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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 1973-1. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) Expand and revise the operation frequency range for waveguides;
- b) Revise the allowance of aperture dimensions;
- c) Revise the test method for aperture dimensions;
- d) Revise the equation of attenuation.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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HOLLOW METALLIC WAVEGUIDES –

Part 4: Relevant specifications for circular waveguides

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60153 specifies straight hollow metallic tubing of circular waveguides for use as waveguides in electronic equipment.

The aim of this recommendation is to specify for hollow metallic waveguides:

- a) the details necessary to ensure compatibility and, as far as essential, interchangeability;
- b) test methods;
- c) uniform requirements for the electrical and mechanical properties.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60050-726:1982, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary. Transmission lines and waveguides* [IEC 60153-4:2017](#)

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IEC 60261, *Sealing test for pressurized waveguide tubing and assemblies* [IEC 60153-4:2017](#)

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4 General

4.1 Standardized types

The series of circular waveguides covered by this publication are shown in Tables 1 and 2. The preferred types are shown in Table 2. As it might be desirable to use circular waveguides of intermediate sizes, Table 3 has been added in which the latter types are included.

4.2 Type designation

For these waveguides, the type designation comprises:

- The code: 60153 IEC-C
- A number characterizing a particular size of waveguide. This number expresses 'approximately in multiples of 100 MHz the geometric mean frequency in the H₁₁ (TE₁₁) mode.

4.3 Frequency range

In Table 2, the cut-off frequencies are shown for the following modes:

TE₁₁, TM₀₁, TE₂₁, TE₀₁ and TE₀₂.

5 Mechanical requirements

5.1 General

It should be noted that no recommendations are made for the materials to be used for waveguides. The choice of material must be agreed between customer and manufacturer.

5.2 Dimensions

5.2.1 Basic diameter and deviations

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The basic diameters (inner diameters) and the deviations are specified in Table 1.

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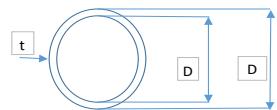
Table 1 – Basic diameter and deviations

