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## Introduction

Pulses in vehicles are generated by different switching events of electrical loads connected to the supply system and coupled via the wiring harness to other components or wires. For test purpose, these pulse phenomena are simulated by pulse generators and coupled via coupling structures to the wiring of a device under test. The test pulses are not real pulses but representatives for the wide range of pulse shapes, amplitudes, source resistances and pulse energy observed in vehicles. The definition of the test pulses and the coupling structures are described in ISO 7637-1, ISO 7637-2 and ISO 7637-3. Based on the standard definition, test equipment has been developed and is commercially available.

The experience with existing test equipment shows some difficulties in terms of result reproducibility for the same DUT dependent on the used generator, which is caused by different realization of test generators coupling and decoupling networks. The intention of this document is to describe the background for these variances and to define methods for harmonization of different generator behaviour.

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# Road vehicles — Electrical disturbances from conduction and coupling —

## Part 5:

# Enhanced definitions and verification methods for harmonization of pulse generators according to ISO 7637

## 1 Scope

This document proposes extended definitions for pulse generators and verification methods necessary for harmonization of different generators used for pulse testing in accordance to ISO 7637-2 to ensure the comparability and reproducibility of test results independent on generator types. It presents generator verification results based on current definitions of ISO 7637-2, which shows significant differences depending on the used generator type and explains the technical background of the variances.

This document is based on ISO 7637-1, ISO 7637-2 and ISO 7637-3.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1

#### device under test

##### DUT

one single component or a combination of components as defined to be tested

### 3.2

#### ground plane

##### GP

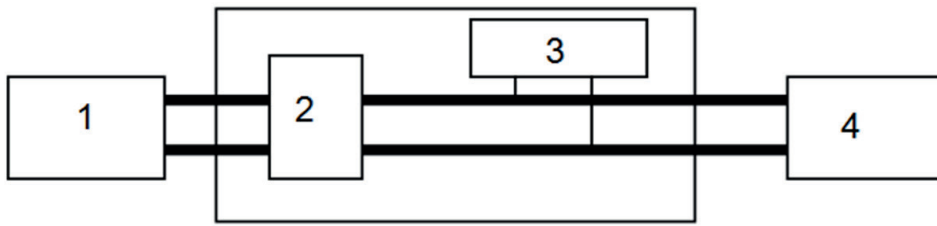
flat conductive surface whose potential is used as a common reference

Note 1 to entry: Where applicable, the test voltage should also be referenced to the ground plane.

## 4 Test pulse generator description

### 4.1 Existing generator description

The main parts of pulse generators are the pulse shaping and coupling networks, (important for generating and applying the test pulses to the DUT) and the decoupling network (important for protecting the connected power supply and effecting the pulse coupling to DUT). A block diagram is shown in [Figure 1](#).



**Key**

- 1 power supply
- 2 decoupling network
- 3 pulse shaping and coupling network
- 4 DUT (or verification load)

**Figure 1 — Pulse generator principle**

The generator description in the current edition of ISO 7637-2 defines only: “The test pulse generator shall be capable of producing the open circuit test pulses described in 5.6.1 to 5.6.4 at the maximum value of  $|U_s|$ .  $U_s$  shall be adjustable within the limits given in Tables 2 to 6. The timing (t) tolerances and internal resistance ( $R_i$ ) tolerance shall be  $\pm 20\%$  unless otherwise specified.”

Beyond that, only timing diagrams of the open circuit voltage and the internal resistor are defined.

**4.2 Test setups for generator verification**

**4.2.1 General**

The test setup for generator verification is intended to represent typical load conditions applied to the test generator out of the infinite range of test applications. For the different setups, the test generator is expected to show a linear behaviour without resonance effects, under- or over-swing effects. The setup is defined to evaluate relevant data of the test generator with minimal effect to the tolerance scheme of the complete test environment.

**4.2.2 Existing verification setups**

The actual test setup and generator verification procedure are described in ISO 7637-2:2011, Annex C and limits the verification to open and matched termination with resistive load (load resistor equal to generator internal pulse source impedance) as shown in Table 1 and Figure 2.

