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Introduction

The purpose of the present document is to define only those antenna parameters necessary to ensure optimum frequency co-ordination between communication services in the frequency range 3 GHz to 60 GHz. Additional parameters appropriate to system implementation may be subject to agreement between the equipment purchaser and supplier. Further guidance is provided in annex A.

1 Scope

The present document addresses the minimum requirements for single main beam, linear polarization, directional antennas to be adopted in conjunction with Point-to-Point (P-P) systems operating in the frequency range 3 GHz to 60 GHz.

Single polarization antennas, dual polarization antennas, dual band/single polarized antennas and dual band/dual polarization antennas are considered.

A regulatory authority may impose tighter requirements than the minimum values given in the present document, in order to maximize the use of the scarce spectrum resources.

2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non-specific.
- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.
- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies.
- A non-specific reference to an ETS shall also be taken to refer to later versions published as an EN with the same number.

- [1] WARC 1992 Final Acts: "Final Acts of the World Administrative Radio Conference for dealing with frequency allocations in certain parts of the spectrum".
- [2] ITU-R Recommendation F.746-2: "Radio-frequency channel arrangements for radio-relay systems".
- [3] IEC 835-2-2 (1994): "Methods of measurement for equipment used in digital microwave transmission systems - Part 2: Measurements on terrestrial radio-relay systems - Section 2: Antenna".
- [4] EN 301 126-3-1: "Fixed Radio Systems; Conformance testing; Part 1: Point-to-Point equipment - Definitions, general requirements and test procedures".
- [5] IEC 169 (all parts): "Radio-frequency connectors".
- [6] IEC 154 (all parts): "Flanges for waveguides".

3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply:

antenna inter port isolation: it is the ratio in dB of the power level applied to one port of a multi-port antenna to the power level received in any other port of the same antenna as function of frequency

antennas: that part of the transmitting or receiving system that is designed to radiate and/or receive electromagnetic waves

co-polar pattern: diagram representing the radiation pattern of the antenna under test when the reference antenna is similarly polarized, scaled in dBi or dB relative to the measured antenna gain

cross-polar discrimination: difference in dB between the co-polarized main beam gain and the cross-polarized signal measured within a defined region

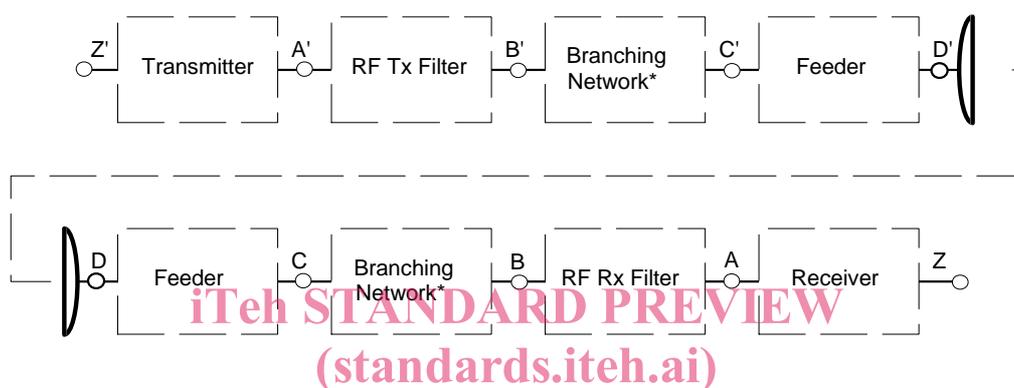
cross-polar pattern: diagram representing the radiation pattern of the antenna under test when the reference antenna is orthogonally polarized, scaled in dBi or dB relative to the measured antenna gain

frequency band: frequency band of an antenna is the band of frequencies over which the performance characteristics of the antenna are within specified limits

gain: ratio of the radiation intensity, in the main beam axis to the radiation intensity that would be obtained if the power accepted by the antenna were radiated isotropically. Value measured in dBi

half power beamwidth: angle, relative to the main beam axis, between the two directions at which the measured co-polar pattern is 3 dB below the value on the main beam axis

input port(s): flange(s) or connector(s) through which access to the antenna system is provided. This is shown in the following figure 1 at points D and D'



NOTE: The points shown above are reference points only; points B, C and D, B', C' and D' may coincide.

