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**Foreword**

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## 1 Scope

Increasing parallel application of different Infra-red (IR) systems can cause mutual interferences. To identify and make transparent these problems, a classification of IR devices into groups and classes is proposed.

The purpose of this European prestandard is to avoid or at least to minimize mutual interferences and to enable coexistence of different IR products. It is intended to mark each IR product with its characteristic parameters according to the classification criteria.

It is not the object of this prestandard to describe the consequences of interferences between IR systems as well as radiation safety aspects of optical radiation.

Due to the physical character of optical emission the possibility of local limitation is a special feature of IR radiation.

In this prestandard the wavelength range from 700 nm to 1600 nm will be considered. Included are all systems based on free air application (see 5.2, Product groups), which send intentionally or unintentionally IR radiation in this range. Excluded is each kind of fiber optics.

In this context "free air" means freely radiated IR in indoor or outdoor applications.

If the IR systems are used for information transmission, this prestandard is only to be seen in connection with the Physical Layer of the ISO-OSI Reference Model (EN 27 498).

## 2 Normative References

This European Prestandard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Prestandard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN 27 498 Information processing; Open system interconnection; basic reference model; identical with ISO 7498-1984 + A1:1987.

IEC 50 (60) International Electrotechnical Vocabulary; Radio Communications

IEC 50 (845) International Lighting Vocabulary

## 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this prestandard the following definitions apply:

**3.1 bandwidth:** Of a receiver, amplifier or network The extent of a continuous range of frequencies over which the gain does not differ from its maximum value by more than a specified amount (electrical and optical).

NOTE: Extended definition of [IEC 50(60): 60-12-025]

**3.2 fluorescent lamp:** A discharge lamp of the low pressure mercury type in which most of the light is emitted by one or several layers of phosphor excited by the ultraviolet radiation from the discharge.

[IEC 50(845): 845-07-26]

**3.3 harmonic:** Integral multiple of a basic frequency.

**3.4 interference:** Disturbance experienced in the reception of a wanted signal, caused by an unwanted signal or noise.

[IEC 50(60): 60-08-025]

**3.5 infra-red radiation:** Optical radiation for which the wavelengths are longer than those for visible radiation.

NOTE: For infra-red radiation, the range between 780 nm and 1 mm is commonly subdivided

into: IR-A 780 nm to 1400 nm

IR-B 1,4  $\mu\text{m}$  to 3  $\mu\text{m}$

IR-C 3  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1 mm

[IEC 50(845): 845-01-04]

**3.6 infra-red system:** System which uses IR radiation in free air application consisting of an IR emitter and an IR receiver.

**3.7 modulation frequency:** Electrical signal frequency which modulates the IR radiation.

**3.8 peak intensity:** Maximum intensity  $I_p$  [mW/(sr x nm)] of the optical radiation in the direction of maximum emission around the rated wavelength  $\lambda_p$ .

**3.9 radiant intensity:** Quotient of the radiant flux  $d\Phi_e$  leaving the source and propagated in the element of solid angle  $d\Omega$  containing the given direction, by the element of solid angle.

[IEC 50(845): 845-01-30]

$I_0$  (mW/sr) radiant intensity averaged in time of the optical radiation in the direction of maximum emission

**3.10 radiation characteristic:** Defined by two angles  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  for describing the focussing of IR emission. References are the points of half optical radiant intensity.  $\alpha_1$  is the angle of maximum divergence,  $\alpha_2$  is the angle rectangular to the plane expanded by  $\alpha_1$ , where  $\alpha_1 > \alpha_2$ .

**3.11 steradian:** SI unit of solid angle: Solid angle that, having its vertex at the centre of a sphere, cuts off an area of the surface of the sphere equal to that of a square with sides of length equal to the radius of the sphere.

[IEC 50(845): 845-01-20]

**3.12 subharmonic:** Integral divisor of a basic frequency

**3.13 wavelength:** Distance in the direction of propagation of a periodic wave between two successive points at which the phase is the same.

