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52 EN 50289-1, *Communication cables — Specifications for test methods*, is currently composed with the
53 following parts:

- 54 — *Part 1-1: Electrical test methods — General requirements;*
- 55 — *Part 1-2: Electrical test methods — DC resistance;*
- 56 — *Part 1-3: Electrical test methods — Dielectric strength;*
- 57 — *Part 1-4: Electrical test methods — Insulation resistance;*
- 58 — *Part 1-5: Electrical test methods — Capacitance;*
- 59 — *Part 1-6: Electrical test methods — Electromagnetic performance;*
- 60 — *Part 1-7: Electrical test methods — Velocity of propagation;*
- 61 — *Part 1-8: Electrical test methods — Attenuation;*
- 62 — *Part 1-9: Electrical test methods — Unbalance attenuation (longitudinal conversion loss, longitudinal
63 conversion transfer loss);*
- 64 — *Part 1-10: Electrical test methods — Crosstalk;*
- 65 — *Part 1-11: Electrical test methods — Characteristic impedance, input impedance, return loss;*
- 66 — *Part 1-12: Electrical test methods — Inductance;*
- 67 — *Part 1-13: Electrical test methods — Coupling attenuation or screening attenuation of patch cords /
68 coaxial cable assemblies / pre-connectorised cables;*
- 69 — *Part 1-14: Electrical test methods — Coupling attenuation or screening attenuation of connecting
70 hardware;*
- 71 — *Part 1-15: Electromagnetic performance — Coupling attenuation of links and channels (Laboratory
72 conditions);*
- 73 — *Part 1-16: Electromagnetic performance — Coupling attenuation of cable assemblies (Field conditions);*
- 74 — *Part 1-17: Electrical test methods — Exogenous Crosstalk ExNEXT and ExFEXT.*

prEN 50289-1-1:2016**75 1 Scope**

76 The draft European Standard specifies the electrical test methods for cables used in analogue and digital
77 communication systems.

78 Part 1 of EN 50289 consists of the following documents:

- Part 1-1 General requirements
- Part 1-2 DC resistance
- Part 1-3 Dielectric strength
- Part 1-4 Insulation resistance
- Part 1-5 Capacitance
- Part 1-6 Electromagnetic performance
- Part 1-7 Velocity of propagation
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- Part 1-17 Exogenous Crosstalk ExNEXT and ExFEXT

79 Further test details (e.g. temperature, duration) and/or test requirements are given in the relevant cable
80 standard.

81 2 Normative references

82 The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are
83 indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references,
84 the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

85 EN 50289-1-9, *Communication cables — Specifications for test methods — Part 1-9: Electrical test methods*
86 *- Unbalance attenuation (longitudinal conversion loss, longitudinal conversion transfer loss)*

87 EN 50290-1-2, *Communication cables — Specifications for test methods — Part 1-2: Electrical test methods*
88 *- DC resistance*

89 EN 61169-16, *Radio-frequency connectors — Part 16: Sectional specification — RF coaxial connectors with*
90 *inner diameter of outer conductor 7 mm (0,276 in) with screw coupling — Characteristic impedance 50 ohms*
91 *(75 ohms) (type N) (IEC 61169-16)*

92 IEC 60169-15, *Radio-frequency connectors — Part 15: R.F. coaxial connectors with inner diameter of outer*
93 *conductor 4.13 mm (0.163 in) with screw coupling — Characteristic impedance 50 ohms (Type SMA)*

94 3 Terms and definitions

95 For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 50290-1-2 and the following apply.

96 3.1

97 **single ended**

98 measurement with respect to a fixed potential, usually ground

99 3.2

100 **mixed mode (parameter or measurement)**

101 parameters or measurements containing differential mode, common mode, and intermodal S-matrices

102 3.3

103 **intermodal (parameter or measurement)**

104 parameter or measurement that either sources on the common mode and measures on the differential mode
105 or, sources on the differential mode and measures on the common mode

106 4 Sampling

107 4.1 Cable under test (CUT)

108 Unless otherwise specified in the relevant test method, the length of CUT shall be selected to take into
109 account the dynamic range of the measuring equipment and the frequency range specified to yield the
110 required level of accuracy. The length shall be measured with better accuracy than 1 % unless otherwise
111 stated in the relevant cable specification.

