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### 1 Scope

This part of CISPR 16 specifies the characteristics and performance of equipment for the measurement of radiated disturbances in the frequency range 9 kHz to 18 GHz. Specifications for antennas and test sites are included.

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CISPR TR 16-3, *Specification for radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus and methods – Part 3: CISPR technical reports*

CISPR 16-4-2, *Specification for radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus and methods – Part 4-2: Uncertainties, statistics and limit modelling – Measurement instrumentation uncertainty*

IEC 60050-161, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary. Chapter 161: Electromagnetic compatibility*

### 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the terms, definitions and abbreviated terms given in CISPR 16-1-1, CISPR 16-1-5, IEC 60050-161 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

##### 3.1.1

##### **antenna**

transducer that converts the guided electromagnetic energy of the feed line into a radiated wave in space and vice versa

Note 1 to entry: In the context of this document, for antennas for which a balun is intrinsic to the functioning of the antenna, the term "antenna" includes the balun.

##### 3.1.2

##### **antenna factor**

AF

$F_a$

ratio of the electric field strength of a plane wave incident from the direction corresponding to the mechanical boresight (i.e. the main axis of the antenna) to the voltage induced across a specified load connected to the antenna, measured in a free-space environment

Note 1 to entry: The abbreviation AF is used as a general term to denote antenna factor, whereas  $F_a$  denotes the boresight AF in free-space. AF is affected by the load impedance (typically 50  $\Omega$ ) connected to the antenna, and is frequency dependent. For a biconical antenna this impedance could be up to 200  $\Omega$ . For antennas with no balun the impedance is equal to the load impedance, typically 50  $\Omega$ . AF can be affected by mutual coupling of the antenna to the ground plane, and is directivity dependent. For more details see the definitions and 4.2 in CISPR 16-1-6:2014.

Note 2 to entry: The AF has the physical dimension of  $m^{-1}$  and measured data are normally expressed in dB relative to 1/m [dB( $m^{-1}$ )]. In radiated disturbance measurements, if  $F_a$  is known, the strength of an incident field,  $E$ , can be estimated from a reading,  $V$ , of a measuring receiver connected to the antenna as follows:

$$E = V + F_a$$

where  $E$  is in dB( $\mu$ V/m),  $V$  is in dB( $\mu$ V) and  $F_a$  is in dB( $m^{-1}$ ).

##### 3.1.3

##### **antenna pair reference site attenuation**

$A_{APR}$

set of site attenuation measurement results for both vertical and horizontal polarizations using a pair of antennas separated by a defined distance at an ideal open-area test site, with one antenna at a specified fixed height above the ground plane, and the other antenna scanned over a specified height range in which the minimum insertion loss is recorded

Note 1 to entry:  $A_{APR}$  is an influence quantity for uncertainty calculation of site validation measurements using RSM.

Note 2 to entry:  $A_{APR}$  measurements are used for comparison to corresponding site attenuation measurements of a COMTS to evaluate the performance of the COMTS.

### 3.1.4

#### antenna reference point

midpoint of an antenna from which the distance to the EUT or second antenna is measured

Note 1 to entry: The antenna reference point is either defined by the manufacturer using a marker on LPDA antennas or by the calibration laboratory.

### 3.1.5

#### balun

device for transforming an unbalanced transmission line to a balanced transmission line and vice versa

Note 1 to entry: A balun is used, for example, to couple balanced antenna elements to an unbalanced feed line, such as a coaxial cable. A balun may exhibit inherent impedance transformation differing from unity.

### 3.1.6

#### calibration test site

CALTS

open area test site with metallic ground plane and tightly specified site attenuation performance in horizontal electric field polarization

Note 1 to entry: A CALTS is used for determining the free-space antenna factor of an antenna.

