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telecommunications equipment for enhanced availability  
of service in specific applications**

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# Foreword

This final draft ETSI Standard (ES) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM), and is now submitted for the ETSI standards Membership Approval Procedure.

The present document defines the EMC requirements of telecommunication network equipment for an increased reliability and the resistibility requirements.

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# Introduction

The present document defines EMC requirements for telecommunications equipment to guarantee enhanced availability of service in specific applications. Resistibility requirements are also defined with reference to ITU-T K series recommendations.

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# 1 Scope

The present document covers the emission, immunity and resistibility requirements for telecommunications equipment where higher performance is required by operators to guarantee enhanced availability of service in specific applications.

The environments considered in the present document are defined in ETSI TR 101 651 [i.5] and are:

- telecommunication centres (classes 1 and 2 of ETSI TR 101 651 [i.5]);
- locations other than telecommunication centres (classes 3 and 4 of ETSI TR 101 651 [i.5]).

Data centres and similar facilities are also considered telecommunication centres, where they are within a dedicated room with servers, storage devices and associated telecommunication equipment.

Considering that all kinds of equipment are not equally important, two equipment categories and associated EMC requirements are introduced and are designated as:

- level 1 (see tables in clauses 9.1.1.1 to 9.1.1.5 and 9.2.1.1 to 9.2.1.5);
- level 2 (see tables in clauses 9.1.2.1 to 9.1.2.5 and 9.2.2.1 to 9.2.2.5);

the latter containing the more demanding requirements.

The appropriate level should be chosen by the operator considering the consequences of failure of the equipment which may lead to impaired function, loss of service, failure to meet contractual obligations or bad publicity and loss of reputation.

The present document is applicable to all equipment types, examples of which are listed below:

- switching equipment which includes trunk and local telephone exchanges, remote switching concentrators, international switches, telex switches and network packet switches, base station controllers, radio network controllers, network servers and gateways;
- non-radio transmission equipment which includes multiplexers, line equipment and repeaters, Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH), Digital Cross Connect (DXC), Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) and network terminations, transmission equipment used in the access network like xDSL;
- power supply equipment which includes central power plant, end of suite power supplies, power management systems and other dedicated telecommunications network power supplies;
- supervisory equipment and dedicated Operation And Maintenance (OAM) equipment;
- tariff and billing equipment;
- data centre equipment which includes: Storage, Processor, Server intended to be used within telecommunication network infrastructure.

## 2 References

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- [10] Recommendation ITU-T K.20 (06/2021): "Resistibility of telecommunication equipment installed in a telecommunications centre to overvoltages and overcurrents".
- [11] Recommendation ITU-T K.21 (08/2022): "Resistibility of telecommunication equipment installed in customer premises to overvoltages and overcurrents".
- [12] Recommendation ITU-T K.45 (10/2019): "Resistibility of telecommunication equipment installed in the access and trunk networks to overvoltages and overcurrents".
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- [i.1] Recommendation ITU-T K.44 (10-2019): "Resistibility tests for telecommunication equipment exposed to overvoltages and overcurrents - Basic Recommendation".
- [i.2] ETSI EN 300 132-1 (V.2.1.1) (03-2019): "Environmental Engineering (EE); Power supply interface at the input to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) equipment; Part 1: Alternating Current (AC)".
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- [i.5] ETSI TR 101 651 (V2.1.1): "Classification of the electromagnetic environment conditions for equipment in telecommunication networks".
- [i.6] ETSI EN 300 132-3 (V2.2.1): "Environmental Engineering (EE); Power supply interface at the input of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) equipment; Part 3: Up to 400 V Direct Current (DC)".
- [i.7] IEEE 1284™ (2000): "IEEE Standard Signalling Method for a Bidirectional Parallel Peripheral Interface for Personal Computers".
- [i.8] IEEE 1394™ (2008): "IEEE Standard for High Performance Serial Bus Bridges".
- [i.9] Void.
- [i.10] EN 55032 (2015 + Amendment A11: 2020 + Amendment A1: 2020): "Electromagnetic compatibility of multimedia equipment - Emission requirements" (produced by CENELEC).

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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 IEC 60050-161 [i.4] and the following apply:

NOTE: Where applicable, the clause number of IEC 60050-161 [i.4] is in parenthesis.

**Audio (low) Frequency (AF):** frequency interval from 0 Hz to 20 kHz

NOTE: It may sometimes be convenient to extend the use of this term to include the range of frequencies up to 150 kHz.