112 4.2 Pre-conditioning

113 The CUT shall be pre-conditioned at a constant ambient temperature for such time as to allow the specimen
114 temperature to stabilize according to 6.1.

115 5 Tests

116 The tests required and performance characteristics applicable to each type of cable are given in the relevant
117 cable standard.

118 6 Test conditions

119 6.1 Ambient temperature

120 Tests shall be made at an ambient temperature within the range 15°C to 35°C unless otherwise specified.

121 6.2 Tolerance on temperature values

122 Unless otherwise specified in the relevant specification, the tolerance on temperature shall be $\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$.

123 6.3 Frequency and waveform of test voltages for dielectric strength test

124 Unless otherwise specified, the test voltage shall be in the frequency range 40 Hz to 62 Hz of approximately
125 sine-wave form, the peak ratio value/r.m.s. value being equal to $\sqrt{2}$ with a tolerance of $\pm 7\%$. The values
126 given are r.m.s.

127 6.4 Frequency range and stability for frequency related measurements

128 The required frequency range is specified in the relevant sectional specification.

129 The sweep shall be linear or logarithmic such that:

130 $f_{step} = \frac{f_{stop} - f_{start}}{n-1}$ for linear sweep and

131 $K = \left(\frac{f_{stop}}{f_{start}}\right)^{1/(n-1)}$ for logarithmic sweep

132 where

133 f_{start} lowest specified frequency;

134 f_{stop} highest specified frequency;

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135	f_{step}	linear frequency increment, constant over the whole specified frequency range;
136	n	number of frequency points;
137	K	ratio of two successive frequency points at logarithmic sweep.

138 The minimum number of frequency points shall be chosen to point out frequency dependent cable
 139 characteristics. Unless otherwise specified the minimum number of frequency points shall be

140	200	points in the range 10 kHz – 100 kHz,
141	200	points in the range 100 kHz – 1 MHz,
142	200	points in the range 1 MHz – 16 MHz,
143	400	points in the range 1 MHz – 100 MHz,
144	800	points in the range 1 MHz – 600 MHz,
145	1 000	points in the range 1 MHz – 1 000 MHz,
146	1 600	points in the range 1 MHz – 2 000 MHz.

147 6.5 Measurement on drums

148 Unless otherwise specified or special cable-specific characteristics need to be taken into account, the cables
 149 shall be measured on drums or coils.

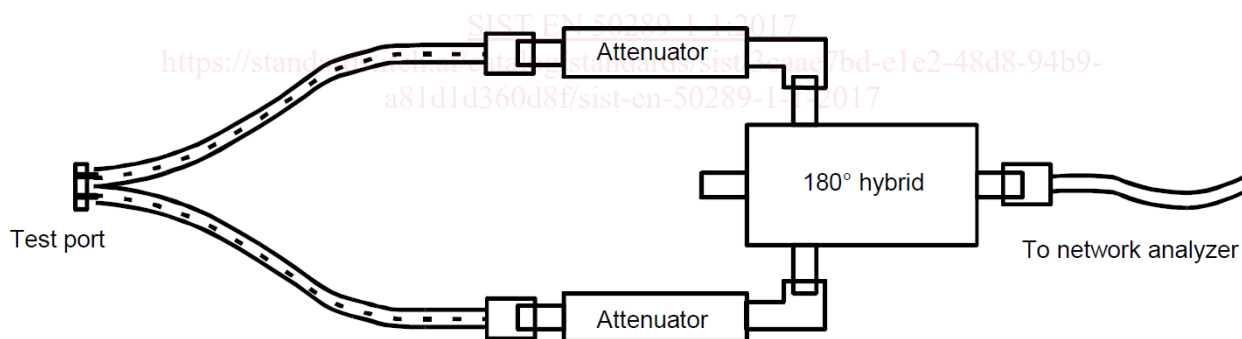
150 7 Measurement methods and equipment

151 7.1 Calibration

152 Equipment calibration shall be considered part of the quality system.

153 7.2 Requirements for balanced to unbalanced converters (Baluns)

154 Several classes of baluns with different performance levels are defined. This is in order to facilitate
 155 measurements in different frequency ranges with commercially available baluns as appropriate. The baluns
 156 may be balun transformers or 180° hybrids with attenuators to improve matching if needed (see Figure 1).



