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IEC Publication -----	Date ----	Title -----	EN/HD -----	Date ----
347	1982	Transverse track video recorders	HD 451 S1	1984
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1055-1	1991	Measurement techniques and operational adjustments of broadcast VTRs - Part 1: Operational adjustments on analogue composite broadcast VTRs (Report)	-	-
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## INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

**BROADCAST VIDEO TAPE RECORDERS –  
METHODS OF MEASUREMENT –****Part 1: Mechanical measurements**

## FOREWORD

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International Standard IEC 1237-1 has been prepared by sub-committee 60B: Video recording, of IEC technical committee 60: Recording

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

Annex A forms an integral part of this standard.

Annex B is for information only.

## BROADCAST VIDEO TAPE RECORDERS – METHODS OF MEASUREMENT –

### Part 1: Mechanical measurements

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 1237 describes the mechanical measurement methods on video tape recorders relating to the compatibility parameters for recording and measuring methods of the recorded tape.

The allowable tolerances for the rated values for acceptable performance are not given in this standard, but may be derived from the specifications for the related system i.e. appropriate publications, manufacturers' specifications, etc.

The necessary reference and calibration tapes are either mentioned in the specific IEC publication of the equipment under test or included in IEC 1105.

This standard deals with special mechanical measurement techniques for broadcast VTRs. It does not, however, cover the special mechanical measurements of the earlier transverse track video recorder standard (IEC 347). For those measurements see IEC 1055.

The methods are applicable to acceptance tests, performance comparison and, as far as possible, for routine checks.

#### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 1237. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All normative documents are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 1237 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 347: 1982, *Transverse track video recorders*

IEC 461: 1986, *Time and control code for video tape recorders*

IEC 1055-1: 1991, *Measurement techniques and operational adjustments of broadcast VTRs – Part 1: Operational adjustments on analogue composite broadcast VTRs (Report)*

IEC 1055-2: 1991, *Measurement techniques and operational adjustments of broadcast VTRs – Part 2: Special mechanical measurements and alignments (Report)*

IEC 1105: 1991, *Reference tapes for video tape recorder systems*

### 3 General

To ensure that the results obtained at a specific time and at a specific place are comparable to other measurements, it is advisable to specify the test signals, measuring devices and types of tapes used together with the results obtained.

### 4 Test conditions

If not otherwise stated, all measurements shall be carried out at the following atmospheric conditions:

- temperature  $20\text{ °C} \pm 1\text{ °C}$ ;
- relative humidity  $50\% \pm 2\%$ ;
- air pressure 86 kPa to 106 kPa;
- conditioning before testing 24 h.

### 5 Measuring equipment

#### 5.1 Mechanical measurements

For some measurements, precision micrometers or dial indicators with 1  $\mu\text{m}$  resolution are sufficient. Instruments with electrical read-out should be preferred.

For drum geometry measurements a three-coordinate measuring device with an accuracy below 1  $\mu\text{m}$  is recommended.

#### 5.2 Optical measurements

Measurements are made by a high power microscope equipped with an X-Y-table and a scaled Z-axis.

For measurements in the  $\mu\text{m}$  area the microscope objective shall have a magnification of 50x and a numerical aperture of 0,85. The eye-piece, equipped with cross-hairs shall have a magnification  $\geq 10\times$ . A video camera/monitor system with electronic cross-hairs gives better reproducible results. The X-Y-table shall have a measuring range of at least 100 mm x 50 mm. The measuring accuracy in X-, Y- and Z-axis shall be  $\leq 1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ .

For data acquisition and processing a computer is recommended.

### 6 Recorder measurements

#### 6.1 Diameter of drum

The drum is measured by means of a precision micrometer or a multicoordinate measuring system. Measurements are made at several points of the drum, and these points shall be specified by the appropriate standard or the manufacturer.