**burst (161-02-07):** sequence of a limited number of distinct pulses or an oscillation of limited duration



**characteristic severity:** characteristic severity for a certain detail parameter in an environmental class states a severity which has only a low probability (generally less than 1 %) of being exceeded

NOTE: The term relates to duration, rate of occurrence or location. It applies to requirements on the environment and to immunity requirements.

**connection:** temporary association of transmission channels or telecommunication circuits, switching or other functional units set up to provide for the transfer of information between two or more points in a telecommunication network (IEC 60050-714 [14])

**continuous disturbance (161-02-11):** electromagnetic disturbance the effects of which on a particular device or equipment cannot be resolved into a succession of distinct effects

**data centre:** structure, or group of structures, dedicated to the centralized accommodation, interconnection and operation of information technology and network telecommunications equipment providing data storage, processing and transport services together with all the facilities and infrastructures for power distribution and environmental control together with the necessary levels of resilience and security required to provide the desired service availability

**discontinuous interference (161-02-13):** electromagnetic interference occurring during certain time intervals separated by interference-free intervals

**duration (of a pulse):** interval of time between the instants at which the instantaneous value of a pulse reaches 50 % of the pulse magnitude for the first and last time

**duration (of a voltage change) (161-08-03):** interval of time for the voltage to increase or decrease from the initial value to the final value

**enclosure port:** physical boundary of the Equipment Under Test (EUT) through which electromagnetic fields may emanate or on which they may impinge

**environment, environmental conditions:** electromagnetic conditions external to the equipment, to which it is subjected at a certain time

NOTE: The environmental conditions comprise a combination of single environmental parameters and their severities.

**environmental class:** representation of the environment on locations with similar properties

NOTE: They are specified and standardized to provide an operational frame of reference for:

- requirements on the environment;
- immunity requirements.

The class is described using an envelope of environmental conditions expressed in terms of a number of environmental parameters and their characteristic severities or other characteristics. The environmental parameters specified for the class are limited to those which may affect equipment performance.

**environmental parameters:** present one or more properties of the electromagnetic environment

**immunity (to a disturbance) (161-01-20):** ability of a device, equipment or system to perform without degradation in the presence of an electromagnetic disturbance

**impulsive disturbance (161-02-09):** electromagnetic disturbance which, when incident on a particular device or equipment, manifests itself as a succession of distinct pulses or transients

**level:** measures on a relative scale how important it is that the equipment operates as specified

NOTE: Two levels are defined for the purpose of the present document and are designated as level 1 and level 2.

Level 1 should be selected if the equipment has moderate failure consequences. An equipment has moderate failure consequences when:

- a failure causes limited inconvenience;
- repairs may be made without compromising the responsibilities of the network operator.

Level 2 should be selected if the equipment has severe failure consequences. An equipment has severe failure consequences when:

- failure compromises the function of vital, centralized systems, or services of commercially sensitive or security related nature;
- repair or restoration costs are high, or the time the equipment is out of service is unacceptably long;
- corruption of charging or billing information occurs.

**Network Termination Point (NTP):** physical point at the boundary of the Public Switched Telecommunications Networks (PSTN) intended to accept the connection of a Terminal Equipment

**performance criterion:** limits of acceptable behaviour of the equipment during and after the application of the electromagnetic phenomenon

NOTE: Performance criteria A apply for continuous phenomena; performance criteria B and C apply for transient phenomena; and performance criteria R apply for resistibility phenomena.

**port:** particular interface of the EUT with the external electromagnetic environment

**pulse (161-02-02):** abrupt variation of short duration of a physical quantity followed by a rapid return to the initial value

**quiescent level:** steady state performance of the equipment operating as intended when configured for EMC immunity testing prior to the application of any disturbance signal

**Radio Frequencies (RF):** frequency range above 150 kHz

**rise time (of a pulse) (161-02-05):** interval of time between the instants at which the instantaneous value of a pulse first reaches a specified lower value and then a specified upper value

NOTE: Unless otherwise specified, the lower and upper values are fixed at 10 % and 90 % of the pulse magnitude.

**shielding effectiveness:** for a given external source, the ratio of electric or magnetic field strength at a point before and after the placement of the shield in question

**signal line ports:** these include wired network ports, RF ports or ports intended for the interconnection of components of an EUT, or between an EUT and AE and used in accordance with relevant functional specifications

NOTE: E.g. for the maximum length of cable connected to it.

**surge (voltage) (161-08-11):** transient voltage wave propagating along a line or a circuit and characterized by a rapid increase followed by a slower decrease of the voltage

**telecommunications network:** network operated under a licence granted by a national telecommunications authority, which provides telecommunications between Network Termination Points (NTPs)

NOTE: I.e. excluding terminal equipment beyond the NTPs.