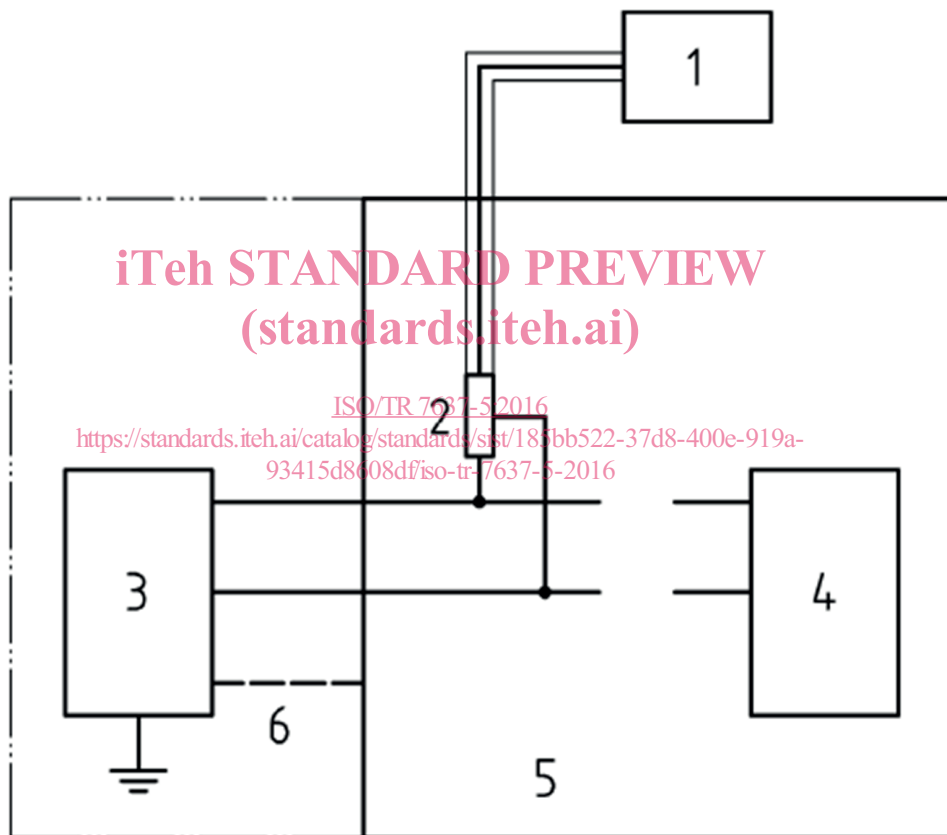
The verification defines and requires

- $U_a = 0$  V,
- open load condition with
  - 10 % magnitude tolerance for pulses 1, 2a, 3a, 3b,
  - 20 % of duration for pulses 1, 2a and 30 % duration for pulses 3a, 3b,
- matched load condition with
  - 20 % tolerance of magnitude for pulses 1, 2a, 3a, 3b,
  - 20 % of duration for pulses 1, 2a and 30 % duration for pulses 3a, 3b,
  - matching load resistor with 1 % tolerance.



Table 1 — Test pulse 1 parameters

Test pulse 1 (Nominal 12 V system)			
Test pulse 1	$V_s$	$t_r$	$t_d$
No load	$-100 \text{ V} \pm 10 \text{ V}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 - 0,5 \end{pmatrix} \mu\text{s}$	$2\,000 \mu\text{s} \pm 400 \mu\text{s}$
10 $\Omega$ load	$-50 \text{ V} \pm 10 \text{ V}$	—	$1\,500 \mu\text{s} \pm 300 \mu\text{s}$
Test pulse 1 (Nominal 24 V system)			
Test pulse 1	$V_s$	$t_r$	$t_d$
No load	$-600 \text{ V} \pm 60 \text{ V}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 - 1,5 \end{pmatrix} \mu\text{s}$	$1\,000 \mu\text{s} \pm 200 \mu\text{s}$
50 $\Omega$ load	$-300 \text{ V} \pm 60 \text{ V}$	—	$1\,000 \mu\text{s} \pm 200 \mu\text{s}$

**Key**

- 1 oscilloscope or equivalent
- 2 voltage probe
- 3 test pulse generator with internal resistance  $R_i$
- 4 DUT disconnected
- 5 ground plane
- 6 ground connection; maximum length for test pulse 3 is 100 mm

Figure 2 — Generator verification setup

In addition, ISO 7637-2:2011, Annex D provides equations for voltage, current and energy calculation of a simple RC discharging network, consisting of a storage capacitor, internal and external resistor.

