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## 59 European foreword

60 This document (prEN 50388-2:2023) has been prepared by CLC/SC 9XC, “Electric supply and earthing  
61 systems for public transport equipment and auxiliary apparatus (Fixed installations)”, of CLC/TC 9X,  
62 “Electrical and electronic applications for railways”.

63 It is also relevant to the scope and expertise of CLC/SC 9XB, “Electromechanical material on board of rolling  
64 stock”.

65 This document is currently submitted to the Enquiry.

66 The following dates are proposed:

- latest date by which the existence of this document has to be announced at national level (doa) dor + 6 months
- latest date by which this document has to be implemented at national level by publication of an identical national standard or by endorsement (dop) dor + 12 months
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67 EN 50388 “Railway applications – Fixed installations and rolling stock - Technical criteria for the coordination  
68 between traction power supply and rolling stock to achieve interoperability” consists of the following parts:

69 — Part 1: General

70 — Part 2: Stability and harmonics

71 This document has been prepared under a standardization request addressed to CENELEC by the  
72 European Commission. The Standing Committee of the EFTA States subsequently approves these requests  
73 for its Member States.

74 For the relationship with EU Legislation, see informative Annex ZZ, which is an integral part of this  
75 document.

76 **Introduction**

77 To improve readability, this document is structured as shown in Table 1, which only shows references to the  
78 most important sections.

79 **Table 1 — Structure of this document**

Topic	Requirements		Tests and documentation	
	Section	Main requirements	Section	Most important elements
<b>Electrical resonance stability</b>	4.1	Definition of a limit frequency $f_L$ - Lowest power system resonance frequency shall not be $< f_L$ - All controlled elements shall be passive for all frequencies $> f_L$ Requirements for filter capacitors	5.1	For controlled elements, in most cases measurement of frequency response of input admittance is required. 5.1.1.2 Defines in which cases input admittance shall be measured and how it shall be measured. 5.1.1.3 Defines the combined test 5.1.1.4 Defines in which cases simulation is sufficient and specifies the requirements for the simulator. 5.1.1.5 Defines in which cases declaration of conformity is sufficient. 5.1.2 Defines the methods to be used to assess the lowest resonant frequency of the power supply.
	A.1	Technical background about electrical resonance stability		
	B.1	Examples of real electrical resonance instability experiences		
<b>Low-frequency stability</b>	4.2	Stable operation shall be demonstrated for predefined operation scenarios of electric traction power supply system and one or several identical traction units at one location.	5.2	Verification either by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>time domain simulation (or measurements); or</li> <li>any other validated method.</li> </ul>
	A.2	Technical background about low-frequency stability A.2.1 Background and experiences A.2.2 Acceptance criteria and verification		
	B.2	Examples of experienced low frequency power oscillations		

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<b>Overvoltages caused by harmonics</b>	4.3	<p>4.3.2 Rolling stock Defines the limit of the overvoltage and specifies the calculation method by using line current spectrum, bandpass filtering, summation methods and standardized power supply impedances.</p> <p>4.3.2.3 Overvoltage detection. Suggests methods of overvoltage detection.</p> <p>4.3.3 Defines applicability and the overvoltage limits for static converter stations.</p> <p>4.3.4 Infrastructure related topics</p>	5.3	<p>5.3.1 Demonstration of compliance for rolling stock by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Calculation of line current spectrum including plausibility check by measurement</li> <li>- Calculation of harmonic voltage assessment using the method given in 4.3</li> <li>- Check of interlacing between units as specified in 4.3.2.2</li> <li>- Check of overvoltage protection as specified in 4.3.2.3</li> <li>- If diode rectification is used to reduce risk of overvoltages check of correct transition between pulsing and blocking of line converter</li> </ul> <p>5.3.2 Demonstration of compliance for static converters by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessing the overvoltage by combining the converter with a line of variable length</li> <li>- defining the assessment method in time domain</li> <li>- plausibility check of the simulation model by measurement</li> </ul>
	A.3	Technical background relating to overvoltages caused by harmonics including example calculations for rolling stock		
	B.3	Examples of real overvoltage experiences caused by harmonics		
<b>Topics related to all phenomena</b>	A.3	Depot cases		
	Annex C	Data related to the compatibility study of harmonics and dynamic effects		
	Annex D	Examples experienced in DC systems		