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Figure 1: System block diagram

isotropic radiator: hypothetical, lossless antenna having equal radiation intensity in all directions

main beam axis: direction for which the radiation pattern intensity is the maximum

main beam: radiation lobe containing the direction of maximum radiation

radiation pattern envelope: envelope below which the radiation pattern shall fit

radiation pattern: diagram relating power flux density at a constant distance from an antenna to direction relative to the antenna main beam axis

radome: cover of dielectric material, intended for protecting an antenna from the effects of the physical environment

3.2 Symbols

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

dB	deciBel
dBi	deciBels relative to an isotropic radiator
GHz	GigaHertz

3.3 Abbreviations

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

P-P	Point-to-Point
RPE	Radiation Pattern Envelope
VSWR	Voltage Standing Wave Ratio
WARC	World Administrative Radio Conference
XPD	cross-Polar Discrimination

4 Frequency ranges

The present document applies to sub-bands within 3 GHz to 60 GHz frequency band. Fixed link frequency allocations are in accordance with the WARC 1992 Final Acts [1] as given in ITU-R Recommendation F.746-2 [2] and other frequency plans.

For the purposes of the present document, the overall frequency range 3 GHz to 60 GHz is divided into six frequency ranges as follows:

- range 1: 3 GHz to 14 GHz;
- range 2: 14 GHz to 20 GHz;
- range 3: 20 GHz to 24 GHz;
- range 4: 24 GHz to 30 GHz;
- range 5: 30 GHz to 47 GHz;
- range 6: 47 GHz to 60 GHz.

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5 Classification of antennas

With respect to antenna gain, two gain categories are applicable:

- Gain category 1: those antennas which require low gain for co-ordination purposes;
- Gain category 2: those antennas which require high gain for co-ordination purposes.

With respect to Radiation Pattern Envelope (RPE), four classes have been identified:

Class 1: those antennas required for use in networks where there is a low interference potential. Typical examples of a low interference potential might be:

- antennas for use in radio networks where there is a low density deployment, and therefore, a low potential for inter- and intra-system interference, and where high capacity digital radio is proposed;
- antennas for use in radio networks where there is a medium potential for inter- and intra-system interference, and where low capacity digital radio is proposed.

Class 2: those antennas required for use in networks where there is a high interference potential. Typical examples of a high interference potential might be:

- antennas for use in radio networks where there is a medium potential for inter- and intra-system interference, and where high capacity digital radio is proposed;
- antennas for use in radio networks where there is a high density deployment, and therefore, a high potential for inter- and intra-system interference, and where low capacity digital radio is proposed.

Class 3: those antennas required for use in networks where there is a very high interference potential. Typical examples of a very high interference potential might be:

- antennas for use in radio networks where there is a high density deployment, and therefore, a high potential for inter- and intra-system interference, and where high capacity digital radio is proposed.

Class 4: those antennas required for use in networks where there is an extremely high interference potential. Typical examples of an extremely high interference potential might be:

- antennas for use in radio networks where there is a very high density deployment, and therefore, a very high potential for inter- and intra-system interference, and where high capacity digital radio is proposed.

In frequency bands where spectrum congestion is likely to exist the regulator may insist on the use of higher class antennas.

With respect to cross-Polar Discrimination (XPD), three XPD performance categories have been identified (refer to subclause 6.2, table 1):

XPD category 1: those antennas required to have standard cross-polar discrimination;

XPD category 2: those antennas required to have high cross-polar discrimination;

XPD category 3: those antennas required to have high cross-polar discrimination in extended angular region.

6 Electrical characteristics

The antenna manufacturer shall state, for each antenna type, the frequency band of operation and antenna gain at least at the frequency band edges and at mid-band. An antenna which employs a radome shall meet the requirements of the present document with the radome in place.

The antenna system shall radiate a linear (single or dual) polarized wave.

The method of measurement shall be in accordance to IEC 835-2-2 [3].

6.1 Radiation Pattern Envelope (RPE)

RPE(s) for each class are included, in order to present the maximum flexibility to administrations for optimized co-ordination.