With these setup and tolerance definitions, all existing pulse generators can be verified successfully. But the limited definitions and wide tolerances lead to different test results with different test generators and especially under load conditions as described in 4.3.3 and Annex A.

Resonances and nonlinear behaviour of test generators, occurring when a real DUT is connected and powered via the pulse generator, cannot be detected with the existing verification method. Hence, more detailed definitions of pulse shaping, coupling and decoupling network and an enhanced verification definition are necessary.

**4.2.3 Extended verification setups**

Extended verification setups represent a wider range of application load impedances. These may be expected in real applications and enable to determine the available power. Based on the existing verification setup, an extended set of termination impedances is defined and the pulses are described with closer tolerances.

The following set of verification impedances is defined in Table 2:

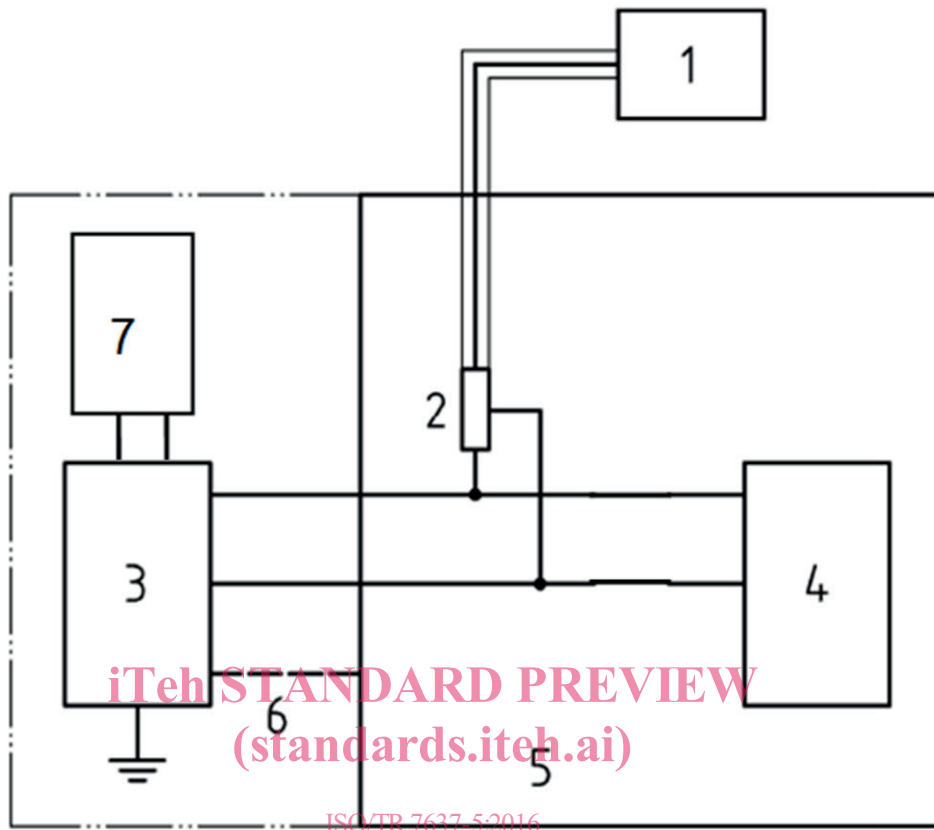
- open load conditions;
- matched resistor to generator source impedance;
- low resistive load to simulate applications with high current consumption;
- resistive-capacitive load, to simulate low power loads (e.g. sensors).

This set of termination networks define the relevant values for the frequency spectra of the pulses.

**Table 2 — Generator verification condition and load definition**

Supply	Load	1	2a	3a	3b
unsupplied $U_a = 0\text{ V}$	open load	defined	defined	defined	defined
	matched load	defined	defined	defined	defined
supplied $U_a = U_N$	open load	—	new	tbd	tbd
	matched load	—	new	tbd	tbd
	$1\Omega$	new	new	—	—
	$100\text{nF}  1\text{k}\Omega$	new	new	—	—

An enhanced generator verification setup is described in [Figure 3](#).



