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- addition of a new Annex that describes how to improve measurement certainty in the very low frequency area.

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## METALLIC COMMUNICATION CABLE TEST METHODS –

### Part 4-10: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Transfer impedance and screening attenuation of feed-throughs and electromagnetic gaskets – Double coaxial test method

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62153 details a coaxial method suitable for determining the transfer impedance and/or screening attenuation of feed-throughs and electromagnetic gaskets.

The shielded screening attenuation test set-up according to IEC 62153-4-4 (triaxial method) has been modified to take into account the particularities of feed-throughs and gaskets.

A wide dynamic and frequency range can be applied to test even super screened feed-throughs and gaskets with normal instrumentation from low frequencies up to the limit of defined transversal waves in the coaxial circuits at approximately 4 GHz.

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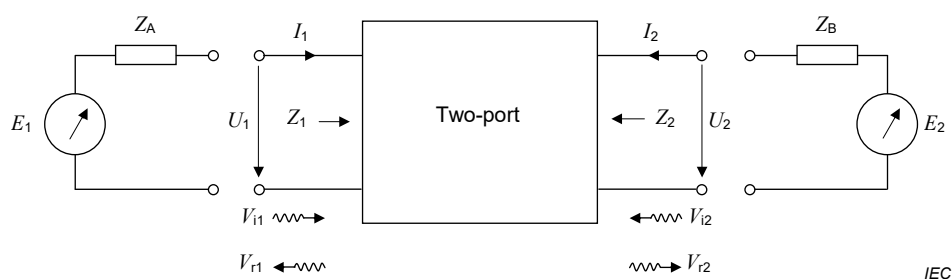
##### 3.1

**operational (Betriebs) transfer function in the forward direction**  $H_{B21}$

**operational (Betriebs) scattering parameter**  $S_{21}$

quotient of the reflected square root of power wave fed into the reference impedance of the output of the two-port and the unreflected square root of the power wave consumed at the input of the two-port

EXAMPLE (see Figure 1)



#### Key

$E_1, E_2$	network analyzer at input, output respectively	$V_{i1}, V_{i2}$	incident square root of complex power waves (see note) at input and output, respectively
$Z_A, Z_B$	reference impedance at input and output respectively	$V_{r1}, V_{r2}$	reflected square root of complex power waves (see note) at input and output, respectively
$I_1, I_2$	current at input and output, respectively	$Z_1, Z_2$	impedance at input and output, respectively
$U_1, U_2$	voltage at input and output, respectively		

**Figure 1 – A two-port**

Note 1 to entry: Complex power is the product  $U \cdot I$ . Apparent power is the product  $U \cdot I^*$ , which is used in electrical power technique, where the angle between the voltage and current is of interest.  $I^*$  is the complex conjugate of the current  $I$ .

$S_{21}$  or  $H_{B21}$  is the operational (Betriebs) transfer function in the forward direction defined as follows:

$$S_{21} = \frac{V_{r2}}{V_{i1}} \bigg|_{V_{i2}=0} = \frac{2U_2}{E_1} \sqrt{\frac{Z_A}{Z_B}} = H_{B21}$$

See Annex C of IEC TR 62152:2009.

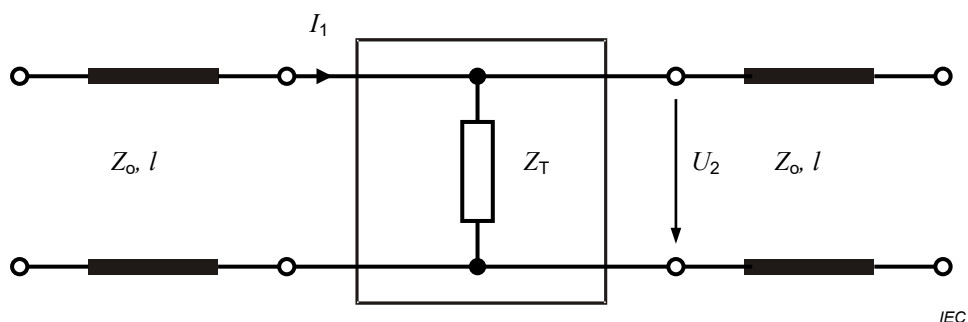
### 3.2

#### transfer impedance

equivalent circuit of the measurement of a feed-through or gasket, shunt impedance  $Z_T$  between the primary and secondary circuit

EXAMPLE The transfer impedance of an electrically short screen is defined as the quotient of the open circuit voltage  $U_2$  induced to the secondary circuit by the current  $I_1$  fed into the primary circuit or vice versa. See Figure 2.