**prEN 50388-2:2023 (E)****80 1 Scope**

81 This document is linked to EN 50388-1:2022, which describes the general technical criteria for the  
82 coordination between power supply and rolling stock to achieve interoperability.

83 This Part 2 establishes the acceptance criteria according to EN 50388-1:2022, 10.2 for compatibility between  
84 traction units and power supply, in relation to:

85 — co-ordination between controlled elements and also between these elements and resonances in the  
86 electrical infrastructure in order to achieve network system stability.

87 — co-ordination of harmonic behaviour with respect to excitation of electrical resonances.

88 The following electric traction systems are within scope:

89 — railways;

90 — guided mass transport systems that are integrated with railways;

91 — material transport systems that are integrated with railways.

92 Public three-phase grid networks are out of scope, but grid networks which are dedicated to railways are  
93 included.

94 This document is applied in accordance with the requirements in EN 50388-1:2022, Clause 10. It does not  
95 apply retrospectively to rolling stock or railway power supply elements already in service.

96 It is the aim of this Part 2 to support acceptance of new elements (rolling stock or infrastructure) by  
97 specifying precise requirements and methods for demonstration of compliance. This document acts as “code  
98 of practice” quoted in EN 50388-1, 10.2. However, it is still admissible to use the process as defined in  
99 EN 50388-1:2022, 10.3 instead.

100 This version of the standard only applies to AC systems. Later versions might include similar effects in DC  
101 networks in addition, see Annex D.

102 The main phenomena identified and treated in this document are:

103 — electrical resonance stability.

104 — low frequency stability.

105 — overvoltages caused by harmonics.

106 The interaction with signalling (including track circuits) is not dealt with in this document.

**107 2 Normative references**

108 The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes  
109 requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references,  
110 the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

111 CLC/TS 50238-2:2020, *Railway applications - Compatibility between rolling stock and train detection*  
112 *systems - Part 2: Compatibility with track circuits*

113 EN 50388-1:2022, *Railway Applications - Fixed installations and rolling stock - Technical criteria for the*  
114 *coordination between electric traction power supply systems and rolling stock to achieve interoperability -*  
115 *Part 1: General*



116 EN 50163:2004,<sup>1</sup> *Railway applications - Supply voltages of traction systems*

117 EN 50160:2010, *Voltage characteristics of electricity supplied by public electricity networks*

### 118 **3 Terms, definitions, abbreviations and symbols**

119 For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 50388-1:2022 and the following  
120 apply.

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

122 — ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

123 — IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 124 **3.1 Terms and definitions**

##### 125 **3.1**

##### 126 **new element**

127 new, rebuilt or modified traction unit or power supply component (hardware or software) having a possible  
128 influence on the harmonic or dynamic behaviour of the power supply system

129 Note 1 to entry: This new element can be integrated in an existing power supply network with traction units e.g. for  
130 fixed installation:

131 — transformer;

132 — HV cable;

133 — filters;

134 — converter.

135 Note 2 to entry: Depot areas are a combination of equipment listed in note 1 associated with a large number of  
136 traction units and therefore very prone to harmonic and dynamic effects.

137 Note 3 to entry: New means also introduction of an existing element on another infrastructure system, i.e. “new to  
138 this infrastructure”.

##### 139 **3.2**

##### 140 **power system**

141 system which includes generation, distribution and consumption of electrical power, i.e. equal to the power  
142 supply system plus power circuits of all trains

##### 143 **3.3**

##### 144 **power supply system**

145 electrical power generation or distribution system for trains

146 Note 1 to entry: In railway systems this includes power stations and frequency converters, transmission lines,  
147 substations including HV impedance at the point of common coupling and contact line system as well as the return  
148 current circuits.