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 158 **Figure 1 — 180° hybrid used as a balun**

159 Baluns shall be RFI shielded and shall comply with the requirements given in Table 1. Depending on the
 160 frequency range different requirements are specified. For frequencies higher than 1 GHz balunless
 161 measurement technique is recommended (see clause 7.3).

162 Generally, it is advantageous to choose a balun with the same common mode impedance as the cable under
 163 test. However, in practice this is hardly possible as it is unreasonable to provide separate measurements
 164 equipment for each cable type. Often the best performance for differential mode is achieved when the centre
 165 tap of the secondary winding of the balun is grounded; meaning the nominal common mode impedance is
 166 25 Ω. Then the results can directly be compared to results achieved by balunless measurement technique
 167 when 50 Ω ports are used without mathematical impedance transformation of the latter results.

168 In case of balance measurements the centre tap of the secondary winding of the balun cannot be grounded.
 169 To compare balance measurement results achieved with balun-based measurement technique to results
 170 achieved with balunless measurements technique the procedures described in EN 50289-1-9 shall be
 171 considered. Unless otherwise specified the rules specifying the common mode termination for balance

172 measurements according to EN 50289-1-9 shall be applied in case of doubt. The reference common mode
 173 impedance specified accordingly may be different to the reference common mode impedance of the cabling
 174 system the cable is intended to be used for.

175 **Table 1 — Test balun performance characteristics**

Parameter	Class A 250 1 to 250 MHz	Class A 500 1 to 500 MHz	Class A 1000 1 to 1 000 MHz	Class A 2000 1 to 2 000 MHz
Impedance, primary ^a	50 Ω unbalanced	50 Ω unbalanced	50 Ω unbalanced	50 Ω unbalanced
Impedance, secondary	Matched balanced ^d	Matched balanced ^d	Matched balanced ^d	Matched balanced ^d
Insertion loss ^e	3 dB maximum	2 dB maximum	3 dB maximum	3 dB, 1-3 MHz 2 dB, 3-15 MHz 2 dB, 15-1 000 MHz 3 dB, 1 000-2 000 MHz
Return loss secondary, minimum	20 dB	12 dB, 1-15 MHz 20 dB, 15-500 MHz	12 dB, 4-15 MHz 20 dB, 15-550 MHz 17,5 dB, 550-600 MHz 10 dB, 600-1000 MHz	8 dB, 1-3 MHz 12 dB, 3-15 MHz 20 dB, 15-1 000 MHz 18 dB, 1 000-2 000 MHz
Return loss, common mode ^b , minimum	10 dB	15 dB, 1-15 MHz 20 dB, 15-400 MHz 15 dB, 400-500 MHz	15 dB, 4-15 MHz 20 dB, 15-400 MHz 15 dB, 400-600 MHz 10 dB, 600-1000 MHz	6 dB, 1-3 MHz 10 dB, 3-500 MHz ffs., 500-2 000 MHz
Power rating	0,1 Watt minimum	0,1 Watt minimum	0,1 Watt minimum	0,1 Watt minimum
Longitudinal balance ^c , minimum	60 dB	60 dB, 1-100 MHz 50 dB, 100-500 MHz	60 dB, 4-350 MHz 50 dB, 350-600 MHz 40 dB, 600-1 000 MHz	60 dB, 1-100 MHz 50 dB, 100-500 MHz 42 dB, 500-1 000 MHz 34 dB, 1 000-2 000 MHz
Output signal balance ^c , minimum	50 dB	50 dB	60 dB, 4-350 MHz 50 dB, 350-600 MHz 40 dB, 600-1 000 MHz	ffs.
Common mode rejection ^c , minimum	50 dB	50 dB	50 dB, 4-600 MHz 40 dB, 600-1 000 MHz	50 dB, 1-500 MHz 42 dB, 500-1 000 MHz 34 dB, 1 000-2 000 MHz

^a Primary impedance may differ, if necessary to accommodate analyser outputs other than 50 Ω.

^b Measured either by connecting the balanced output terminals together and measuring the return loss. The unbalanced balun input terminal shall be terminated by a 50 Ω load. Or measured at the common-mode port – if available – while terminating the balanced port for differential and common mode.