$Z_T$  of an electrically short screen is expressed in  $\Omega$  or decibels in relation to 1  $\Omega$ .



**Figure 2 – Equivalent circuit of the test set-up and definition of  $Z_T$**

$$Z_T = \frac{U_2}{I_1} \quad (1)$$

$$Z_T = +20 \times \log_{10} \left( \frac{|Z_T|}{1\Omega} \right) \quad (2)$$

### 3.3

#### operational (Betriebs) attenuation

the quotient of the unreflected square root of power wave fed into the reference impedance of the input of the two-port and the square root of the power wave consumed by the load of the two-port expressed in dB and radians

Note 1 to entry: See IEC TR 62152.

### 3.4

#### screening attenuation

$a_s$

logarithmic ratio of the incident (unreflected) square root of power wave fed into the nominal impedance of the primary circuit of the test set-up and the periodic maximum values of the square root of power wave  $V_{r2, \max}$  coupled into the secondary circuit of the test set-up when its characteristic impedance  $Z_o$  is normalized to 150  $\Omega$

EXAMPLE

$$\begin{aligned} a_s &= -20 \times \log_{10} \left( \text{Env} \left| \frac{V_{r2, \max}}{V_{i1}} \right| \right) + 20 \times \log_{10} \left| \frac{\sqrt{150 \Omega}}{\sqrt{Z_o}} \right| = \\ &= 20 \times \log_{10} \left| \frac{1}{\text{Env}(S_{21, \max})} \right| + 20 \times \log_{10} \left| \frac{\sqrt{150 \Omega}}{\sqrt{Z_o}} \right| = \\ &= \text{Min. Env} (A_{B21}) + 20 \times \log_{10} \left| \frac{\sqrt{150 \Omega}}{\sqrt{Z_o}} \right| \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where

$a_s$  is the screening attenuation expressed in dB;  
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$\text{Env} (A_{B21})$  is the operational attenuation recorded as the envelope curve of the measured values in dB (See 7.1);

$\text{Min. Env} (A_{B21})$  is the operational attenuation recorded as the minimum envelope curve of the measured values in dB (See 7.1);

150  $\Omega$  is the standardized impedance of the secondary ("outer" or disturbed) circuit.

The screening attenuation, expressed in dB of an electrically short device is:

$$a_s \approx 20 \times \log_{10} \left| \frac{50\Omega}{Z_T} \right| \quad (4)$$

where

$a_s$  is the screening attenuation expressed in  $\Omega$ ;

$Z_T$  is the transfer impedance of the device under test.

Note 1 to entry: Formula (4) may be deduced from Formulas (3) and (5) as follows, assuming an electrically short device:

$$a_s = 20 \times \log_{10} \left| \frac{\sqrt{Z_o \times 150\Omega}}{2 \times Z_T} \right|. \text{ If we assume that } 150 \Omega \approx 3 \times Z_o, \text{ then}$$

$$a_s = 20 \times \log_{10} \left| \frac{150\Omega}{2\sqrt{3} \times Z_T} \right| \text{ and approximate } 2\sqrt{3} \approx 3 \text{ then } a_s \approx 20 \times \log_{10} \left| \frac{50\Omega}{Z_T} \right| \text{ and Formula (4) is valid.}$$

In the measurement, both primary and secondary circuits are low impedance. This leads to a 6 dB lower  $A_{B21}$  than in e.g. the tube measurement of connectors; see IEC 62153-4-7.