### 3.1.7

#### common mode absorption device

CMAD

device that may be applied on cables leaving the test volume in radiated disturbance measurements to reduce the compliance uncertainty

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### 3.1.8

#### compliance test site

COMTS

environment that assures valid, reproducible measurement results of the disturbance field strength from equipment under test for comparison to a compliance limit

### 3.1.9

#### cross-polar response

XPR

measure of the rejection by the antenna of the cross-polarized field, when the antenna is rotated in a linearly polarized electromagnetic field that is uniform in phase and amplitude over the aperture of the antenna under test

### 3.1.10

#### EUT volume

cylinder defined by EUT boundary diameter and height that fully encompasses all portions of the actual EUT, including cable racks and 1,6 m of cable length (30 MHz to 1 GHz) and 0,3 m of cable length (1 GHz and above)

Note 1 to entry: The test volume is one of several criteria limiting the EUT volume (see CISPR 16-2-3).

Note 2 to entry: The EUT volume has a diameter  $D$  (boundary diameter) and height  $h$ .

### 3.1.11

#### fully-anechoic room

FAR

an enclosure, the six internal surfaces of which are lined with radio-frequency-energy absorbing material (i.e. RF absorber) that attenuates electromagnetic energy in the frequency range of interest

Note 1 to entry: For general radiated disturbance measurement purposes, a FAR should be constructed inside a shielded enclosure.

### 3.1.12

#### hybrid antenna

antenna consisting of a wire-element log-periodic dipole array (LPDA) section and a broadband dipole section

Note 1 to entry: The longest element of the LPDA section is typically resonant at approximately 200 MHz, and the boom is lengthened at the open-circuit end to feed the connected broadband dipole (e.g. biconical or bowtie) section. Over the range 30 MHz to 200 MHz, the broadband dipole exhibits a performance similar to a biconical antenna, notably in the variation of height-dependent antenna factor.

Note 2 to entry: A common-mode choke is typically used at the open-circuit (i.e. rear) end of the boom to minimize parasitic (unintended) RF currents on the outer conductor of the coaxial cable flowing into the measuring receiver.

### 3.1.13

#### ideal open-area test site

open-area test site having a perfectly flat, perfectly conducting ground plane of infinite area, and with no reflecting objects except the ground plane

Note 1 to entry: An ideal OATS is a theoretical construct that is used in the definition of the measurand  $A_{APR}$  and in the calculation of the theoretical normalized site attenuation  $A_N$  for ground plane sites.

### 3.1.14

#### insertion loss

loss arising from the insertion of a device into a transmission line, expressed as the ratio of voltages immediately before and after the point of insertion of a device under test, before and after the insertion

Note 1 to entry: Insertion loss is equal to the inverse of the transmission  $S$ -parameter, i.e.  $|1/S_{21}|$ .

### 3.1.15

#### low-uncertainty antenna

robust biconical or LPDA antenna that meets the balance and XPR requirements of this document, and whose antenna factor has an uncertainty of less than 0,5 dB, used for the measurement of electric field strength at a defined point in space

Note 1 to entry: Low-uncertainty antennas are further described in A.2.3.

### 3.1.16

#### mechanical boresight

boresight direction

boresight

direction of the main beam, which is defined by the geometric properties of the antenna

Note 1 to entry: For EMC antennas the direction of the main beam is usually: a) coincident with the direction in line with the mechanical longitudinal axis of LPDA antennas; b) orthogonal to the elements of monopole, dipole, and biconical antennas; and c) orthogonal to the front aperture of horn antennas. In each of these cases, the orthogonal line is coincident with the centre of the antenna.

### 3.1.17

#### null

minimum in signal level resulting from the vector sum of the direct and ground-reflected signals at the receive antenna and with the level being considerably lower than the in-phase sum of these signals

Note 1 to entry: The depth of a null is measured from the in-phase sum of the direct and ground reflected signals. A null in the received signal occurs when the antennas are above a ground plane at heights such that the direct and ground reflected signals are in anti-phase, which can result in large uncertainty in the measurement of field strength. A null extends from 90° to 180° out of phase. At 90° the null depth is approximately 6 dB. The depth is compared to the nearest adjacent maximum signal in the swept frequency response (or height scan of one antenna at a fixed frequency).