Type designation 60153 IEC	Dimensions in millimetres					Basic wall thickness	Outside cross-section		Theoretical value of attenuation in dB/m							
	TE11	TM01	TE21	TE01	TE02		Inside cross-section	Basic diameter D	Deviation	Basic diameter D	Dcviation	Frequency in GHz	Standard Copper	Alminium	Gold	Brass
C 3.3	0.27	0.35	0.45	0.56	1.03	647.90	0.64					0.325	0.0007	0.00084	0.00077	0.00102
C 4	0.32	0.41	0.53	0.66	1.21	553.49	0.56					0.38	0.0009	0.0011	0.0010	0.00129
C 4.5	0.37	0.48	0.62	0.77	1.42	472.85	0.48					0.446	0.0011	0.0013	0.0012	0.0016
C 5.3	0.43	0.57	0.72	0.90	1.66	403.94	0.41					0.522	0.0014	0.0017	0.0015	0.0021
C 6.2	0.51	0.66	0.84	1.06	1.94	345.06	0.36					0.611	0.0017	0.0021	0.0020	0.0026
C 7	0.60	0.78	0.99	1.24	2.27	294.79	0.30					0.715	0.0022	0.0027	0.0025	0.0033
C 8	0.70	0.91	1.16	1.45	2.66	251.84	0.25					0.838	0.0028	0.0034	0.0031	0.0042
C 10	0.82	1.07	1.35	1.70	3.11	215.14	0.22					0.98	0.0035	0.0044	0.0040	0.0053
C 12	0.96	1.25	1.59	1.99	3.64	183.77	0.18					1.147	0.0045	0.0055	0.0051	0.0067
C 14	1.12	1.46	1.86	2.33	4.26	157.00	0.16					1.343	0.0056	0.0070	0.0064	0.0085
C 16	1.31	1.71	2.17	2.73	4.99	134.11	0.13					1.572	0.007	0.0089	0.0081	0.0108
C 18	1.53	2.00	2.54	3.19	5.84	114.58	0.11					1.8410	0.009	0.011	0.010	0.0136
C 22	1.79	2.34	2.98	3.74	6.84	97.87	0.10					2.1540	0.011	0.014	0.013	0.017
C 25	2.10	2.74	3.49	4.37	8.01	83.617	0.081					2.5210	0.015	0.018	0.016	0.022
C 30	2.46	3.21	4.08	5.12	9.37	71.425	0.071					2.9520	0.018	0.023	0.021	0.028
C 35	2.88	3.76	4.77	5.99	11.00	61.036	0.061					3.4550	0.023	0.029	0.026	0.035
C 40	3.38	4.41	5.61	7.03	12.90	51.994	0.051					4.0560	0.030	0.037	0.034	0.045
C 48	3.95	5.16	6.56	8.23	15.10	44.450	0.043					4.7440	0.037	0.046	0.042	0.056
C 56	4.61	6.02	7.65	9.60	17.60	38.100	0.038					5.5340	0.047	0.059	0.053	0.071
C 65	5.40	7.05	8.96	11.20	20.60	32.537	0.033					6.4800	0.060	0.074	0.068	0.090
C 76	6.32	8.26	10.50	13.20	24.10	27.788	0.028					7.5880	0.08	0.094	0.086	0.114
C 89	7.37	9.63	12.20	15.30	28.10	23.825	0.023					8.8500	0.10	0.12	0.11	0.144
C 104	8.68	11.30	14.40	18.10	33.10	20.244	0.020					10.42	0.12	0.15	0.14	0.18
C 120	10.00	13.10	16.70	20.90	38.30	17.475	0.018					12.07	0.15	0.19	0.17	0.23
C 140	11.60	15.20	19.30	24.20	44.40	17.628	0.015					13.98	0.11	0.13	0.12	0.16
C 165	13.80	18.10	22.90	28.80	52.70	12.700	0.013					16.61	0.25	0.30	0.28	0.37
C 190	15.80	20.60	26.20	32.90	60.20	11.125	0.010					18.95	0.30	0.37	0.34	0.45
C 220	18.40	24.10	30.60	38.40	70.30	9.525	0.010					22.14	0.38	0.47	0.43	0.57
C 255	21.10	27.50	35.00	43.90	80.40	8.3312	0.0076					25.31	0.46	0.57	0.52	0.69
C 290	24.60	32.20	40.80	51.20	93.80	7.1374	0.0076					29.54	0.58	0.72	0.66	0.88
C 330	27.70	36.10	45.90	57.60	105.00	6.3500	0.0076					33.20	0.7	0.86	0.79	1.04
C 380	31.60	41.30	52.40	65.70	120.00	5.5626	0.0076					37.91	0.8	1.0	0.96	1.27
C 430	36.80	48.10	61.00	76.60	140.00	4.7752	0.0076					44.16	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.6
C 495	40.20	52.50	66.70	83.70	153.00	4.3688	0.0076					48.26	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.8
C 580	49.10	64.10	81.40	102.00	187.00	3.5814	0.0076					58.88	1.6	2.0	1.9	2.5
C 660	55.30	72.30	91.80	115.00	211.00	3.1750	0.0076					66.41	2.0	2.4	2.2	3.0
C 765	63.50	82.90	105.00	132.00	242.00	2.7686	0.0076					76.15	2.4	3.0	2.7	3.6
C 890	73.60	96.10	122.00	153.00	280.00	2.3876	0.0076					88.30	3.0	3.7	3.4	4.5
C1040	86.8	113	144	181	331	2.0244	0.0076					104.16	3.9	4.8	4.4	5.8
C1650	100	131	167	209	383	1.7475	0.0076					120	4.9	6.1	5.5	7.4
C 1400	116	152	193	242	444	1.7628	0.0076					139.2	3.4	4.2	3.8	5.1
C 1650	138	181	229	288	527	1.2700	0.0076					165.6	7.8	9.7	8.9	11.8
C 1900	158	206	262	329	602	1.1125	0.0076					189.6	9.5	11.7	10.7	14.2
C 2200	184	241	306	384	703	0.9525	0.0076					220.8	12.0	14.9	13.6	18.1
C 2550	211	275	350	439	804	0.8331	0.0076					253.2	14.6	18.1	16.5	21.9
C 2900	246	322	408	512	938	0.7137	0.0076					295.2	18.5	22.9	20.9	27.8
C 3300	277	361	459	576	1050	0.6350	0.0076					332.4	21.9	27.1	24.8	32.9
C 3800	316	413	524	657	1200	0.5563	0.0076					379.2	26.7	33.2	30.3	40.2
C 4300	368	481	610	766	1400	0.4775	0.0076					441.6	33.6	41.7	38.1	50.6
C 4950	402	525	667	837	1530	0.4369	0.0076					482.4	38.5	47.8	43.6	58.0
C 5800	491	641	814	1020	1870	0.3581	0.0076					589.2	51.7	64.1	58.5	77.8
C 6600	553	723	918	1150	2110	0.3175	0.0076					663.6	62.2	77.2	70.5	93.6
C 7650	635	829	1050	1320	2420	0.2769	0.0076					762	76	94.4	86.2	114.5
C 8900	736	961	1220	1530	2800	0.2388	0.0076					883.2	95	118	108	143.2
C 10400	868	1130	1440	1810	3310	0.2024	0.0076					1041.6	122	151	138	183
C 16500	1000	1310	1670	2090	3830	0.1748	0.0076					1200	155	192	175	233
C 14000	1160	1520	1930	2420	4440	0.1763	0.0076					1392	107	133	122	162
C 16500	1380	1810	2290	2880	5270	0.1270	0.0076					1656	247	307	280	372
C 19000	1580	2060	2620	3290	6020	0.1113	0.0076					1896	299	371	339	450
C 22000	1840	2410	3060	3840	7030	0.0953	0.0076					2208	381	472	431	573
C 25500	2110	2750	3500	4390	8040	0.0833	0.0076					2532	461	572	522	694
C 29000	2460	3220	4080	5120	9380	0.0714	0.0076					2952	584	724	661	878