[IEC 50(845): 845-01-14]

#### 4 Symbols

$B_f, B_\lambda$	Bandwith
$f$	modulation frequency in kHz
$f_p$	frequency at the electrical peak radiant intensity $I_p$ in kHz
$f_l$	lower band limiting frequency in kHz
$f_u$	upper band limiting frequency in kHz
$I_0$	time averaged total optical radiant intensity in mW/sr
$I_p$	total optical peak intensity in mW/sr
$I_{p\lambda}$	spectral optical peak intensity in mW/(sr nm)
$I_{e\lambda}$	spectral optical radiant intensity in mW/(sr nm)
$I_{ef}$	spectral electrical radiant intensity mW/(sr Hz)
$I_{pf}$	spectral electrical peak intensity mW/(sr Hz)
$sr$	Steradian
$\lambda$	wavelength in nm
$\lambda_p$	wavelength at the optical peak intensity $I_{p\lambda}$ in nm
$\lambda_l$	lower band limiting wavelength in nm
$\lambda_u$	upper band limiting wavelength in nm

## 5 Classification

The classification considers three main aspects for system description:

- physical parameters;
- product groups;
- user areas.

In a first approach the IR emitters are defined by the physical parameters. In the future the same IR system definitions should include selective IR receivers.

### 5.1 Parameters

There are 5 criteria on which the physical operating parameters are based on nominal operating conditions given by the manufacturer (see table 1).

#### 5.1.1 Ranges of wavelength (criterion 1)

The lower ( $\lambda_l$ ) and the upper ( $\lambda_u$ ) optical wavelength describe the optical range of function of an IR radiator.

Both the lower and the upper optical wavelength of an IR radiator are defined by the reduction of the peak intensity  $I_p$  by 3 dB, taking into account the effects of temperature and component deviations (see figure 1).

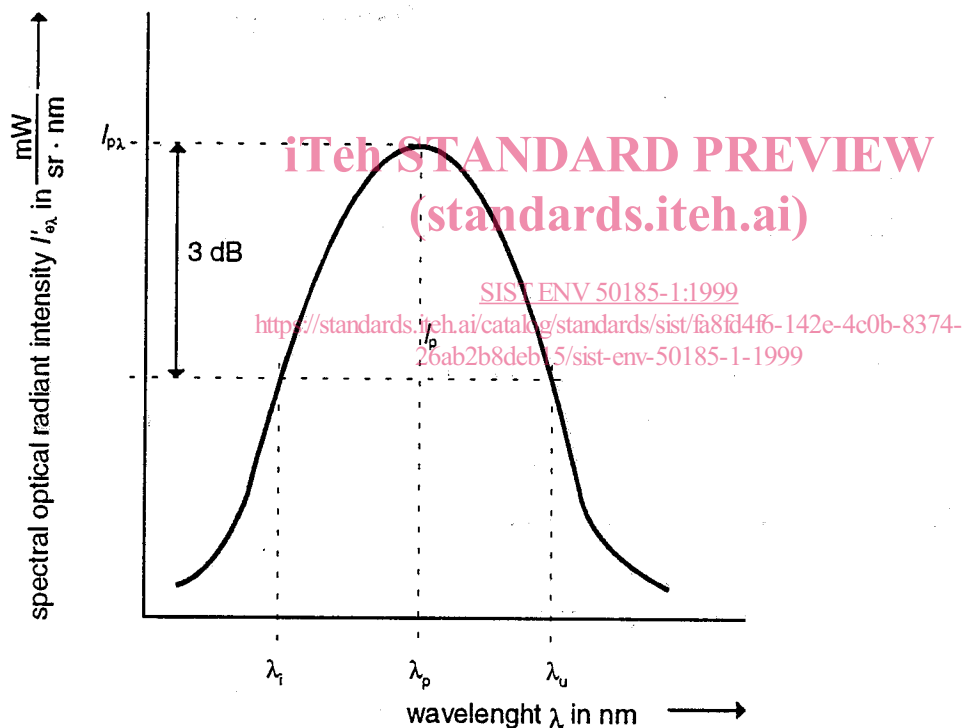


Figure 1: Spectral emission and definition of optical bandwidth

#### 5.1.2 Ranges of frequency (criterion 2)

The lower ( $f_l$ ) and upper ( $f_u$ ) frequencies describe the electrical range of function of an IR radiator.

The modulating frequencies of the optical radiation are defined by -10 dB of the maximum intensity  $I_{p1}$ .

Harmonics are to be considered with respect to temperature factors and component deviations, too. For the classification criterion 2 it is only important to know the upper and lower band limiting frequency; the possible influence of modulation hasn't been regarded in this definition.