The co-polar and cross-polar radiation pattern measured in the azimuth plane for both polarizations, shall not exceed the RPE(s) defined in the following list:

Range 1:

Class 1: figure 2a);

Class 2: figure 2b);

Class 3: figure 2c);

Class 4: figure 2d).

Range 2:

Class 1: figure 3a);

Class 2: figure 3b);

Class 3: figure 3c).

Range 3:

Class 1: figure 4a);

Class 2: figure 4b);

Class 3: figure 4c).

Range 4:

Class 1: figure 5a);

Class 2: figure 5b).

Range 5:

Class 1: figure 6a);

Class 2: figure 6b);

Class 3: figure 6c), vertically polarized only.

Range 6:

Class 1: figure 7a);

Class 2: figure 7b);

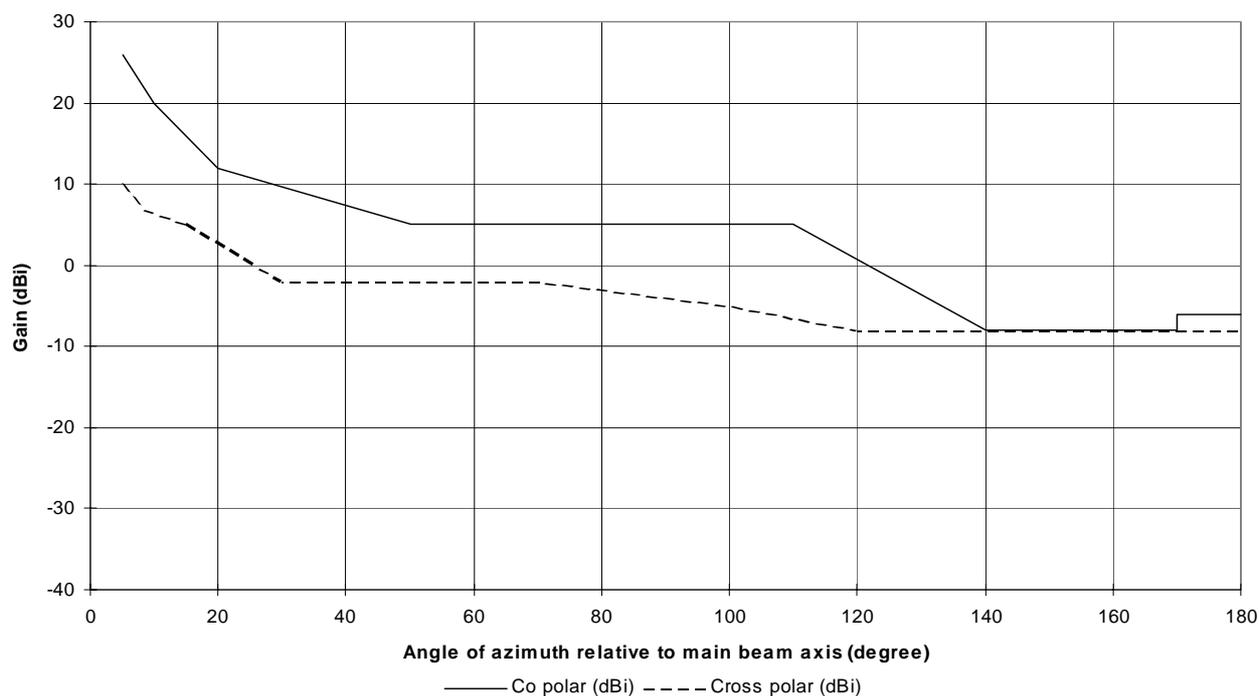
Class 3: figure 7c), vertically polarized only.

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Frequency range 1 3 - 14 GHz



Angle (degrees)	Co-polar (dBi)	Angle (degrees)	Cross-polar (dBi)
5	26	5	10
10	20	8	7
20	12	15	5
50	5	30	-2
110	5	70	-2
140	-8	100	-5
170	-8	120	-8
170	-6	180	-8
180	-6		

Figure 2a: RPEs for class 1 antennas in the frequency range 1