**transient (adjective or noun) (161-02-01):** pertaining to or designating a phenomenon or a quantity which varies between two consecutive steady states during a time interval which is short compared with the timescale of interest

**wired network ports:** point of connection for voice, data and signalling transfers intended to interconnect widely dispersed systems by direct connection to a single-user or multi-user communication network

NOTE 1: E.g. PSTN, ISDN, xDSL, LAN and similar networks.

NOTE 2: A port generally intended for interconnection of components of the EUT (e.g. RS-232, IEEE 1284<sup>TM</sup> [i.7] (parallel printer), Universal Serial Bus (USB), IEEE 1394<sup>TM</sup> [i.8] ("Fire Wire"), etc.) and used in accordance with its functional specifications (e.g. for the maximum length of cable connected to it), is not considered to be a wired network port under this definition.

NOTE 3: See EN 55032 [i.10].

NOTE 4: These ports may support screened or unscreened cables and may also carry AC or DC power where this is an integral part of the communication specification.

## 3.2 Symbols

Void.

## 3.3 Abbreviations

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

AC	Alternating Current
ADSL	Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line
AE	Auxiliary Equipment
AM	Amplitude Modulation
ATM	Asynchronous Transfer Mode
CDN	Coupling Decoupling Network
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
CRT	Cathode Ray Tube
DC	Direct Current
DXC	Digital Cross Connect
EE	Environmental Engineering
EMC	ElectroMagnetic Compatibility
EN	European Norm
ESD	ElectroStatic Discharge
ETS	European Telecommunications Standard
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
EUT	Equipment Under Test
HDSL	High bit-rate Digital Subscriber Line
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (2022-11)
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network
LAN	Local Area Network
NTP	Network Termination Point
OAM	Operation And Maintenance
PSTN	Public Switched Telecommunication Network
RF	Radio Frequency
SDH	Synchronous Digital Hierarchy
SDSL	Symmetrical single pair high bit rate Digital Subscriber Line
USB	Universal Serial Bus
VDSL	Very high speed Digital Subscriber Line

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## 4 General operational conditions

### 4.0 General requirements

This clause gives the general operational conditions. The product-specific operating conditions will be derived from the product description and documentation and stated in the test report.

The general operational conditions shall allow for appropriate measuring of the emission and for testing of immunity.

The tests described shall be performed with the Equipment Under Test (EUT) powered up (i.e. connected to an appropriate power supply) and operating in a manner which is as representative of normal operation as possible.

Details on the evaluation of test results are given in annex A.

## 4.1 Equipment configuration

Power and signal distribution, grounding, interconnecting cabling and physical placement of equipment of a test system shall simulate the typical application and usage in so far as is practicable, and shall be in accordance with the relevant product specifications.

The configuration that tends to maximize the EUT's emission or minimize its immunity is not usually intuitively obvious and in most instances selection will involve some trial and error testing.

Where equipment may be connected with cables routed either overhead or from beneath (i.e. equipment mounted on a raised floor) the equipment shall be tested in a manner representative of an installation using overhead cable routing.

**EXAMPLE:** Interface cables may be moved or equipment re-orientated during initial stages of testing and the effects on the results observed.

Only configurations within the range of positions likely to occur in normal use need to be considered.

The configuration selected shall be fully detailed and documented in the test report, together with the justification for selecting that particular configuration.

## 4.2 Exercising equipment

The exercising equipment and other auxiliary equipment shall be sufficiently decoupled from the EUT so that the performance of such equipment does not significantly influence the test results.

## 4.3 Laboratory environment

For all the tests, the test laboratory environment shall be the one defined in the corresponding basic standards.

The electromagnetic environment of the test laboratory shall not influence the results.

The laboratory environment shall not exceed the limits specified by the manufacturer for normal operation of the EUT.

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# 5 General performance criteria for immunity tests

## 5.0 General requirements

In this clause, general performance criteria are defined and equipment shall meet these criteria when tested according to the requirements of clause 8.

The manufacturer has the obligation to express the specific performance criteria in terms which relate to the normal performance of his specific product when used as intended according to the product description and documentation.

### **Interpretation of compliance**

The equipment is deemed to comply with the EMC requirements if:

- it meets the test levels given in tables in clauses 9.1.1.1 to 9.2.2.5;
- it meets the performance criteria according to tables in clauses 9.1.1.1 to 9.2.2.5;
- it is operated according to the general and product specific operating conditions, given in clause 4 and in the product documentation;
- the performance items, as derived from the product documentation, being monitored.