The upper and lower band limiting frequency is indicated in the following form:



Example: 500 kHz or  $5 \times 10^2$  kHz  $\Rightarrow$  5E2 kHz

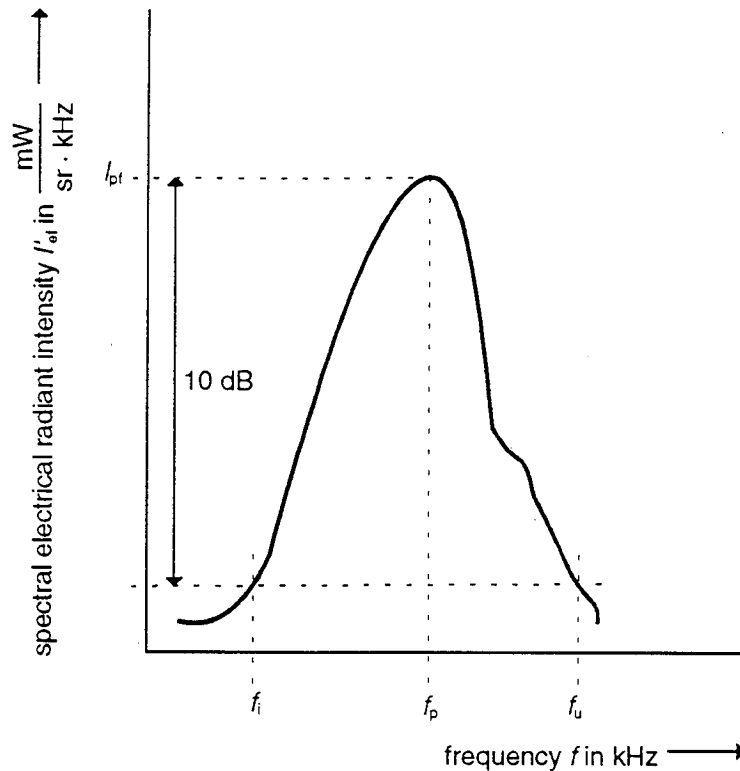


Figure 2: Spectral emission and definition of electrical bandwidth

### 5.1.3 Radiant intensity (criterion 3)

The intensity of IR radiators is characterized by the radiant intensity  $I_e$  (mW/sr) and the peak intensity  $I_{pt}$  (mW/sr nm). <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/fa8fd4f6-142e-4c0b-8374-26ab2b8deb15/sist-env-50185-1-1999>

### 5.1.4 Angle of radiation (criterion 4)

The radiant intensity of IR radiators is defined by the angle of half intensity of beam divergence. That means the angle between the directions which are specified by points of half radiant intensity. Two angles lying in two planes rectangular to each other define the radiation characteristics at the IR transmitter.

### 5.1.5 Duration of IR radiation (criterion 5)

The time characteristics of IR radiation is described by the duration of IR radiation. If an IR transmission is the consequence of a spontaneous operation, the result can be called a short duration radiation (repetition in case of error handling included). Long duration operation is given if the IR system is working in a continuous mode (i.e. switching on in the morning and switching off in the evening).

### 5.1.6 Identification example

In order to illustrate the application of the parameters introduced in 5.1.1 to 5.1.5, an example for the characterization of Home and Building Electronic System having the following characteristics is given.

Brightness control with	$\lambda$	= 950 nm
	$f_u$	= 60 kHz
	$f_l$	= 38 kHz
	$I_p$	= 45 mW/sr
	$I_o$	= 20 mW/sr
	$\alpha_1$	= $60^\circ$
	$\alpha_2$	= $30^\circ$
	Spontaneous activation of a push button	

Characterization according to the classification of table 1:

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Table 1: Classification criteria

Criterion 1 (optical level)	class I	class II	class III	class IV	class V	class VI	class VII	class VIII	class IX
Ranges of wavelength (nm)	700 to 800	800 to 900	900 to 1000	1000 to 1100	1100 to 1200	1200 to 1300	1300 to 1400	1400 to 1500	1500 to 1600
Criterion 2 (electrical level)	$f_l$								
	lower frequency [kHz]								
	$f_u$								
	upper frequency [kHz]								
Criterion 3 (Intensity level)	peak radiant intensity [mW/sr]								
Radiant intensity	$I_0$								
	radiant intensity [mW/sr]								
Criterion 4 (radiation characteristic)	$\alpha_1$								
	maximum divergence								
Angle of radiation (degree)	$\alpha_2$								
	rectangular to maximum divergence								
Criterion 5 (time level)	class S				class L				
Duration of IR radiation	short				long				