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Table 2 – Circular waveguides

Type designation 60153 IEC	Cut-off frequency in GHz for the mode					Inside cross-section		Basic wall thickness	Outside cross-section		Theoretical value of attenuation in dB/m				
	TE11	TM01	TE21	TE01	TE02	Basic diameter D	Deviation		Basic diameter	Dcviation	Frequency in GHz	Standard Copper	Alminium	Gold	Brass
C 3.3	0.27	0.35	0.45	0.56	1.03	647.90	0.64				0.325	0.0007	0.00084	0.00077	0.00102
C 4	0.32	0.41	0.53	0.66	1.21	553.49	0.56				0.38	0.0009	0.0011	0.0010	0.00129
C 4.5	0.37	0.48	0.62	0.77	1.42	472.85	0.48				0.446	0.0011	0.0013	0.0012	0.0016
C 5.3	0.43	0.57	0.72	0.90	1.66	403.94	0.41				0.522	0.0014	0.0017	0.0015	0.0021
C 6.2	0.51	0.66	0.84	1.06	1.94	345.06	0.36				0.611	0.0017	0.0021	0.0020	0.0026
C 7	0.60	0.78	0.99	1.24	2.27	294.79	0.30				0.715	0.0022	0.0027	0.0025	0.0033
C 8	0.70	0.91	1.16	1.45	2.66	251.84	0.25				0.838	0.0028	0.0034	0.0031	0.0042
C 10	0.82	1.07	1.35	1.70	3.11	215.14	0.22				0.98	0.0035	0.0044	0.0040	0.0053
C 12	0.96	1.25	1.59	1.99	3.64	183.77	0.18				1.147	0.0045	0.0055	0.0051	0.0067
C 14	1.12	1.46	1.86	2.33	4.26	157.00	0.16				1.343	0.0056	0.0070	0.0064	0.0085
C 16	1.31	1.71	2.17	2.73	4.99	134.11	0.13				1.572	0.007	0.0089	0.0081	0.0108
C 18	1.53	2.00	2.54	3.19	5.84	114.58	0.11	3.3	121.21	0.13	1.8410	0.009	0.011	0.010	0.0136
C 22	1.79	2.34	2.98	3.74	6.84	97.87	0.10	3.3	104.50	0.10	2.1540	0.011	0.014	0.013	0.017
C 25	2.10	2.74	3.49	4.37	8.01	83.617	0.081	3.3	90.20	0.10	2.5210	0.015	0.018	0.016	0.022
C 30	2.46	3.21	4.08	5.12	9.37	71.425	0.071	3.3	78.029	0.089	2.9520	0.018	0.023	0.021	0.028
C 35	2.88	3.76	4.77	5.99	11.00	61.036	0.061	3.3	67.640	0.089	3.4550	0.023	0.029	0.026	0.035
C 40	3.38	4.41	5.61	7.03	12.90	51.994	0.051	2.5	57.074	0.089	4.0560	0.030	0.037	0.034	0.045
C 48	3.95	5.16	6.56	8.23	15.10	44.450	0.043	2.5	49.530	0.076	4.7440	0.037	0.046	0.042	0.056
C 56	4.61	6.02	7.65	9.60	17.60	38.100	0.038	2.0	42.164	0.076	5.5340	0.047	0.059	0.053	0.071
C 65	5.40	7.05	8.96	11.20	20.60	32.537	0.033	2.0	36.601	0.076	6.4800	0.060	0.074	0.068	0.090
C 76	6.32	8.26	10.50	13.20	24.10	27.788	0.028	1.7	31.090	0.076	7.5880	0.08	0.094	0.086	0.114
C 89	7.37	9.63	12.20	15.30	28.10	23.825	0.023	1.7	27.127	0.064	8.8500	0.10	0.12	0.11	0.144
C 104	8.68	11.30	14.40	18.10	33.10	20.244	0.020	1.3	22.784	0.064	10.42	0.12	0.15	0.14	0.18
C 120	10.00	13.10	16.70	20.90	38.30	17.475	0.018	1.3	20.015	0.064	12.07	0.15	0.19	0.17	0.23
C 140	11.60	15.20	19.30	24.20	44.40	17.628	0.015	1.0	17.120	0.051	13.98	0.11	0.13	0.12	0.16
C 165	13.80	18.10	22.90	28.80	52.70	12.700	0.013	1.0	14.732	0.051	16.61	0.25	0.30	0.28	0.37
C 190	15.80	20.60	26.20	32.90	60.20	11.125	0.010	1.0	13.106	0.051	18.95	0.30	0.37	0.34	0.45