^c Measured per ITU-T Recommendations G.117 and O.9.

^d For 120 Ω cables, 120 Ω baluns will be used only in cases where it is requested by the user. Usually 100 Ω baluns will be used.

^e In case separate attenuators are used, they shall be excluded from the insertion loss measurement.

NOTE An overview of the configuration for the measurement of certain parameters is provided by EN 60512-27-100.

176 7.3 Balun-less test method

177 7.3.1 Test instrumentation

178 The test procedures hereby described require the use of a vector network analyser or similar test equipment.
 179 The analyser shall have the capability of full 4-port calibration and shall include the capability for isolation
 180 calibrations. The analyser shall cover at least the full frequency range of the cable or cabling under test
 181 (CUT).

182 Measurements shall be taken using a mixed mode test set-up, which is often referred to as an unbalanced,
 183 modal decomposition or balun-less setup. This allows measurements of balanced devices without use of an
 184 RF balun in the signal path. With such a test set-up, all balanced and unbalanced parameters can be
 185 measured over the full frequency range.

186 Such a configuration allows testing with both a common or differential mode stimulus and responses,
 187 ensuring that intermodal parameters can be measured without reconnection.

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188 A 16 port network analyser is required to measure all combinations of a 4 pair device without external
 189 switching; however, the network analyser shall have a minimum of 2 ports to enable the data to be collated
 190 and calculated.

191 It shall be noted that the use of a 4-port analyser will involve successive repositioning of the measurement
 192 ports in order to measure any given parameter.

193 A 4-port network analyser is recommended as a minimum number of ports, as this will allow the
 194 measurement of the full 16 term mixed mode S-parameter matrix on a given pair combination without
 195 switching or reconnection in one direction.

196 In order to minimize the reconnection of the CUT for each pair combination, the use of an RF switching unit
 197 is also recommended.

198 Each conductor of the pair or pair combination under test shall be connected to a separate port of the
 199 network analyser, and results are processed either by internal analysis within the network analyser or by an
 200 external application.

201 Reference loads and through connections are needed for the calibration of the set-up. Requirements for the
 202 reference loads are given in 7.3.5. Termination loads are needed for termination of pairs, used and unused,
 203 which are not terminated by the network analyser. Requirements for the termination loads are given in 7.3.7.

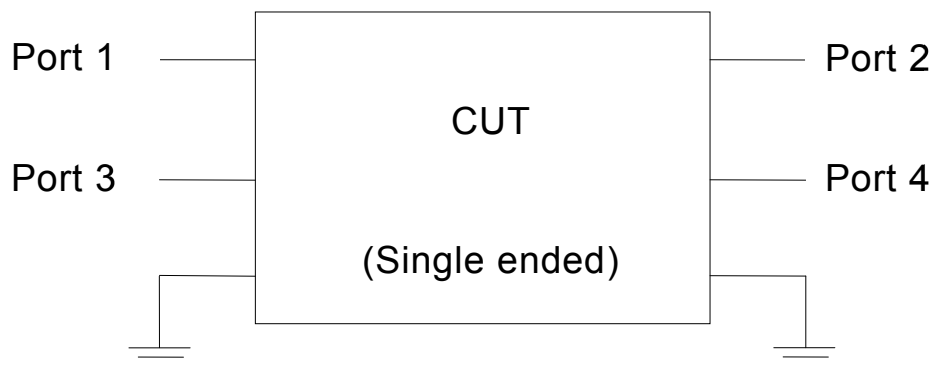
7.3.2 Measurement precautions

205 To assure a high degree of reliability for transmission measurements, the following precautions are required:

- 206 a) Consistent and stable resistor loads shall be used throughout the test sequence.
- 207 b) Cable and adapter discontinuities, as introduced by physical flexing, sharp bends and restraints shall
 208 be avoided before, during and after the tests.
- 209 c) Consistent test methodology and termination resistors shall be used at all stages of transmission
 210 performance qualifications. The relative spacing of conductors in the pairs shall be preserved
 211 throughout the tests to the greatest extent possible.
- 212 d) The balance of the cables shall be maintained to the greatest extent possible by consistent
 213 conductor lengths, pair twisting and lay up of the screen to the point of load.
- 214 e) The sensitivity to set-up variations for these measurements at high frequencies demands attention to
 215 details for both the measurement equipment and the procedures.