##### 149 **3.4**

##### 150 **plausibility check**

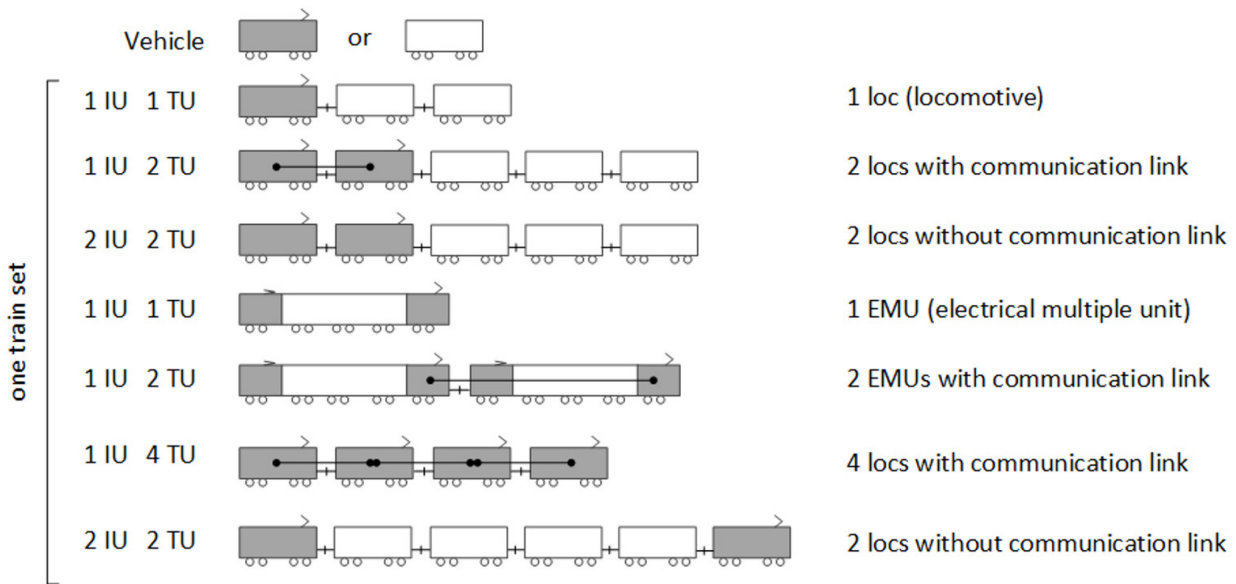
151 check of theoretical and calculation methods of assessment, generally based on measurement, to confirm  
152 that assessment predictions are credible and realistic

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<sup>1</sup> As impacted by EN 50163:2004/A1:2007, EN 50163:2004/Corrigendum May 2010, EN 50163:2004/AC:2013, EN 50163:2004/A2:2020, EN 50163/A3:2022.

