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FOREWORD

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It forms Part 4-21 of IEC 61000. It has the status of a basic EMC publication in accordance with IEC Guide 107.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2003. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the first edition.

- In Clause 8, the use and specifications of *E*-field probes for application to reverberation chambers has been added. Additional Notes refer to general aspects and procedures of

probe calibrations. The specified range for linearity of the probe response is larger and covers an asymmetric interval compared to that for use in anechoic chambers (see Annex I of IEC 61000-4-3), because

– the fluctuations of power and fields in reverberation chambers exhibit a larger dynamic range, and

– the chamber validation procedure is based on using maximum field values, as opposed to the field itself or its average value,

respectively.

- In Annex A, additional guidance and clarifications on the use of reverberation chambers at relatively low frequencies of operation (i.e., close to the lowest usable frequency of a given chamber) are given, and its implications on the estimation of field uncertainty are outlined. Guidelines on cable-layout have been added. A rationale has been added that explains the relaxation of the field uniformity requirement below 400 MHz, being a compromise between scientific-technical and economical reasons when using chambers around 100 MHz. A first-order correction for the threshold value of the correlation coefficient at relatively low numbers of tuner positions has been added. Issues regarding the use of non-equidistant tuner positions at low frequencies are discussed in an additional Note.
- In Annex B, symmetric location of the field probes when the chamber exhibits cylindrical symmetry has been disallowed, as such placement could otherwise yield a false indication of field uniformity and chamber performance at different locations. The difference between start frequency for chamber validation and lowest test frequency has been clarified. The tuner sequencing for chamber validation and testing is now specified to be equal in both cases. In sample requirements for chamber validation, emphasis is now on the required minimum number of independent tuner steps to be used, whereas the minimum recommended number of samples per frequency interval has been replaced with he number of independent samples that the tuner can provide per frequency, for use in case when the chamber validation fails for the required minimum number.
- Annex C now contains more quantitative guidance on the setting of the maximum permissible stirring speeds that warrant quasi-static conditions of operation for chamber validation and testing. Consideration is given to all characteristic time scales of all components or subsystems of a measurement or test. Specific issues relating to chamber validation, immunity testing and bandwidth are addressed. Particular requirements for field probes when used with mode stirred operation are listed.
- In Annex D, a requirement for the EUT and equipment not to occupy more than 8 % of the total chamber volume in immunity testing has been added. The maximum number of frequency points and the formula to calculate these points have been generalized. A mandatory specification for including the measurement equipment, test plan and cable layout in the test report has been added to resolve any dispute in case of discrepancies, particularly for low-frequency immunity testing.
- Annex E has been extended with further guidance on the value of EUT directivity to be used in the estimation of radiated power and field. Extended estimates have been added for the maximum directivity of electrically large, anisotropically radiating EUTs and for radiated emissions in the presence of a ground plane. A mandatory specification for including the measurement equipment, test plan and cable layout in the test report has been added to resolve any dispute in case of discrepancies, particularly for low-frequency emissions testing.
- In Annex I, some clarifications on antenna efficiency measurements have been added.
- A new Annex K has been added that covers measurement uncertainty in reverberation chambers. The intrinsic field uncertainty for chamber validation, immunity and emissions measurements is quantified. Other contributors to measurement uncertainty are listed.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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Definitions, terminology

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Description of the environment

Classification of the environment

Compatibility levels

Part 3: Limits

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Immunity limits (in so far as they do not fall under the responsibility of the product committees)

Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques

Measurement techniques

Testing techniques

Part 5: Installation and mitigation guidelines

Installation guidelines

Mitigation methods and devices

Part 6: Generic standards

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ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) –

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61000 considers tests of immunity and intentional or unintentional emissions for electric and/or electronic equipment and tests of screening effectiveness in reverberation chambers. It establishes the required test procedures for performing such tests. Only radiated phenomena are considered.

The objective of this part is to establish a common reference for using reverberation chambers to evaluate the performance of electric and electronic equipment when subjected to radio-frequency electromagnetic fields and for determining the levels of radio-frequency radiation emitted from electric and electronic equipment.

NOTE Test methods are defined in this part for measuring the effect of electromagnetic radiation on equipment and the electromagnetic emissions from equipment concerned. The simulation and measurement of electromagnetic radiation is not adequate for quantitative determination of effects. The defined test methods are organized with the aim to establish adequate reproducibility and repeatability of test results and qualitative analysis of effects.

This part of IEC 61000 does not intend to specify the tests to be applied to a particular apparatus or system. Its main aim is to give a general basic reference to all concerned product committees of the IEC. The product committees should select emission limits and test methods in consultation with CISPR. The product committees remain responsible for the appropriate choice of the immunity tests and the immunity test limits to be applied to their equipment. Other methods, such as those covered in IEC 61000-4-3, CISPR 16-2-3 and CISPR 16-2-4 may be used.[1]

2 Normative references

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IEC 60050(161):1990, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 161: Electromagnetic compatibility*

Amendment 1 (1997)

Amendment 2 (1998)

IEC 60068-1, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 61000-4-3:2006, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test*

Amendment 1 (2007)

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[1] For further information consult with CISPR (International Special Committee on Radio Interference) or Technical Committee 77 (Electromagnetic compatibility).