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#### Part 4-16: Testing and measurement techniques – Test for immunity to conducted, common mode disturbances in the frequency range 0 Hz to 150 kHz

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1998, Amendment 1:2001 and Amendment 2:2009. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) clarification and complement of test generators' specifications and performances.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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This standard is part of the IEC 61000 series, according to the following structure:

### Part 1: General

General considerations (introduction, fundamental principles)

Definitions, terminology

### Part 2: Environment

Description of the environment

Classification of the environment

Compatibility levels

### Part 3: Limits

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

Installation guidelines

Mitigation methods and devices

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This part is an international standard which gives immunity requirements and test procedures related to conducted, common mode disturbances in the range d.c. to 150 kHz.



## ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) –

### Part 4-16: Testing and measurement techniques – Test for immunity to conducted, common mode disturbances in the frequency range 0 Hz to 150 kHz

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61000 relates to the immunity requirements and test methods for electrical and electronic equipment to conducted, common mode disturbances in the range d.c. to 150 kHz.

The object of this standard is to establish a common and reproducible basis for testing electrical and electronic equipment with the application of common mode disturbances to power supply, control, signal and communication ports.

This standard defines

- test voltage and current waveform;
- range of test levels;
- test equipment;
- test set-up;
- test procedures.

For some types of ports, for example ports intended to be used with highly balanced lines, additional test provisions may be established by product committee specifications.

The test is intended to demonstrate the immunity of electrical and electronic equipment when subjected to conducted, common mode disturbances such as those originating from power line currents and return leakage currents in the earthing/grounding system.

The disturbances produced by 400 Hz mains systems are not included in the scope of this standard.

Actual interference due to these disturbance phenomena is relatively rare, except in industrial plants. Product committees should therefore consider whether there is a justification for applying this standard in their product/product family standards (see also Clause 4).

This test is not relevant for equipment ports intended to be connected to short cables, having a length less than 20 m or less.

The immunity to harmonics and interharmonics, including mains signalling, on a.c. power ports (in differential mode) is not included in the scope of this standard and is covered by IEC 61000-4-13 and IEC 61000-4-19.

The immunity to conducted disturbances generated by intentional radio-frequency transmitters is not included in the scope of this standard and is covered by IEC 61000-4-6.

~~Some ITU-T Recommendations, e.g. K17, K20 and K21, establish similar methods for testing the resistibility of equipment; however, they are dedicated to telecommunication ports and deal with power induction at frequency of the a.c. mains or electric railways.~~

~~Product Committees are advised to consider the Recommendations above, as far as applicable, in preparing their product standards.~~

## 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 60050(161): 1990, International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) — Chapter 161: Electromagnetic compatibility~~

~~IEC 60068-1: 1988, Environmental testing — Part 1: General and guidance~~

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## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions are used and apply to the restricted field of conducted, common mode disturbances in the range d.c. to 150 kHz.

**NOTE** Not all of the definitions given in Clause 3 are included in IEC 60050-161.

### 3.1 EUT

#### equipment under test

equipment (devices, appliances and systems) subjected to tests

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

### 3.2 auxiliary equipment

#### AE

equipment that is necessary for setting up all functions and assessing the correct performance (operation) of the EUT during the test

### 3.3 port

particular interface of the specified equipment with the external electromagnetic environment

SEE: Figure 1.

### 3.4 coupling

interaction between circuits, transferring energy from one circuit to another

### 3.5 coupling network

electrical circuit for the purpose of transferring energy from one circuit to another

### 3.6 decoupling network

electrical circuit for the purpose of preventing test voltage applied to the equipment under test from affecting other devices, equipment or systems which are not under test

**3.7****immunity (to a disturbance)**

ability of a device, equipment or system to perform without degradation in the presence of an electromagnetic disturbance

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-161:1990, 161-01-20]

**3.8****source impedance of the test generator**

ratio between the open circuit voltage and the short circuit current, expressed as:

$V_{OC}$  open circuit voltage /  $I_{SC}$  short circuit current

**4 General**

The conducted, common mode disturbances in the frequency range d.c. to 150 kHz may influence the reliable operation of equipment and systems installed in residential areas, industrial areas and electrical plants.