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#### Key

- 1 oscilloscope or equivalent
- 2 voltage probe
- 3 test pulse generator with internal resistance  $R_i$
- 4 verification load
- 5 ground plane
- 6 ground connection; max. length for test pulse 3 is 100 mm
- 7 battery or power supply

**Figure 3 — Enhanced generator verification setup**

## 4.3 Generator verification

### 4.3.1 General

The performances of 16 pulse generators, specified for pulse immunity test according to ISO 7637, have been verified in order to check the compliance with the standard and the behaviour under real test conditions with supply and typical loads.

In the first step, the test setups for generator verification defined in ISO 7637 were used and the compliance with the specification was checked. In the second step, the generator input was connected to a power supply and the pulse generator output was loaded with different load impedances as given by real devices under test (DUT). In both setups, the pulse waveform and the specified pulse parameters were monitored.

4.3.2 Verification results with existing setup definitions

For verification of the compliance with the standardized values, the maximal pulse voltage and the pulse width at three different test levels for pulse 1 were measured and the deviation to the standardized value was evaluated. Table 3 shows the verification results.

Table 3 — Generator verification result summary pulse 1

Test-pulse	Supply U <sub>a</sub>	Load	Generator voltage U <sub>s</sub>	Pulse voltage U <sub>s</sub> (min/max)	U <sub>s</sub> deviation % <b>standard</b> (min/max)	Pulse width t <sub>d</sub> (min/max)	t <sub>d</sub> deviation % <b>standard</b> (min/max)
ISO pulse 1 open-load definition <sup>a</sup>	no	open	-100 V	-100 V ± 10 V	<b>±10 %</b>	2 ms ± 0,4 ms	<b>±20 %</b>
result	no	open	-50 V	-56 V/-45 V	<b>5,0 %</b> (-9,4 %/+12,5 %)	1,8 ms/2,3 ms	<b>6,1 %</b> (-10 %/+15 %)
result <sup>a</sup>	no	open	-100 V	-109 V/-93 V	<b>3,5%</b> (-6,3 %/+9,2 %)	1,9 ms/2,2 ms	<b>5,4 %</b> (-5 %/+10 %)
result	no	open	-150 V	-142 V/-164 V	<b>3,5 %</b> (-5,2 %/+9,1 %)	1,9 ms/2,2 ms	<b>5,5 %</b> (-5 %/+10 %)
ISO pulse 1 10Ω-load definition <sup>a</sup>	no	10Ω	-100 V	-50 V ± 10 V	<b>±20 %</b>	1,5 ms ± 0,3 ms	<b>±20 %</b>
result	no	10Ω	-50 V	-25 V/-22 V	<b>3,3 %</b> (-5,8 %/+4,6 %)	1,4 ms/1,6 ms	<b>5 %</b> (-6,7 %/+6,7 %)
result <sup>a</sup>	no	10Ω	-100 V	-52 V/-46 V	<b>3,6 %</b> (-6,8 %/+5,5 %)	1,3 ms/1,5 ms	<b>4,1 %</b> (-13,3 %/0 %)
result	no	10Ω	-150 V	-80 V/-70 V	<b>4,4 %</b> (-6,9 %/7,5 %)	1,3 ms/1,5 ms	<b>3,9 %</b> (-13,3 %/0 %)

<sup>a</sup> Values to be verified according to ISO 7637-2 definition.

The standard deviation of the pulse voltage over all generators for pulse 1 for three levels -50 V, -100 V and -150 V varies between 3,5 % and 5 % for open load conditions. The maximal deviation increases up to 12,5 % at -50 V. The standard deviation of the pulse width over all generators for pulse 1 for three levels -50 V, -100 V and -150 V varies between 5,4 % and 6,1 % for open load conditions. The maximal deviation increases up to 15 % at -50 V. All generators are well within the standardized tolerances (required for -100 V).

The standard deviation of the pulse voltage over all generators for pulse 1 for three levels -50 V, -100 V and -150 V varies between 3,3 % and 4,4 % for 10Ω conditions. The maximal deviation increases up to 7,5 % at -150 V. The standard deviation of the pulse width over all evaluated generators for pulse 1 for three levels -50 V, -100 V and -150 V varies between 3,9 % and 5 % for 10Ω conditions. The maximal deviation increases up to -13,3 % at -100 V. One generator failed the pulse width requirements with -46,7 % and has been excluded from deviation assessment. All generators except one (excluded) are within the standardized tolerances (required for -100 V).