### **3.5** **device under test** **DUT**

connector's body or screen, intended to be mounted to a shielding or screening wall (or box), or an electromagnetic gasket

### **3.6** **triaxial test method**

method for measuring the transfer impedance and screening attenuation of passive transmission components like cables and connectors in an triaxial arrangement

Note 1 to entry: Primarily used for components with elongated dimensions and therefore distributed coupling over the transfer impedance along the components.

See also IEC TS 62153-4-1.

### **3.7** **double coaxial test method**

method for measuring the transfer impedance and screening attenuation of passive transmission components like connector feed-throughs and electro magnetical gaskets in an cascaded arrangement

Note 1 to entry: Primarily used for short components with concentrated transfer impedance.

See also IEC TS 62153-4-1.

## **4 Principle of the test method**

Figure 3 shows a typical feed-through construction where a coaxial connection is brought into a screened housing to a printed circuit board. Important are the coaxial connector body's and electromagnetic gasket's reliable connection to the screening or shielding box.

The electromagnetic tightness of a connector body's mounting or a gasket is measured as transfer impedance and/or screening attenuation.

The test set-up consists of two RF-tight coaxial systems separated by a metallic wall to which the DUT is mounted. The feed-through test set-up is shown in Figure 4. The gasket test set-up is shown in Figure 5. Here the gasket is pressed between two metallic plates.

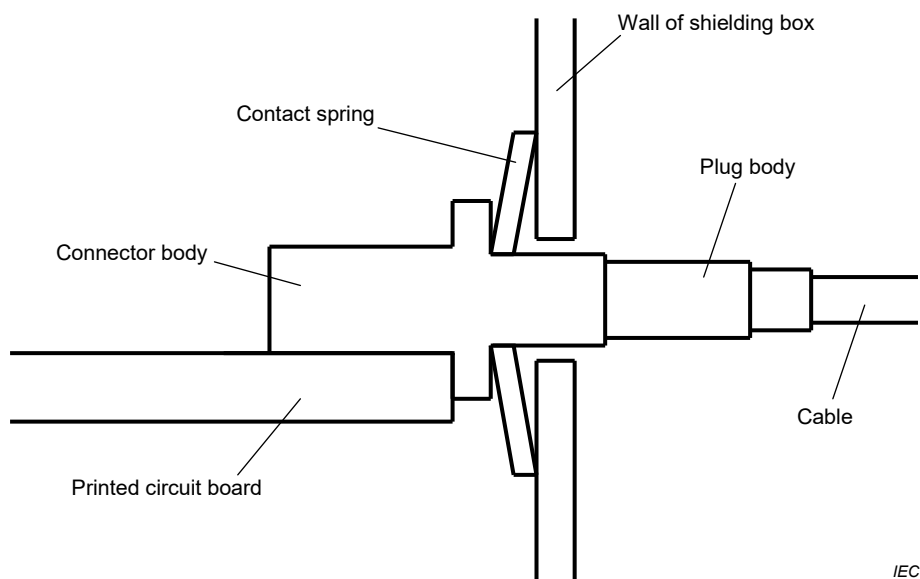
The nominal impedances of both sides of the coaxial fixture should be the same as that of the test equipment. The generator side is called the primary circuit or inner circuit and the receiver side is called the secondary circuit or outer circuit.

The set-up is the same for measuring the transfer impedance and the screening attenuation.

