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Introduction

The present document specifies test methods to allow the minimum performance requirements for the acoustic characteristics of GSM, 3G, LTE and WLAN terminals when used to provide narrowband, wideband, super-wideband or fullband telephony to be assessed.

The objective for narrowband services is to reach a quality as close as possible to ITU-T standards for PSTN circuits. However, due to technical and economic factors, there cannot be full compliance with the general characteristics of international telephone connections and circuits recommended by the ITU-T.

The performance requirements are specified in TS 26.131; the test methods and considerations are specified in the main body of the text.

1 Scope

The present document is applicable to any terminal capable of supporting narrowband, wideband, super-wideband or fullband telephony, either as a stand-alone service or as the telephony component of a multimedia service. The present document specifies test methods to allow the minimum performance requirements for the acoustic characteristics of GSM, 3G, LTE and WLAN terminals when used to provide narrowband, wideband, super-wideband or fullband telephony to be assessed.

NOTE For 3G, LTE and WLAN, acoustic requirements are specified in TS 26.131, test methods are specified in TS 26.132. For GSM, most acoustic requirements are specified in TS 43.050, test methods are specified in TS 51.010. These specifications are in many cases harmonized with or even refer to TS 26.131 and TS 26.132. See TS 43.050 and TS 51.010 for details. The reason for including GSM, UMTS, LTE and WLAN terminals within the scope of the present specification is to avoid, whenever possible, duplication of test method descriptions for terminals supporting multiple access technologies..

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3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document the terms *narrowband*, *wideband*, *super-wideband* and *fullband* refer to signals associated with the corresponding operating modes of the speech codecs specified in 5.2.

For the purposes of the present document, the terms dB, dBr, dBm0, dBm0p and dBA, shall be interpreted as defined in ITU-T Recommendation G.100 [42]; the term dBPa shall be interpreted as the sound pressure level relative to 1 pascal expressed in dB (0 dBPa is equivalent to 94 dB SPL).

A 3GPP softphone is a telephony system running on a general purpose computer or PDA complying with the 3GPP terminal acoustic requirements (TS 26.131 and 26.132).

For the purposes of the present document the term *clock skew* is defined as the difference between the clock of the device under test (C_{DUT}) and the clock of the reference client (C_{REF}). The skew of C_{DUT} relative to C_{REF} is defined in parts per million (PPM) as: $(C_{DUT} - C_{REF}) \cdot 10^6 / C_{REF}$.

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [47] and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [47].

ADC	Analogue to Digital Converter
AMR	Adaptive Multi Rate
CSS	Composite Source Signal
DAC	Digital to Analogue Converter
DRP	Eardrum Reference Point
DTX	Discontinuous Transmission
EEC	Electrical Echo Control