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- 153 **3.5**  
 154 **anti-control**  
 155 use of negative feedback control systems to reduce and limit the amplitude of a given harmonic frequency
- 156 **3.6**  
 157 **static converter**  
 158 converter having no moving parts and notably using semi-conductor rectifiers
- 159 Note 1 to entry: For the purpose of this document, this definition is used for fixed installations side only, example given  
 160 frequency conversion, phase compensation, energy conversion.
- 161 [SOURCE: IEC 60050 811.19.05 – Modified: Note 1 to entry is added]
- 162 **3.7**  
 163 **line converter**  
 164 converter connected to the line or a line transformer which creates an intermediate link, mainly to supply a  
 165 traction converter
- 166 Note 1 to entry: Derived from EN 61287-1:2014, 6.2.
- 167 **3.8**  
 168 **active**  
 169 behaviours of circuit elements which bring energy into the system at a defined frequency or frequency range
- 170 Note 1 to entry: In the given context, “active“(and also “passive“) is always defined for the small-signal behaviour  
 171 only.
- 172 **3.9**  
 173 **passive**  
 174 behaviours which do not bring energy into the system at a defined frequency or frequency range
- 175 Note 1 to entry: The above definitions of “active” and “passive” apply throughout this document and differ from other  
 176 definitions where “active” is used to designate a controlled element.
- 177 **3.10**  
 178 **controlled element**  
 179 electrical component or subsystem that has internal feedback loops controlling its output towards a set point
- 180 Note 1 to entry: In the scope in this document, controlled element will typically be power electronic converters on  
 181 infrastructure or rolling stock. Controlled element can be active or passive at different frequencies.
- 182 **3.11**  
 183 **traction unit**  
 184 locomotive, motor coach or train unit
- 185 Note 1 to entry: Within this Part 2 a traction unit specifically comprises all traction subsystems including auxiliary  
 186 supplies, which can be collectively switched off by one current collector / pantograph.
- 187 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-811:2017, 811-02-04, modified – The Note 1 to entry has been added.]



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189 **Key**

motor vehicles shown in solid grey

unpowered vehicles shown in white

190 NOTE In the case of an EMU, motorized axles are typically distributed throughout vehicles.

191 **Figure 1 — traction unit and influencing unit**

192 **3.12**193 **influencing unit**

194 set of traction units forming a train which has a communication link in the on-board control system for the  
195 purpose of interlacing between the traction units

196 Note 1 to entry: One influencing unit (IU) may consist of several traction units (TU). TUs and IUs are defined slightly  
197 different from CLC/TS 50238-2. Only those TUs which are controlled from or get their reference values from one single  
198 master control unit are part of one IU. Independently controlled TUs (individual train driver, or different vehicle type) are  
199 not part of one single IU.

200 **3.13**201 **auxiliary converter**

202 system with power conversion from one frequency (power supply system) to another (traction motor,  
203 auxiliary systems) by means of devices with fast control, such as PWM (pulse width modulation)

204 **3.14**205 **train line**

206 conductor which extends throughout the whole length of each vehicle of a train with couplers to maintain  
207 electric continuity throughout the train

208 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-811:2017, 811-25-21]

209 Note 1 to entry: Practically, for the understanding of this document, UIC train busbar, heating train line, train power  
210 supply line are similar. See also UIC leaflet 552 (Electrical power supply for trains – standard technical characteristics of  
211 the train line).

212 **3.15**213 **AT system**

214 traction power supply system in which energy transmission is at double the overhead line voltage and uses  
215 autotransformers (AT) to feed the overhead line

**prEN 50388-2:2023 (E)**216 **3.2 Abbreviations and symbols**

217 For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviations apply.

A/D	Analog/digital
AC	Alternating Current
AT	Autotransformer
DC	Direct Current
EMU	Electrical Multiple Unit
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
ETCS	European Train Control System
HV	High Voltage
IGBT	Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor
IM	Infrastructure Manager
IU	Influencing Unit
LRAS	Load Reference-Arrow System
MIMO	Multiple Input Multiple Output
PWM	Pulse width Modulation
RMS	Root mean square
RINF	Register of infrastructure
RL	Resistance of an Inductance,
RC	Resistance of a Capacitance
TSI	Technical specification for interoperability
TU	Traction Unit
$U_{\max 2}$	Highest non-permanent voltage defined in EN 50163:2004, 3.5
$U_{\max 1}$	Highest permanent voltage defined in EN 50163:2004, 3.4
$U_n$	Nominal voltage defined in EN 50163:2004, 3.3
$U_{\min 1}$	Lowest permanent voltage defined in EN 50163:2004, 3.7
$U_{\min 2}$	Lowest non-permanent voltage defined in EN 50163:2004, 3.8
v	Velocity

218 Other terms in the document are defined at the point of use within this document.

219 **4 Requirements**220 **4.1 Electrical resonance stability**

221 Electrical resonance stability concerns the following phenomenon. The controllers of the line converters of  
 222 rolling stock, but also the controllers of other line converters, containing feedback loops, which may make  
 223 these systems active at certain frequencies. If such frequencies of active behaviour coincide with resonance  
 224 frequencies of the power supply system, stability of the power system can be lost, depending on the  
 225 damping at these frequencies.

