
**Road vehicles — Electrical
disturbances from conduction and
coupling —**

Part 1:
**Vocabulary and general
considerations**

*Véhicules routiers — Perturbations électriques par conduction et par
couplage —*

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The main changes are as follows:

- addition of ISO/TS 7637-4 in general aim and practical use;
- addition of supply voltage and tolerances for high voltage electrical systems.

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Introduction

Electrical and radio-frequency disturbances occur during normal operation of many items of motor vehicle equipment. They are generated over a wide frequency range and can be distributed to on-board electronic devices and systems by conduction, coupling or radiation.

In recent years, an increasing number of electronic devices for controlling, monitoring and displaying a variety of functions have been introduced into vehicle designs. It is necessary to consider the electrical and electromagnetic environment in which these devices operate and, in particular, the disturbances generated in the vehicle electrical system itself. Such disturbances can cause degradation (temporary malfunction or even permanent damage) of the electronic equipment. Moreover, “worst-case” situations are usually those resulting from disturbances generated inside the vehicle by, for example, ignition systems, generator and alternator systems, electric motors and actuators.

[Annex A](#) specifies a general method for function performance status classification (FPSC). Typical severity levels are included in an annex of each of the other parts of the ISO 7637 series.

While narrowband signals generated on or outside the vehicle (by broadcasting and radio-transmitters) can also affect the performance of electronic devices, and recognizing that protection from such potential disturbances has to be considered as part of total system certification, these matters are nevertheless outside the scope of the ISO 7637 series and are not covered by it.

ISO 11451 and ISO 11452 specify test methods for immunity to radiated disturbances for vehicles and for components, respectively. ISO 10605 specifies test methods for immunity to electrostatic discharge (ESD) for vehicle and for components.

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