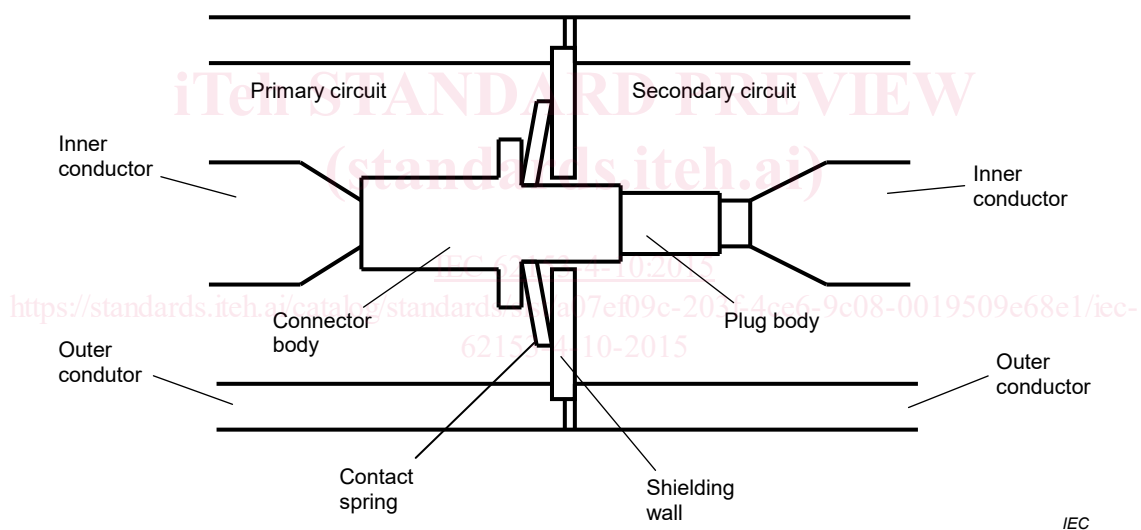
Annex A gives a theoretical model of the test set-up. Useful information concerning the triaxial measurement technique is given in [3]<sup>1</sup>.

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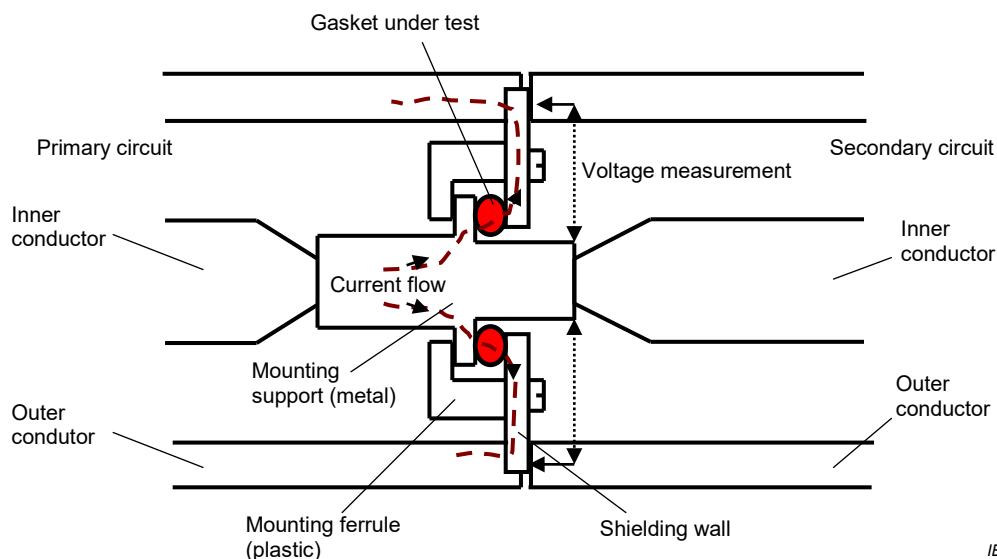


**Figure 3 – Cross-section of a typical feed-through configuration**



NOTE It is important that the coupled voltage is measured without any disturbing extra coupling voltage not coming from the feed-through under test (compare with Figure 5).

**Figure 4 – Cross-section of the test fixture with a connector**



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In test rig design, care shall be taken that the disturbing current in the primary circuit cannot cause unwanted transition voltages in the measuring secondary circuit. Separate voltage and current “contacts” are a must.

One should not end in a situation where transition or contact resistances of the test rig influence the test results. Special care shall be taken to design the mounting of the test plate between the primary and secondary circuits or systems. Figure 5 shows how to avoid bringing the transition resistance between the mounting plate and primary circuit into the disturbing voltage measurement circuit formed by the secondary circuit of the test system.

It is important that the coupled voltage is measured without any disturbing extra coupling voltage not coming from the gasket under test (compare with Figure 4).

**Figure 5 – Cross-section of the test fixture with an electromagnetic gasket**

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