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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies technical characteristics and methods of measurements for transmitting equipment for broadcast sound services using the Digital Audio Broadcast (DAB) modulation system operating in VHF band III (174 MHz to 240 MHz).

DAB transmissions are licensed by national administrations. The Final Acts of the CEPT T-DAB Planning Meeting Constanța, 2007 (WI95revCO07) [i.2] and the Final Acts of the Regional Radiocommunication Conference for planning of the digital terrestrial broadcasting service in parts of Regions 1 and 3, in the frequency bands 174 MHz to 230 MHz and 470 MHz to 862 MHz (RRC-06) [i.3] provide spectrum masks for Out-of-Band emissions under different conditions. These requirements are represented by four transmission cases in the present document, see table 0. The license conditions set by the national administration stipulate which transmission case (Out-of-Band spectrum mask) applies.

**Table 0: Transmission cases**

Case	Description	Identification in WI95revCO07	Identification in RRC-06
1	Applicable to DAB transmissions operating in areas critical for adjacent channel DAB to DAB interference, and in any case when it is necessary to protect other services operating on adjacent frequencies on a primary basis	1: critical	2: sensitive
2	Applicable to DAB transmissions when no other case applies	2: non-critical	1: non-critical
3	Applicable to DAB transmitters in exceptional circumstances to protect safety services	Critical case considering protection of distress and safety frequencies	
4	Applicable to DAB transmissions operating on a case-by-case basis in certain areas		3: sensitive in certain areas where channel 12D is in use

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- [1] ETSI EN 300 401 (V2.1.1) (01-2017): "Radio broadcasting systems; Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) to mobile, portable and fixed receivers".
- [2] ETSI ETS 300 799 (Edition 1) (09-1997): "Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Distribution interfaces; Ensemble Transport Interface (ETI)".



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- [i.2] Final Acts of the CEPT T-DAB Planning Meeting Constanța, 2007 (WI95revCO07).
- [i.3] Final Acts of the Regional Radiocommunication Conference for planning of the digital terrestrial broadcasting service in parts of Regions 1 and 3, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz (RRC-06).
- [i.4] Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 5376 final of 4.8.2015 on a standardisation request to the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation and to the European Telecommunications Standards Institute as regards radio equipment in support of Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.

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## 3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in Directive 2014/53/EU [i.1] and the following apply:

**Adjacent Channel Leakage Ratio (ACLR):** ratio of the mean power of the DAB signal in the OFDM block at  $f_L$  to the mean power of the unoccupied OFDM block within the MCOFDM group

**antenna port:** port of an apparatus which is designed, in normal operation, to be connected to an antenna using coaxial cable

**broadcasting service:** radiocommunication service in which the transmissions are intended for direct reception by the general public

NOTE: This service may include sound transmissions, television transmissions or other types of transmission.

**DAB transmitter:** device comprising a DAB exciter and RF amplifier

**dBc:** decibels relative to the unmodulated carrier power of the emission

NOTE: In the cases which do not have a carrier, for example in some digital modulation schemes where the carrier is not accessible for measurement, the reference level equivalent to dBc is decibels relative to the mean power  $P$ .

**$f_H$ :** centre frequency of the highest frequency OFDM block generated by the DAB transmitter

**$f_L$ :** centre frequency of the lowest frequency OFDM block generated by the DAB transmitter

NOTE: In the case of a single block transmitter,  $f_L = f_H$ .

**harmonic:** component of order greater than 1 of the Fourier series of a periodic quantity

**high power transmitter:** transmitter whose rated output power is greater than 1 000 W per OFDM block

**intermodulation products:** unwanted frequencies resulting from intermodulation between carriers or harmonics of emission, or between any oscillations generated to produce the carrier

**low power transmitter:** transmitter whose rated output power is less than or equal to 25 W per OFDM block

**MCOFDM group:** group of OFDM blocks generated by a MCOFDM system

**MCOFDM system:** low power transmitter system that generates more than one OFDM block with an overall RF system filter spanning all blocks

**mean power:** average power supplied to the antenna port by a transmitter during an interval of time sufficiently long compared with the lowest frequency encountered in the modulation envelope taken under normal operating conditions

**medium power transmitter:** transmitter whose rated output power is greater than 25 W and less than or equal to 1 000 W per OFDM block

**necessary bandwidth:** width of the frequency band which is sufficient to ensure the transmission of information at the rate and with the quality required under specified conditions

**OFDM block:** group of digitally modulated carriers comprising a complete DAB ensemble

**out-of-band emissions:** emission on a frequency or frequencies immediately outside the necessary bandwidth which results from the modulation process, but excluding spurious emissions

**rated output power:** mean power that the transmitter delivers at its antenna port under specified conditions of operation

**reference bandwidth:** bandwidth in which the emission level is specified

**RF system filter:** filter connected to the output of the RF amplifier to control output spectrum

NOTE: The RF system filter may be internal or external to the transmitter casing.