226 The power system includes the power supply system with all its components in addition to all trains including  
 227 running trains and parked trains with filters or cables which are connected directly to the power supply  
 228 system. The requirements affect both design and operation of the power system (including degraded /  
 229 emergency modes of feeding). Background information and examples can be found in A.1 and B.1.

230 In order to prevent electrical resonances in the power systems from being excited to oscillations and  
231 corresponding overvoltages, the following requirements shall be fulfilled:

232 — The lowest resonance in the power system shall not fall below the limit frequency  $f_L$ .

233 — If it is not reasonably practicable to avoid resonances below  $f_L$  (e.g. due to harmonic filters or reactive  
234 power compensators), sufficient damping shall be provided, based on a stability analysis (see A.1.2) for  
235 the specific case.

236 — All controlled elements shall be passive for all frequencies higher than  $f_L$ , which means that the phase  
237 for its frequency dependent input admittance lies between  $\pm 90^\circ$ . See non-restricted and forbidden areas  
238 in Figure 2.

239 NOTE 1 There is no need for a stability margin since experience has shown that this sufficiently takes into  
240 account inaccuracies from measurements.

241 The above requirement concerns rolling stock, traction units, auxiliary converters connected to the train  
242 line as well as static converters in fixed installations feeding the power supply system.

243 — For equipment connected to the train line (1 000 V, 16,7 Hz or 1 500 V, 50 Hz), CLC/TS 50535 already  
244 makes reference to EN 50388-1 and EN 50388-2 for stability. In this case, the requirement is applicable  
245 for the input admittance seen between train line and ground. For Electrical Multiple Units (EMUs) with  
246 networks for auxiliaries with internal supply and return current, only the requirement at the pantograph of  
247 the EMU is applicable.

248 The limit frequency  $f_L$  is defined in Table 2 as follows:

249 **Table 2 — limit frequency for resonance stability**

Power supply frequency	16,7 Hz	50 Hz
Limit frequency $f_L$ for resonance stability	87 Hz	300 Hz

250 NOTE 2 These values correspond to the 5th harmonic plus some tolerance for control and prediction of resonances  
251 in real systems. The following reasons justify the limit at the 5th harmonic:

252 — Strong line voltage distortions at 3rd and 5th harmonic can be present today. This is mainly due to the operation of  
253 vehicles with line commutated rectifiers. These line voltage distortions can lead to excessive harmonic voltage  
254 components in the DC-link voltage on inverter vehicles. In order to prevent the excessive harmonic voltages, it shall  
255 remain possible to actively reduce larger distortions of the line voltage up to the 5th harmonic. This active reduction can  
256 make rolling stock active around these frequencies. Thus, it is not possible to reduce the limit frequency to the 5th  
257 harmonic or below.

258 — With weakly damped networks with resonance near the 5th harmonic (or lower) switching on / energizing under no-  
259 load conditions can lead to continuous oscillations which are excited by the non-linearity of transformers (saturation of  
260 the iron core).

261 — Experience has shown that the bandwidth between the 5th harmonic and the  $f_L$  needs to be larger for 50 Hz power  
262 supply than 16,7 Hz, hence the limit frequency is 300 Hz rather than 270 Hz for 50 Hz power supply frequency.

263 Infrastructure managers may specify higher values of  $f_L$  in case compatibility between rolling stock and  
264 signalling equipment can only be reached by anti-control on board of rolling stock (which normally makes  
265 traction units active). Also in these cases, one single  $f_L$  is always valid as requirement for the whole  
266 infrastructure segment (power supply, rolling stock, operation). If an  $f_L$  value higher than the above needs to  
267 be chosen by the infrastructure manager, justification shall be given.