C 220	18.40	24.10	30.60	38.40	70.30	9.525	0.010	0.76	11.049	0.051	22.14	0.38	0.47	0.43	0.57
C 255	21.10	27.50	35.00	43.90	80.40	8.3312	0.0076	0.76	9.855	0.051	25.31	0.46	0.57	0.52	0.69
C 290	24.60	32.20	40.80	51.20	93.80	7.1374	0.0076	0.76	8.661	0.051	29.54	0.58	0.72	0.66	0.88
C 330	27.70	36.10	45.90	57.60	105.00	6.3500	0.0076	0.54	7.366	0.051	33.20	0.7	0.86	0.79	1.04
C 380	31.60	41.30	52.40	65.70	120.00	5.5626	0.0076	0.51	6.579	0.051	37.91	0.8	1.0	0.96	1.27
C 430	36.80	48.10	61.00	76.60	140.00	4.7752	0.0076	0.51	5.791	0.051	44.16	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.6
C 495	40.20	52.50	66.70	83.70	153.00	4.3688	0.0076	0.51	5.385	0.051	48.26	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.8
C 580	49.10	64.10	81.40	102.00	187.00	3.5814	0.0076	0.51	4.597	0.051	58.88	1.6	2.0	1.9	2.5
C 660	55.30	72.30	91.80	115.00	211.00	3.1750	0.0076	0.38	3.937	0.051	66.41	2.0	2.4	2.2	3.0
C 765	63.50	82.90	105.00	132.00	242.00	2.7686	0.0076	0.38	3.531	0.051	76.15	2.4	3.0	2.7	3.6
C 890	73.60	96.10	122.00	153.00	280.00	2.3876	0.0076	0.38	3.150	0.051	88.30	3.0	3.7	3.4	4.5
C1040	86.8	113	144	181	331	2.0244	0.0076				104.16	3.9	4.8	4.4	5.8
C1650	100	131	167	209	383	1.7475	0.0076				120	4.9	6.1	5.5	7.4
C 1400	116	152	193	242	444	1.7628	0.0076				139.2	3.4	4.2	3.8	5.1
C 1650	138	181	229	288	527	1.2700	0.0076				165.6	7.8	9.7	8.9	11.8
C 1900	158	206	262	329	602	1.1125	0.0076				189.6	9.5	11.7	10.7	14.2
C 2200	184	241	306	384	703	0.9525	0.0076				220.8	12.0	14.9	13.6	18.1
C 2550	211	275	350	439	804	0.8331	0.0076				253.2	14.6	18.1	16.5	21.9
C 2900	246	322	408	512	938	0.7137	0.0076				295.2	18.5	22.9	20.9	27.8
C 3300	277	361	459	576	1050	0.6350	0.0076				332.4	21.9	27.1	24.8	32.9
C 3800	316	413	524	657	1200	0.5563	0.0076				379.2	26.7	33.2	30.3	40.2
C 4300	368	481	610	766	1400	0.4775	0.0076				441.6	33.6	41.7	38.1	50.6
C 4950	402	525	667	837	1530	0.4369	0.0076	If necessary, outside dimension should specified.			482.4	38.5	47.8	43.6	58.0
C 5800	491	641	814	1020	1870	0.3581	0.0076				589.2	51.7	64.1	58.5	77.8
C 6600	553	723	918	1150	2110	0.3175	0.0076				663.6	62.2	77.2	70.5	93.6
C 7650	635	829	1050	1320	2420	0.2769	0.0076				762	76	94.4	86.2	114.5
C 8900	736	961	1220	1530	2800	0.2388	0.0076				883.2	95	118	108	143.2
C 10400	868	1130	1440	1810	3310	0.2024	0.0076				1041.6	122	151	138	183
C 16500	1000	1310	1670	2090	3830	0.1748	0.0076				1200	155	192	175	233
C 14000	1160	1520	1930	2420	4440	0.1763	0.0076				1392	107	133	122	162
C 16500	1380	1810	2290	2880	5270	0.1270	0.0076				1656	247	307	280	372
C 19000	1580	2060	2620	3290	6020	0.1113	0.0076				1896	299	371	339	450
C 22000	1840	2410	3060	3840	7030	0.0953	0.0076				2208	381	472	431	573
C 25500	2110	2750	3500	4390	8040	0.0833	0.0076				2532	461	572	522	694
C 29000	2460	3220	4080	5120	9380	0.0714	0.0076				2952	584	724	661	878

