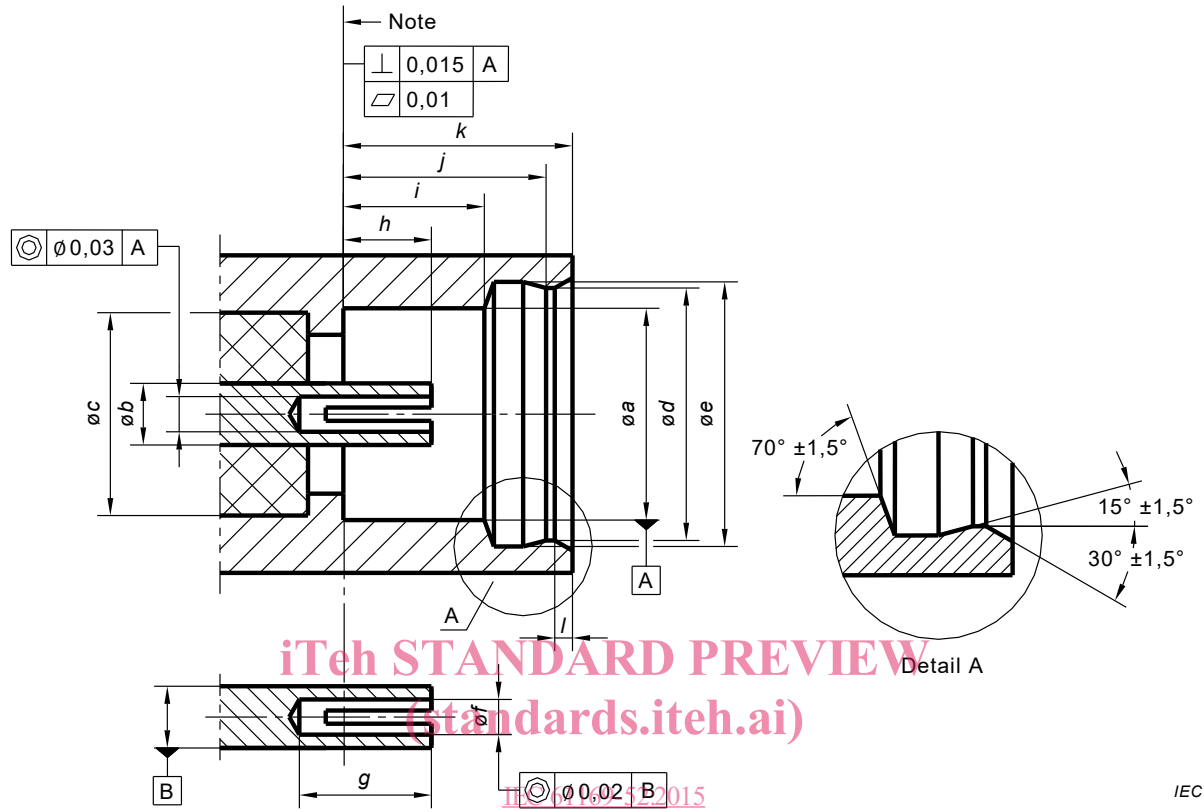
Table 5 – Dimensions of connector with pin centre contact

Ref.	mm	
	Min.	Max.
a	2,38	2,405
b	2,10	2,20
c	1,59	1,61
f	0,10	0,20
g	0,39	0,41
h	0,10	0,25
i	1,23	1,55

NOTE Dimensions not indicated in Table 5 are included in Table 1.

3.3.2 Connector with socket centre contact

The mating face of standard test connector with socket centre contact is shown in Figure 6 and its dimensions are shown in Table 6.



NOTE Mechanical and electrical reference plane.

Figure 6 – Connector with socket centre contact

Table 6 – Dimensions of connector with socket centre contact

Ref.	mm	
	Min.	Max.
a	2,41	2,42
b	0,69	0,71
c ^a	--	--
d	2,88	2,92
e	3,01	3,03
f ^b	--	--
g	1,40	--
h	1,00	1,20
i	1,57	1,63
j	2,26	2,34
k	--	2,69
l	0,14	0,23

^a The diameter chosen shall meet the characteristic impedance of $(50 \pm 0,5) \Omega$.

^b Design for slotting is optional, and should meet electrical and mechanical requirements, when mating with $\Phi 0,39 \text{ mm} \sim \Phi 0,41 \text{ mm}$ gauge pin.

4 Quality assessment procedure

4.1 General

Clause 10 of IEC 61169-1:2013 applies to this sectional specification, except the following requirement:

Subclauses 4.2 to 4.4 provide recommended rating, performance and test conditions to be considered when writing a detail specification. They also provide an appropriate schedule of tests with minimum levels of conformance inspection sampling. Together with the pro forma blank detail specification (BDS) and instructions for the preparation of a detail specification.

4.2 Rating and characteristics (see Clause 5 of IEC 61169-1:2013)

The values indicated below are recommended for MMCX series RF coaxial connectors and are given for the writer of the detail specification. They are applicable for the condition when the connectors are fully mated.

Certain tests are listed without any recommended values being given. These tests will usually not be required. When these tests are required, appropriate values shall be entered in the detail specification at the discretion of the specification writer.

Preferred climatic categories are given in Table 7. Rating and characteristics are given in Table 8.

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Table 7 – Preferred climatic categories (see IEC 60068-1)

Category designation	Letter	Temperature range	Damp heat steady state
40/85/21	A	–40 °C to +85 °C	21 days
55/125/21	B	–55 °C to +125 °C	21 days

Table 8 – Rating and characteristics

Rating and characteristics	IEC 61169-1: 2013 Subclause	Value	Remarks deviations from standard test methods
Electrical			
Nominal impedance		50 Ω	
Frequency range ^a		DC ~ 6 GHz	Or upper frequency limit of cable
Return loss ^a	9.2.1		
Grade 2 connectors			
– straight styles		≥20,1 dB	
– right-angle styles		≥16,8 dB	
– component mounting styles		See DS	
– solder bucket and PCB mounting styles		See DS	
Power rating	9.2.2	See DS	
Contact resistance, outer conductor and centre conductor continuity (mated cabled connectors)	9.2.3		
Centre contact resistance ^b			
– initial		≤5,0 mΩ	