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1 Scope

The present document specifies the minimum technical characteristics required for UHF on board vessels radio equipment and systems operating on frequencies allocated to the maritime mobile services by the ITU Radio Regulations [6].

2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

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- [2] ITU-T Recommendation O.41 (1994): "Psophometer for use on telephone-type circuits".
- [3] ISO 694: "Ships and marine technology - Positioning of magnetic compasses in ships".
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- [4] ANSI C63.5 (2006): "American National Standard for Electromagnetic Compatibility - Radiated Emission Measurements in Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) Control - Calibration of Antennas (9 kHz to 40 GHz)".
- [5] ITU-R Recommendation SM.332-4: "Selectivity of receivers".
- [6] ITU Radio Regulations (2004).

3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply:

integral antenna: antenna designed as a fixed part of the equipment, without the use of an external connector and as such which can not be disconnected from the equipment by the user

modulation index: ratio between the frequency deviation and the modulation frequency

3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

dBA acoustic level in dB relative to 2×10^{-5} Pa

3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

ad	amplitude difference
CSP	Channel Spacing Parameters
emf	electro-motive force
EUT	Equipment Under Test
fd	frequency difference
OATS	Open Area Test Site
PEP	Peak Envelope Power
RF	Radio Frequency
rms	root mean square
SINAD	signal + noise + distortion / noise + distortion
UHF	Ultra High Frequency
VSWR	Voltage Standing Wave Ratio

4 General requirements

4.1 Construction

The mechanical and electrical construction and finish of the equipment shall conform in all respects to good engineering practice and the equipment shall be suitable for use on board vessels.

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4.2 Frequencies

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The equipment shall operate either on single-frequency or two-frequency simplex channels on those frequencies specified in ITU-R Recommendation M.1174-2 [34] [sist-en-300-720-1-v1-3-2-2008](#)

Single frequency simplex channels shall be in accordance with table 1.

Additional channels for 12,5 kHz equipment shall be in accordance with table 2.

Two frequency simplex channels for use with a repeater shall be in accordance with table 3.

Table 1: Single frequency simplex channels (25 kHz or 12,5 kHz use)

Channel designator	CSP	Frequency
Channel A	25 kHz	467,525 MHz
Channel A*	12,5 kHz	
Channel B	25 kHz	467,550 MHz
Channel B*	12,5 kHz	
Channel C	25 kHz	467,575 MHz
Channel C*	12,5 kHz	
Channel D	25 kHz	457,525 MHz
Channel D*	12,5 kHz	
Channel E	25 kHz	457,550 MHz
Channel E*	12,5 kHz	
Channel F	25 kHz	457,575 MHz
Channel F*	12,5 kHz	

Table 2: Additional channels for 12,5 kHz equipment

Channel designator	CSP	Frequency
Channel M*	12,5 kHz	467,5375 MHz
Channel N*	12,5 kHz	467,5625 MHz
Channel O*	12,5 kHz	457,5375 MHz
Channel P*	12,5 kHz	457,5625 MHz

Table 3: Two-frequency simplex channels for use with repeater only

Channel designator	CSP	Repeater Rx frequency	Repeater Tx frequency
Channel G	25 kHz	467,525 MHz	457,525 MHz
Channel G*	12,5 kHz		
Channel H	25 kHz	467,550 MHz	457,550 MHz
Channel H*	12,5 kHz		
Channel J	25 kHz	467,575 MHz	457,575 MHz
Channel J*	12,5 kHz		
Channel K*	12,5 kHz	467,5375 MHz	457,5375 MHz
Channel L*	12,5 kHz	467,5625 MHz	457,5625 MHz

Designators for 12,5 kHz channels (with the *) means that the equipment shall show that the operation is 12,5 kHz by visual or other means.

Independent selection of transmitting and receiving frequencies shall not be possible.

The equipment shall be fitted with at least one single-frequency simplex channel, the frequency of which shall be 457,525 MHz.

It shall not be possible to transmit during channel-switching operations.

4.3 Controls

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The equipment shall have the following controls:

- a channel selector which shall indicate the designator of the channel to which the equipment is set;
- on/off switch for the equipment with visual indication that the equipment is switched on;
- a manual non-locking, push-to-talk switch to operate the transmitter (except for repeater equipment);
- an audio-frequency power volume control (except for repeater equipment).

The user shall not have access to any control which, if wrongly set, might impair the technical characteristics of the equipment.

4.4 Switching time

The channel switching arrangements shall be such that the time necessary to change over from using one of the channels to using any other channel does not exceed 5 seconds.

The time necessary to change over from transmission to reception and vice versa, shall not exceed 0,3 seconds.

4.5 Safety precautions

Provision shall be made for protecting equipment from the effects of excessive current or voltage. Means shall be incorporated to prevent reversal of polarity of the battery power supply.

Equipment with an antenna socket shall not be damaged by the effect of open-circuit or short-circuit of the antenna socket for a period of at least 5 minutes.

The manufacturer shall declare the compass safe distance according to ISO 694 [3], Method B.

4.6 Class of emission and modulation characteristics

The equipment shall use phase modulation, G3E (frequency modulation with a pre-emphasis of 6 dB/octave).

The equipment shall be designed to operate with a channel spacing of 25 kHz or 12,5 kHz or both.

4.7 Batteries for portable equipment

The battery may be an integral part of the equipment.