7.3.3 Mixed mode S-parameter nomenclature

217 The test methods specified in this document are based on a balun-less test setup in which all terminals of a
 218 device under test are measured and characterized as single-ended (SE) ports, i.e. signals (RF voltages and
 219 currents) are defined relative to a common ground. For a device with 4 terminals, a diagram is given in
 220 Figure 2.



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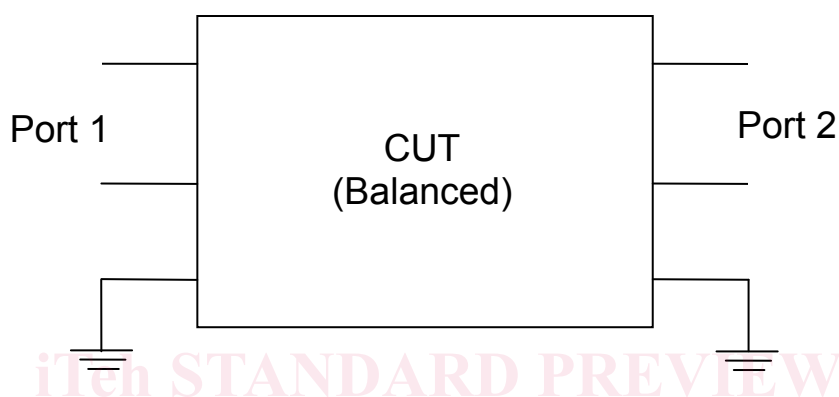
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Figure 2 — Diagram of a single-ended 4-port device

223 The 4-port device in figure 2 is characterized by the 16 term SE S -matrix given in
 224 Formula (1), in which the S -parameter S_{ba} expresses the relation between a single-ended response on port
 225 "b" resulting from a single ended stimulus on port "a".

$$226 \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} & S_{14} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} & S_{24} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} & S_{34} \\ S_{41} & S_{42} & S_{34} & S_{44} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

227 For a balanced device, each port is considered to consist of a pair of terminals (= a balanced port) as
 228 opposed to the SE ports defined above, see Figure 3.



229
 230 **Figure 3 — Diagram of a balanced 2 port device**

231 In order to characterize the balanced device, both the differential mode and the common mode signals on
 232 each balanced port shall be considered. The device can be characterized by a mixed mode S -matrix that
 233 includes all combinations of modes and ports, e.g. the mixed mode S -parameter S_{DC21} that expresses the
 234 relation between a differential mode response on port 2 resulting from a common mode stimulus on port 1.
 235 Using this nomenclature, the full set of mixed mode S -parameters for a 2-port can be presented as in table 2.

236 **Table 2 — Mixed mode S -parameter nomenclature**

		Differential mode stimulus		Common mode stimulus	
		Port 1	Port 2	Port 1	Port 2
Differential mode response	Port 1	S_{DD11}	S_{DD12}	S_{DC11}	S_{DC12}
	Port 2	S_{DD21}	S_{DD22}	S_{DC21}	S_{DC22}
Common mode response	Port 1	S_{CD11}	S_{CD12}	S_{CC11}	S_{CC12}
	Port 2	S_{CD21}	S_{CD22}	S_{CC21}	S_{CC22}

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 238 A 4-terminal device can be represented both as a 4-port SE device as in figure 2 characterized by a single
 239 ended S -matrix (Formula (1)) and as a 2 port balanced device as in figure 3 characterized by a mixed mode
 240 S -matrix (see table 2). As applying a SE signal to a port is mathematically equivalent to applying superposed
 241 differential and common mode signals, the SE and the mixed mode characterizations of the device are
 242 interrelated. The conversion from SE to mixed mode S -parameters is given in Annex A. Making use of this
 243 conversion, the mixed mode S -parameters may be derived from the measured SE S -matrix.

244 7.3.4 Coaxial cables and interconnect for network analysers

245 Assuming that the characteristic impedance of the network analyser is 50Ω , coaxial cables used to
 246 interconnect the network analyser, switching matrix and the test fixture shall be of 50Ω characteristic
 247 impedance and of low transfer impedance (double screen or more).