268 NOTE 3 Examples for different values for  $f_L$  in 16,7 Hz systems are:

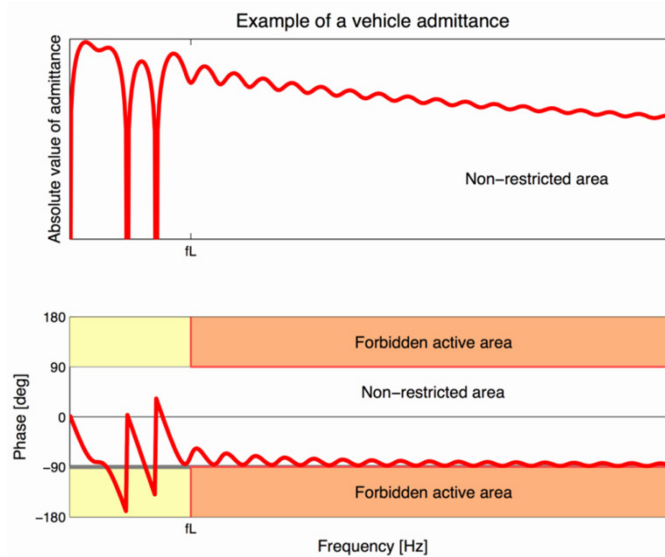
269 —  $f_L = 103$  Hz if 100 Hz track circuits are present

270 —  $f_L = 120$  Hz in networks where old signalling equipment requires anti-control of the 7th harmonic

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271 Explanation:  $f_L = 103$  Hz is necessary in case of networks having 100 Hz track circuits (100 Hz is a natural harmonic of  
 272 the line frequency, which may lead to large harmonic currents during transients). In case of 95 Hz or 105 Hz track  
 273 circuits, no anti-control is needed, and  $f_L$  can remain on the standard value of 87 Hz.

274 Figure 2 illustrates the requirements for the frequency response of a traction unit.



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276 **Figure 2 — Example of a frequency response of input admittance of a traction unit and forbidden**  
 277 **zones of phase angle**

278 With respect to line filter capacitors on board of rolling stock the following requirement applies to new rolling  
 279 stock only (no modification on existing rolling stock as long as no problems are observed):

280 If there are no pulsed line converters in operation, the value of the effective capacitance per unit power ( $C_L$ )  
 281 shall not exceed the value as defined in Table 3.

282  $C_L$  is defined by the following formula using the imaginary part of the admittance at  $f_L$  and the installed power  
 283 at wheel.

$$284 C_L = \text{Im}(Y(f_L)) / (2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_L) / P_{\text{installed}}$$

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285 **Table 3 — Limits for  $C_L$**

Network frequency [Hz]	$C_L$ [nF / MW] at $f_L$
16,7	210
50	25

286 NOTE 4 This requirement will be necessary in order to guarantee that, for example, parked trains do not lower the  
 287 critical resonance frequency of a network too much. Values are selected so that the resonance frequency in a critical  
 288 network (resonance around  $f_L$ ) is not lowered by more than 3,4 Hz (in 16,7 Hz network) or 10 Hz (in 50 Hz networks) if  
 289 the ratio between total installed power at wheel and substation power rating is 4. See A 4.2.

290 For infrastructure where compatibility with track circuit limits requires the installation of larger filters on  
 291 vehicles, or if a large number of trains are stabled that have filters and/or cables which are connected directly  
 292 to the power supply system, larger values of  $C$  may be allowed. If this is the case, the power supply might  
 293 have to be adapted accordingly in order to maintain an acceptable value of  $f_L$ . This decision is the  
 294 responsibility of the infrastructure manager.

295 For assessment of the above stipulated requirements, see 5.1.