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BASIC MEASUREMENT METHODS OF AUDIO CHARACTERISTICS –**

**Part 1: General**

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IEC 61606 consists of the following parts under the general title *Audio and audiovisual equipment – Digital audio parts – Basic measurement methods of audio characteristics*:

Part 1: General

Part 2: Consumer use

Part 3: Professional use<sup>1</sup>

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- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

A bilingual edition may be issued at a later date.

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<sup>1</sup> Under consideration.

# AUDIO AND AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT – DIGITAL AUDIO PARTS – BASIC MEASUREMENT METHODS OF AUDIO CHARACTERISTICS –

## Part 1: General

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61606 deals with the basic methods of measurement of the audio characteristics of the digital audio part of audio and audiovisual equipment for both consumer and professional use.

The common measuring conditions and methods, described in this standard, are used for the measurement of the performance characteristics of equipment having an audio bandwidth equal to approximately one-half of the sampling frequency of a system, where the audio information is processed in the form of digital data. CD players, DAT recorders, digital amplifiers, digital sound broadcast receivers and television broadcast receivers with digital sound are examples. Methods specified in this standard are not applicable to systems incorporating bit-rate reduced digital audio signals that have data loss.

This standard describes tests for equipment which has digital input with analogue output and analogue input with digital output. Future revisions of this standard will cover digital-in/digital-out and analogue-in/analogue-out tests.

This standard does not apply to power amplifiers.

NOTE 1 A digital audio system having an analogue input and an analogue output with digital signal processing may have different characteristics from those of a pure analogue audio system due to sampling of the audio signal and performance of incorporated A/D and D/A converters. Measurement methods described in IEC 60268-3 may not give correct results when applied to a digital system.

NOTE 2 The methods described are mostly based on sampling frequencies of 32 kHz and higher.

NOTE 3 For tests of those systems of digital-in – digital-out, and analogue-in – analogue-out test, refer to AES 17.

NOTE 4 This standard is planned to provide the industry with a harmonized set of methods of measurements for digital audio equipment as described in the first edition of IEC 61606 (1997), AES 17 and EIAJ CP-2i50.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60038, *IEC standard voltages*

IEC 60107-5, *Recommended methods of measurement on receivers for television broadcast transmissions – Part 5: Electrical measurements on multichannel sound television receivers using the NICAM two-channel digital sound system*

IEC 60268-2, *Sound system equipment – Part 2: Explanation of general terms and calculation methods*

IEC 60268-3, *Sound system equipment – Part 3: Amplifiers*

IEC 60958 (all parts), *Digital audio interface*

IEC 61079-4, *Methods of measurement on receivers for satellite broadcast transmissions in the 12 GHz band – Part 4: Electrical measurements on sound/data decoder units for the digital sub-carrier NTSC system*

IEC 61079-5, *Methods of measurement on receivers for satellite broadcast transmissions in the 12 GHz band – Part 5: Electrical measurements on decoder units for MAC/packet systems*

IEC 61883-6, *Consumer audio/video equipment – Digital interface – Part 6: Audio and music data transmission protocol*

IEC 61938, *Audio, video and audiovisual systems – Interconnections and matching values – Preferred matching values of analogue signals*

ISO 266, *Acoustics – Preferred frequencies*

ITU-R BS 468-4, *Measurement of audio-frequency noise voltage level in sound broadcasting*

AES 17, *AES standard method for digital audio engineering – Measurement of digital audio equipment*