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IEC 61000-4-3	-	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques - Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test	EN 61000-4-3	-
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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2004 and constitutes a technical revision. It introduces a new set of requirements for use of hearing aids with mobile phones.

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INTRODUCTION

This standard introduces specifications for EMC requirements for hearing aids.

Hearing aids basically consist of a microphone, an amplifier, a induction pick-up coil and a small earphone (receiver). For behind the ear (BTE) hearing aids the sound is often fed to the ear canal by means of an individually made ear mould (ear insert). In the ear (ITE) hearing aids have the active circuitry located in the auditory canal.

The power source normally used is a small battery. On some hearing aids, the user can perform some adjustments of the controls of the hearing aid, which in some cases is by means of a remote control.

The standard only deals with hearing aid immunity, as experience has shown that hearing aids do not emit electromagnetic signals to an extent that can disturb other equipment. Other EMC phenomena, such as RF emission and electrostatic discharge, are not currently known to be a significant problem in connection with hearing aids. Based on new knowledge, they could be considered in connection with future revisions or extensions of this standard. Hearing aids containing RF transmitting equipment are covered by this standard regarding immunity, however the RF transmitting equipment is not covered. Experience in connection with the use of hearing aids in recent times has identified digital wireless devices, such as DECT wireless phones and GSM mobile phones as potential sources of disturbance for hearing aids. Interference in hearing aids depends on the emitted power from the wireless telephone as well as the immunity of the hearing aid. The performance criteria in this standard will not totally ensure hearing aid users interference- and noise-free use of wireless telephones but will establish useable conditions in most situations. In practice a hearing aid user, when using a digital wireless device, will seek, if possible, to find a position on the ear which gives a minimum or no interference in the hearing aid.

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Hearing aids are battery powered devices, and therefore disturbances related to a.c. or d.c. power inputs are not relevant and are therefore not considered in this standard.

Hearing aids whose outputs are non-acoustic, e.g. cochlear implants and bone conduction hearing aids, are not covered by this standard.

In some cases, hearing aids are connected to other equipment by cable, but this standard does not cover common mode transients and common mode surges on such cable connections.

Based on experience in connection with the use of hearing aids, relevant sources of disturbance for hearing aids include low frequency radiated magnetic fields, which may interact with the induction pick-up coil input included in some hearing aids. As the induction pick-up coil input is an intended feature of some hearing aids, and the hearing aid therefore must have a certain sensitivity to low frequency magnetic fields, it is not relevant to specify immunity against disturbing low frequency magnetic fields. To avoid unintended interference from low frequency magnetic noise fields, the recommendations specified in IEC 60118-4 [1]¹, regarding specifications for induction loop systems, should be followed.

With regard to high frequency radiated electromagnetic fields originating from RF wireless devices such as digital mobile telephone systems, only sources of disturbance which are currently known to be a problem in connection with hearing aids are covered. Reference is made to IEC 61000-4-3, which identifies digital radio telephone systems operating in the frequency ranges 0,8 GHz to 0,96 GHz and 1,4 GHz to 2,48 GHz to be potential sources of interference. Future versions may add tests for other frequency bands, as they come into more common use. Hearing aids are used in all environments as outlined in IEC 61000-4-3.

¹ Figures in square brackets refer to the bibliography.