Primary and/or secondary batteries may be used.

Provisions shall be made for replacing the battery easily.

If the equipment is fitted with secondary batteries, a suitable battery charger shall be recommended by the manufacturer.

4.8 Loudspeaker and microphone

The equipment shall be provided with a microphone and a loudspeaker which may be combined (except for repeater equipment).

In the transmit condition the output of the receiver shall be muted (except for repeater equipment).

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4.9 Labelling

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All controls shall be clearly labelled. The labelling shall include:

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- the name of the manufacturer and his trademark;
- the type number and serial number of the equipment; and
- the compass safe distance.

4.10 Equipment documentation

For the purpose of conformance testing in accordance with the present document, adequate technical and operational documentation shall be supplied with the equipment.

5 Test conditions, power sources and ambient temperatures

5.1 Normal and extreme test conditions

Tests shall be made under normal test conditions and also, where stated, under extreme test conditions.

5.2 Test power source

Unless otherwise stated, the battery of the equipment shall be replaced by a test power source capable of producing normal and extreme test voltages as specified in clauses 5.3.2 and 5.4.2.

The voltage of the power source shall be measured at the input terminal of the equipment.

During testing, the power source voltage shall be maintained within a tolerance of $\pm 3\%$ relative to the voltage level at the beginning of each test.

5.3 Normal test conditions

5.3.1 Normal temperature and humidity

The normal temperature and humidity conditions for tests shall be a combination of temperature and humidity within the following limits:

- temperature: $+15^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+35^{\circ}\text{C}$;
- relative humidity: 20 % to 75 %.

5.3.2 Normal test voltage

5.3.2.1 Battery power source

Where the equipment is designed to operate from a battery, the normal test voltage shall be the nominal voltage of the battery.

5.3.2.2 Other power sources

For operation from other power sources the normal test voltage shall be that declared by the manufacturer.

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5.4 Extreme test conditions (standards.iteh.ai)

5.4.1 Extreme temperatures SIST EN 300 720-1 V1.3.2:2008 <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/86ab91bf-3925-41fe-8450-4cb5464534af/sist-en-300-720-1-v1-3-2-2008>

5.4.1.1 Upper extreme temperature

Tests at the upper extreme temperature shall be made at $+55^{\circ}\text{C}$.

5.4.1.2 Lower extreme temperature

Tests at the lower extreme temperature shall be made at -20°C .

5.4.2 Extreme test power supply values

5.4.2.1 Upper extreme test voltage - Portable equipment

The upper extreme test voltage shall be declared by the manufacturer and shall not be lower than the following:

- when using primary batteries, the voltage corresponding to the voltage that a fresh battery gives at the upper extreme temperature when loaded with a load equal to that of the equipment in the muted receive condition;
- when using secondary batteries, the voltage corresponding to the voltage that a fully charged battery gives at the upper extreme temperature when loaded with a load equal to that of the equipment in the muted receive condition.

5.4.2.2 Lower extreme test voltage - Portable equipment

The lower extreme test voltage shall be declared by the manufacturer and shall not be higher than the following:

- when using primary batteries, 0,85 times the voltage that a fresh battery gives at the lower extreme temperature when loaded with a load equal to that of the equipment in the muted receive condition;

- when using secondary batteries, 0,85 times the voltage that a fully charged battery gives at the lower extreme temperature when loaded with a load equal to that of the equipment in the muted receive condition.

5.4.2.3 Extreme test voltages - Other equipment

For operation from other sources the extreme test voltages shall be those declared by the manufacturer.

5.5 Procedure for tests at extreme temperatures

The equipment shall be placed in the test chamber at normal temperature. The maximum rate if rising or reducing the temperature of the chamber shall be 1°C/minute. The equipment shall be switched off during the temperature-stabilizing periods.

Before conducting tests at extreme temperatures, the equipment in the test chamber shall have reached thermal equilibrium and be subjected to the extreme temperature for a period of 10 hours to 16 hours.

For tests at the lower extreme temperature, the equipment shall then be switched on to the standby or receive condition for one minute, after which the relevant tests shall be performed.

For tests at the higher extreme temperature, the equipment shall then be switched on in the high power transmit condition for 5 minutes followed by 5 minutes in the receive condition, after which the relevant tests shall be performed.

The temperature of the chamber shall be maintained at the extreme temperatures for the whole duration of the performance tests.

At the end of the test, and with the equipment still in the chamber, the chamber shall be brought to room temperature in not less than one hour. The equipment shall then be exposed to normal room temperature and humidity for not less than three hours or until moisture has dispersed, whichever is the longer, before the next test is carried out. Alternatively, observing the same precautions, the equipment may be returned directly to the conditions required for the start of the next tests.

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6 General conditions of measurement

6.1 Test connections

For the purpose of testing, suitable connections to the following test points shall be made available:

- the antenna terminal for 50 Ω connection (for equipment without an external antenna connector a permanent internal or a temporary internal 50 Ω RF connector which allows access to the transmitter output and the receiver input shall be available);
- the transmitter audio input(s);
- the receiver audio output(s);
- the push-to-talk switch;
- the battery terminals for test power source connections.

6.2 Arrangements for test signals

6.2.1 Test signals applied to the transmitter input

For the purpose of tests, the transmitter internal microphone shall be disconnected and an audio frequency signal generator shall be applied to the transmitter audio input terminals.