5.2.2 Basic diameter deviations

The values of inner diameter deviations specified in Table 1 are based on the general principle as given in Table 3.

Table 3 – Inner Diameter deviations

Range of sizes	Deviation \pm
	mm
C 3.3 to C 165	1/1 000 of inside basic diameter
C 190 to C 890	0,010
C 255 to C 29000	0,0078

5.2.3 Ellipticity

The ellipticity “E” is defined as

$$E = \frac{D_{max} - D_{min}}{D_{nom}}$$

Where

D_{nom} = the basic inside diameter

D_{max} = the largest measured inside dimension

D_{min} = the smallest measured inside dimension

The ellipticity E shall not exceed 0,001 at any cross-section for types C 3.3 to C 165 inclusive.

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For sizes C 190 and smaller dimensions, the requirement for ellipticity is for further study.

5.2.4 Wall thickness

The basic values specified in Table 1 conform to the following rules.

The basic wall thickness is defined as half the difference between the basic outside and inside dimensions in the original systems of units.

After conversion from inches into mm, the values were rounded to the nearest 0,005 mm.

After conversion from mm into inches, the values were rounded to the nearest 0,001 in.

5.2.5 Eccentricity

The eccentricity is defined as half the difference between the measured thickness of opposite walls. Unless otherwise specified, the eccentricity shall not exceed 10 % of the basic wall thickness. For the determination of the eccentricity, the thicknesses shall be measured where they give the most unfavourable result.

5.2.6 Outside dimensions

The basic values and the deviations are specified in Table 1.

No outside dimensions have been specified for some of the largest sizes because a variety of manufacturing techniques are used.

The values of the outside diameter deviations specified in Table 1 are based on Table 4.

Table 4 – Outer diameter deviations

Range of sizes	Deviation \pm
	mm
C 16 and larger dimensions	No deviation specified
C 18	0.13
C 22 – C 25	0.11
C 30 – C 40	0.095
C 48 – C 76	0.080
C 89 – C 120	0.065
C 140 – C 165	0.055
C 190 – C890	0.051
C1040 – C29000	If necessary, outside dimension should be specified.

NOTE Deviations for the sizes C 18 to C 165 inclusive correspond to ISO limit is If.

5.3 Other mechanical requirements

5.3.1 Bow

Bow is defined as the maximum departure of the actual axis of the waveguide from a straight line of specified length connecting two points on that axis.

The bow is measured on the external surface of the waveguide. For a length of 10 times the internal width, the external bow shall not exceed 10 times the specified deviation on the internal width.

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For a length of 50 times the internal width, the external bow shall not exceed 40 times the specified deviation on the internal width.

For the determination of the external bow, the waveguide shall be so positioned that gravity does not tend to affect the amount of bow.

5.3.2 Surface roughness

Under consideration.

5.3.3 Internal stresses

The waveguide tube shall be cut by means of a saw. The cutting process must be carefully controlled so as to avoid distortion arising from the cutting, and the use of a fine high-speed saw is recommended. After cutting, the cross-section of the waveguide tube shall still be within the specified deviations.

6 Electrical tests – Attenuation

The maximum attenuation in the TE₁₁ mode for waveguide IEC – C 104 and waveguides with larger dimensions shall not exceed 1,3 times the value calculated from the formula below at a frequency of 1,2 times the cut-off frequency in the same mode. The values given in the table are for waveguides made of copper with standard conductivity $\sigma_0 = 5.80 \times 10^7$ Siemens / metre.

Circular waveguides (TE₁₁ mode)