**spurious emissions:** emissions on a frequency or frequencies which are outside the necessary bandwidth and the level of which may be reduced without affecting the corresponding transmission of information

NOTE: Spurious emissions include harmonic emissions, parasitic emissions, intermodulation products and frequency conversion products but exclude out of band emissions.

**unwanted emissions:** spurious emissions and out-of-band emissions

## 3.2 Symbols

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

"	inch
C/N	Carrier power to Noise power density
Hz	Hertz (cycles per second)
m	metre
μ	micro, 10 <sup>-6</sup>
V	Volt
W	Watt

## 3.3 Abbreviations

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

ACLR	Adjacent Channel Leakage Ratio
BER	Bit Error Ratio
COFDM	Coded Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplex
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
CW	Continuous Wave
DAB	Digital Audio Broadcasting

EDI	Encapsulation of DAB Interfaces
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EMC	ElectroMagnetic Compatibility
ETI	Ensemble Transport Interface
EUT	Equipment Under Test
MCOFDM	Multiple Coded Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplex
MER	Modulation Error Ratio
N	Noise power
OFDM	Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplex
OOB	Out-Of-Band
PRBS	Pseudo Random Binary Sequence
RF	Radio Frequency
RMS	Root Mean Square
SFN	Single Frequency Network
TII	Transmitter Identification Information
Tx	Transmitter
VHF	Very High Frequency

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## 4 Technical requirements specifications

### 4.1 Environmental profile

The technical requirements of the present document apply under the environmental profile for operation of the equipment, which shall be in accordance with its intended use. The equipment shall comply with all the technical requirements of the present document at all times when operating within the boundary limits of the operational environmental profile defined by its intended use.

### 4.2 Conformance requirements

#### 4.2.1 Rated output power

##### 4.2.1.1 Definition

The rated output power is the mean power that the transmitter shall deliver at its antenna port.

For MCOFDM systems, the rated output power is the mean power of the highest powered OFDM block within the MCOFDM group.

Transmitters shall be categorized into one of three power classes, as follows:

- low power;
- medium power;
- high power.

##### 4.2.1.2 Limit

The output power shall be within  $\pm 0,5$  dB of the rated output power.

##### 4.2.1.3 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.1 shall be carried out.

## 4.2.2 Frequency stability

### 4.2.2.1 Definition

The frequency stability of an emission is the variation of frequency against a predetermined time scale.

### 4.2.2.2 Limit

The stability of the centre frequency shall not deviate more than 10 Hz from its nominal value.

### 4.2.2.3 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.2 shall be carried out.

## 4.2.3 Crest factor

### 4.2.3.1 Definition

Maximum ratio of peak power to mean power levels.

### 4.2.3.2 Limit

The peak level of the output RF power signal shall not exceed the mean power level by more than 13 dB.

### 4.2.3.3 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.3 shall be carried out.

## 4.2.4 Spurious emissions

### 4.2.4.1 Definition

Emission on a frequency or frequencies which are outside the necessary bandwidth and the level of which may be reduced without affecting the corresponding transmission of information. Spurious emissions include harmonic emissions, parasitic emissions, intermodulation products and frequency conversion products but exclude out-of-band emissions.

For the purposes of the present document spurious emissions are emissions at frequencies below  $f_L - 3$  MHz, where  $f_L$  is the centre frequency of the lowest frequency OFDM block, and above  $f_H + 3$  MHz, where  $f_H$  is the centre frequency of the highest frequency OFDM block of the transmission, irrespective of the number of blocks employed. In the case of a single block transmitter,  $f_L = f_H$ .

The reference bandwidth used for spurious emissions measurements shall be as follows:

- 1 kHz between 9 kHz and 150 kHz;
- 10 kHz between 150 kHz and 30 MHz;
- 100 kHz between 30 MHz and 1 GHz;
- 1 MHz above 1 GHz.

### 4.2.4.2 Limits

Spurious emissions shall not exceed the values set out in table 1, shown additionally in figure 1, for the frequency range 9 kHz to 3 GHz at the output of the RF system filter.