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Part 3: Receivers for amplitude-modulated sound-broadcasting emissions

SECTION ONE – GENERAL

1 Scope

This standard applies to radio receivers for the reception of amplitude-modulated sound-broadcasting emissions. It deals mainly with measurements using radio-frequency signals applied to the antenna terminals of the receiver, or induced in a magnetic antenna.

This part is intended to be read in conjunction with Part 1 (IEC 60315-1, Second edition).

Immunity is not covered, except for an explanation with cross-reference to CISPR publications. For radiation from receivers, reference is required to CISPR Publication 13.

NOTE 1 – Receivers without volume controls or a.f. power output stages ("tuners") are included.

NOTE 2 – Receivers for single-sideband and independent-sideband emissions are not included, nor are receivers for stereophonic emissions as far as characteristics involving the encoding system are concerned.

2 Conditions for measurement

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2.1 Standard measuring conditions

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A receiver is operating under standard measuring conditions when:

- a) the power supply voltage and frequency are equal to the rated values;
- b) the standard radio-frequency input signal is applied via the appropriate antenna simulation network to the antenna terminals of the receiver (see Table III and Figure 5 of Part 1) or applied to a standard magnetic field generator to induce the signal into the magnetic antenna of the receiver;
- c) the audio-frequency output terminals for connection to loudspeakers (if any) are connected to audio-frequency substitute loads, as are any other audio-frequency output terminals, if measurements are to be made at those terminals;
- d) the receiver is tuned to the applied signal in accordance with Sub-clause 2.2;
- e) the volume control (if any) is adjusted so that the output voltage at the main audio-frequency output terminals is 10 dB below the rated distortion-limited output voltage, or corresponds to a preferred reference value (see Part 1, Sub-clause 15.1);
- f) the environmental conditions are within the rated ranges;
- g) for stereo receivers, the balance control or its equivalent (if any) is adjusted so that output voltages of the two channels are equal;

- h) the tone controls (if any) are adjusted for the flattest possible audio-frequency response (e.g. for equal response at 100 Hz, 1 kHz and 10 kHz). This shall be carried out using an a.f. input signal if a.f. input terminals are available, otherwise the frequency of 10 kHz given above should be reduced to 2 kHz;
- i) the automatic frequency control is inoperative, if this can be achieved by means of a user control (see note).

NOTE – Where a user control for automatic frequency control is provided, measurements should in general be made both with automatic frequency control off (which will allow easy analysis of the results), and with automatic frequency control on (which represents the situation when the receiver is in normal use). The two sets of results should be clearly identified.

If the automatic frequency control cannot be made inoperative by means of a user control, it may nevertheless be necessary (or desirable) for the automatic frequency control to be disabled for certain measurements. In this case the automatic frequency control should be disabled by temporarily modifying the receiver, the action taken being detailed with the results (see Sub-clause 2.2);

- j) the muting control (if any) is in the "muting off" position.

2.2 Tuning and automatic frequency control

2.2.1 Preferred tuning method

If the manufacturer gives instructions on tuning the receiver, such as the use of a tuning indicator, these instructions shall be followed. In the absence of instructions or of a tuning indicator, the receiver shall be tuned for maximum output voltage at the main audio-frequency terminals under the conditions (with exception of Item d)) given in Sub-clause 2.1, care being taken to avoid overloading the audio-frequency part of the receiver.

2.2.2 Effect of automatic frequency control

All tuning operations shall be made with arrangements for automatic frequency control inoperative, if this is possible, except when the performance of the automatic frequency control is being investigated.

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When provision is made for the user to render the automatic frequency control inoperative, measurements may be made both with the automatic frequency control in operation, and with it disabled. The results shall clearly show whether the automatic frequency control was in operation or not (see also Section Six).

2.3 Precautions

Many of the measurements described in this Part are likely to be adversely affected by interfering emissions and radio-frequency noise. It is usually essential that a screened room or screened enclosure is available in which to carry out these measurements. It is also highly desirable to monitor the audio-frequency output signal continuously with a loudspeaker or headphones in order to detect any interference or spurious output signals due to unwanted signals from the test equipment or elsewhere, or spurious responses of the receiver.

Measurement accuracy is also affected by inadequate signal-to-noise ratio. When the noise output is independent of the modulation factor (which is not always so), the output with zero modulation should be checked and if it is larger than –10 dB (unless otherwise stated in this Part) with respect to the output with modulation, the result of the measurement shall be rejected and measurement made using an a.f. band-pass filter to improve the signal-to-noise ratio sufficiently to restore accuracy.

SECTION TWO – SENSITIVITY AND INTERNAL NOISE

3 Output/input characteristics**3.1 Introduction**

Virtually all commercially-available receivers for amplitude-modulated sound-broadcasting emissions use some form of automatic gain control (a.g.c.). To investigate the sensitivity and noise characteristics of such receivers, it is useful to measure the a.f. output with a fixed modulation factor, and the noise output with zero modulation factor, as functions of the r.f. input signal level and to plot the curves on the same graph.

An example of such a graph is given in Figure 1, which also shows the characteristics whose values may be determined from the curves or the tabulated results of the measurements.

3.2 Method of measurement

- a) The receiver is brought under standard measuring conditions (see Sub-clause 2.1). An a.f. voltmeter (preferably a true r.m.s. meter) and a noise weighting filter and quasi-peak meter (see Part 1, Sub-clause 6.2.2) are connected across the audio-frequency substitute load at the terminals where a.f. output measurements are to be made.

NOTE 1 – Unweighted noise measurements using a wide-band filter or A-weighting noise measurements may be made if required (see clause 6 of IEC 60315-1). In these methods, noise is measured with an r.m.s. meter (preferably a true r.m.s. meter). The method used should be clearly stated with the results.

NOTE 2 – If ultrasonic components within the bandwidth of the a.f. voltmeter may be present in the a.f. output voltage, the voltmeter should be preceded by a band-limiting filter in accordance with Sub-clause 6.1 of Part 1.

- b) The a.f. output voltage on the a.f. voltmeter is noted. The modulation factor is then reduced to zero and the noise output voltage on the noise meter is noted.
- c) The measurements are then repeated for different values of r.f. input signal level, measurements being made at signal levels low enough to give very low signal-to-noise ratios and high enough (if possible) to explore the overloading of the r.f. part of the receiver (see Clause 20).

If overloading of the a.f. part of the receiver occurs at high r.f. input signal levels, the volume control attenuation is increased by a known amount to eliminate the overloading, and measurements are continued. This increased attenuation is taken into account in presenting the results. If no volume control is fitted, the onset of a.f. overload sets a limit to the permissible r.f. input signal level and measurements should be discontinued.

- d) Particularly at high input signal levels, the receiver tuning should be checked by adjusting the carrier frequency of the signal source before each result is recorded, since the receiver may detune. The extent of any detuning shall be recorded in terms of frequency at each input signal level during this measurement sequence, as the results are of value for the measurement of variation of operating frequency with r.f. input signal level (see Part 1, Clause 3).

NOTE – It should be decided whether to record the results of the output/input characteristic measurement with or without retuning. Unless the tuning variations are large, it is usual to record the result obtained without retuning. If retuning is carried out, this should be noted with the results.