Only those ports of an EUT which are likely to be subjected to the disturbances dealt with by this standard shall be considered for the application of its requirements.

The disturbances are typically generated by

- the power distribution system, with its fundamental frequency, significant harmonics and interharmonics;
- power electronic equipment (e.g. power convertors), which may inject disturbances into the ground conductors and earthing system (through stray capacitance or filters), or generate disturbances in signal and control lines by induction.

At the mains frequency and harmonics of the mains frequency, the disturbances are usually generated by the power distribution system (fault and leakage currents in the ground and earthing systems).

At frequencies above the range of harmonics of the mains frequency (up to 150 kHz) the disturbances are usually generated by power electronic equipment, which is often found in industrial and electrical plants.

The coupling of the source of disturbances with the power supply, signal, control and communication cables, transfer these disturbances to the ports of the equipment under test.

Because the coupling mechanisms defined above cannot be completely eliminated, it is necessary for equipment to have adequate immunity to the disturbances.

Depending on the type of installation, the disturbances may be classified as follows:

- a) voltage/current at power frequency: d.c.,  $16^{2/3}$  Hz, 50 Hz and 60 Hz;
- b) voltage/current in the frequency range 15 Hz to 150 kHz (including the harmonics of the mains frequency).

This standard defines the test procedures for both the categories of disturbance defined above. The applicability of the tests should be defined in the product standard.

Annex A contains more information on the phenomena.

## 5 Test levels

### 5.1 General

The preferred range of test levels, applicable to equipment ports as a function of the different types and sources of disturbances, is given in 5.2 and 5.3.

The levels are given for the tests at the mains frequency (d.c., 16<sup>2/3</sup> Hz, 50 Hz and 60 Hz) and in the frequency range 15 Hz to 150 kHz.

The applicability of each test shall be defined in the product standard.

The test voltage shall be applied in common mode to power supply, control, signal and communication ports (the differential mode voltage is dependent on the circuit unbalance).

A guide for the selection of the test levels is given in Annex B.

### 5.2 Test levels at mains frequency

Tables 1 and 2 define the preferred test levels.

The levels apply to test voltage at d.c. and at the mains frequencies of 16<sup>2/3</sup> Hz, 50 Hz and 60 Hz.

**Table 1 – Levels for continuous disturbance**

Level	Open circuit test voltage V (r.m.s.)
1	1
2	3
3	10
4	30
x	Special
NOTE x is an open level. This level may be defined in the product standard.	

**Table 2 – Levels for short duration disturbance**

Level	Open circuit test voltage V (r.m.s.)
1	10
2	30
3	100
4	300
x	Special
NOTE x is an open level. This level may be defined in the product standard.	

For short duration disturbances, the normal duration for each applied disturbance is 1 s; however, product standards may specify different durations for specific applications.

The test shall be carried out at one or more of the following frequencies: d.c., 16<sup>2/3</sup> Hz, 50 Hz or 60 Hz, according to the relevant mains frequency in the equipment location (see annex A); the test at 16<sup>2/3</sup> Hz is therefore only applicable where the equipment is intended to be used in the proximity of railway systems at this frequency.

The test level shall not exceed the test voltage defined in the product standard.

Information on the proposed test levels is given in Annex B.

### 5.3 Test levels in the frequency range 15 Hz-150 kHz

Table 3 defines the preferred test levels.

**Table 3 – Test levels in the frequency range 15 Hz to 150 kHz**

Level	Profile of the test voltage (open circuit) V (r.m.s.)			
	15 Hz – 150 Hz	150 Hz – 1,5 kHz	1,5 kHz – 15 kHz	15 kHz – 150 kHz
1	1 – 0,1	0,1	0,1 – 1	1
2	3 – 0,3	0,3	0,3 – 3	3
3	10 – 1	1	1 – 10	10
4	30 – 3	3	3 – 30	30
x	x	x	x	x

NOTE 1 x is an open level. This level can be given in the product specification.