More information about the evaluated pulse parameters and monitored pulse wave forms are given in Annex A.

For compliance verification of pulse 2a, the maximal pulse voltage and the pulse width at four different test levels were measured. Furthermore, the deviation to the standardized values was evaluated. [Table 4](#) shows the verification results.

**Table 4 — Generator verification result summary pulse 2a**

Test-pulse	Supply $U_a$	Load	Generator voltage $U_s$	Pulse voltage $U_s$ (min/max)	$U_s$ deviation % <b>standard</b> (min/max)	Pulse width $t_d$ (min/max)	$t_d$ deviation % <b>standard</b> (min/max)
ISO 2a open-load definition <sup>a</sup>	no	open	75 V	75 V ± 7,5 V	±10 %	50 µs ± 10 µs	±20 %
result	no	open	50 V	48 V/51 V	<b>3,0 %</b> (-4,0%/+5,6%)	45 µs/58 µs	<b>6,9 %</b> (-10,0%/15,2%)
result <sup>a</sup>	no	open	75 V	72 V/78 V	<b>2,9 %</b> (-3,5 %/+3,9 %)	45 µs/55 µs	<b>6,6 %</b> (-10,0 %/10%)
result	no	open	100 V	97 V/101 V	<b>1,6 %</b> (-2,9 %/+1,8 %)	45 µs/55 µs	<b>7,1 %</b> (-10,0 %/10 %)
result	no	open	125 V	120 V/126 V	<b>1,6 %</b> (-3,6 %/+1,4 %)	44 µs/56 µs	<b>8,3 %</b> (-12 %/12 %)
ISO 2a 2-Ω-load definition <sup>a</sup>	no	2Ω	75 V	37,5 V ± 7,5 V	±20 %	12 µs ± 2,4 µs	±20 %
result	no	2Ω	50 V	19 V/26 V	<b>9,4 %</b> (-24,8 %/+4,0 %)	11,8 µs/15 µs	<b>10,6 %</b> (-1,7 %/25 %)
result <sup>a</sup>	no	2Ω	75 V	33 V/41 V	<b>8,3 %</b> (-13 %/+9,2 %)	11,8 µs/14,4 µs	<b>8,6 %</b> (-1,7 %/20 %)
result	no	2Ω	100 V	44 V/53 V	<b>7,0 %</b> (-11,3 %/+5,8 %)	11,8 µs/14 µs	<b>7,3 %</b> (-1,7 %/16,7 %)
result	no	2Ω	125 V	56 V/68 V	<b>7,7 %</b> (-10,9 %/+8 %)	11,8 µs/13,7 µs	<b>6,4 %</b> (-1,7 %/14,2 %)

<sup>a</sup> Values to be verified according to ISO 7637-2 definition.

The standard deviation of the pulse voltage over all generators for pulse 2a for four levels 50 V, 75 V, 100 V and 125 V varies between 1,6 % and 3 % for open load conditions. The maximal deviation increases up to 5,6 % at 50 V. The standard deviation of the pulse width over all generators for pulse 2a for four levels 50 V, 75 V, 100 V and 125 V varies between 6,6 % and 8,3 % for open load conditions. The maximal deviation increases up to 15,2 % at 50 V. All generators are well within the standardized tolerances (required for 75 V).

The standard deviation of the pulse voltage over all generators for pulse 2a for four levels 50 V, 75 V, 100 V and 125 V varies between 7 % and 9,4 % for 2Ω load conditions. The maximal deviation increases significantly up to 24,8 % at 50 V. The standard deviation of the pulse width over all evaluated generators for pulse 2a for four levels 50 V, 75 V, 100 V and 125 V varies between 6,4 % and 10,6 % for 2Ω load conditions. The maximal deviation increases significantly up to 25 % at 50 V. One generator failed the pulse width requirements with +38,3 % and has been excluded from deviation assessment. All generators except one (excluded) are within the standardized tolerances (required for 75 V).

More information about the evaluated pulse parameters and monitored pulse wave forms are given in [Annex A](#).