NOTE 2 The profile of the test voltage in relation to frequency (see Annex B for information) is as follows:

- starting from the frequency 15 Hz, the level decreases up to 150 Hz at 20 dB/decade;
- the level is constant from 150 Hz to 1,5 kHz;
- the level increases from 1,5 kHz to 15 kHz at 20 dB/decade;
- the level is constant from 15 kHz to 150 kHz.

The profile of the test voltage is represented in Figure 2.

No test level is defined below 15 Hz, excluding d.c., as tests in this frequency range are not considered to be relevant.

## 6 Test equipment

### 6.1 Test generators

#### 6.1.1 General

The features of the test generators for each specific test are given in 6.1.2, 6.1.3 and 6.1.4.

The generators shall have provisions to prevent the emission of disturbances which, if injected in the power supply network, may influence the test results.

Information on the impedance of the test generators is given in Annex A.

#### 6.1.2 Characteristics and performance of the generator for d.c. tests

The test generator typically consists of a d.c. power supply unit with variable output voltage and a time controlled switch for the short duration test.

Generator for continuous disturbance

- waveform: direct current, ripple less than 5 %;
- open circuit output voltage range (r.m.s.): 1 V, with a relative tolerance of –10 % to 30 V, with a relative tolerance of +10 %;
- source impedance:  $V_{oc}/I_{sc} = 50 \Omega$ , with a relative tolerance of  $\pm 10 \%$ .

Generator for short duration disturbance

- waveform: direct current, ripple less than 5 %;
- open circuit output voltage range: 10 V, with a relative tolerance of –10 % to 300 V, with a relative tolerance of +10 %;
- source impedance:  $V_{OC}/I_{SC} = 50 \Omega$ , with a relative tolerance of  $\pm 10$  %;
- rise and fall time of the output voltage at on/off switching: between 1  $\mu$ s and 5  $\mu$ s.

The schematic in principle of the test generator is given in Figure 3.

**6.1.3 Characteristics and performance of the generator for tests at mains frequency: 16<sup>2/3</sup> Hz, 50 Hz and 60 Hz**

The test generator typically consists of a variable transformer (connected to the mains distribution network), an isolation transformer and a time controlled switch for the short duration test; the switch shall be synchronized at 0° of the mains voltage waveform.

Generator for continuous disturbance

- waveform: sinusoidal, total harmonic distortion less than 10 %;
- open circuit output voltage range (r.m.s.): 1 V, with a relative tolerance of –10 % to 30 V, with a relative tolerance of +10 %;
- source impedance:  $V_{OC}/I_{SC} = 50 \Omega$ , with a relative tolerance of  $\pm 10$  %;
- frequency: selected mains frequency.

Generator for short duration disturbance

- waveform: sinusoidal, total harmonic distortion less than 10 %;
- open circuit output voltage range (r.m.s.): 10 V, with a relative tolerance of – 10 % to 300 V, with a relative tolerance of + 10 %;
- source impedance:  $V_{OC}/I_{SC} = 50 \Omega$ , with a relative tolerance of  $\pm 10$  %;
- frequency: selected mains frequency;
- on/off switching of the output voltage: synchronized at zero crossing ( $0^\circ \pm 5$  %).

The schematic in principle of the test generator is given in Figure 4.

**6.1.4 Characteristics and performance of the generator for tests in the frequency range 15 Hz to 150 kHz**

The test generator typically consists of a waveform generator capable of covering the frequency band of interest. It shall have an automated sweep capability of  $1 \times 10^{-2}$  decade/s or slower or, in the case of a synthesizer, be capable of being programmed with frequency-dependent step-sizes of 10 % of the preceding frequency value. It shall also be capable of being set manually.

Specifications

- waveform: sinusoidal, total harmonic distortion less than 1 %;
- open circuit output voltage range (r.m.s.): 0,1 V, with a relative tolerance of – 10 % to 30 V, with a relative tolerance of +10 %;
- source impedance:  $V_{OC}/I_{SC} = 50 \Omega$ , with a relative tolerance of  $\pm 10$  %;
- frequency range: 15 Hz, with a relative tolerance of –10 % to 150 kHz, with a relative tolerance of +10 %.