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#### **Part 10: System performance for return paths**

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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- update on the state-of-the-art of return path transmission in cable networks;
- provisions for DOCSIS 3.0 and EuroDOCSIS 3.0 transmission standards;
- revision of subclause 4.3 on measurement of channel level;
- new subclause 4.12 for method of measurement of noise power ratio (NPR) on return paths;

- new subclause 4.13 for 10-tone measurements;
- new subclause 4.14 for method of measurement of modulation error ratio (*MER*);
- revision of subclause 5.2 on analogue parameters influencing system performance.

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## INTRODUCTION

Standards and deliverables of IEC 60728 series deal with cable networks including equipment and associated methods of measurement for headend reception, processing and distribution of television and sound signals and for processing, interfacing and transmitting all kinds of data signals for interactive services using all applicable transmission media. These signals are typically transmitted in networks by frequency-multiplexing techniques.

This includes for instance

- regional and local broadband cable networks,
- extended satellite and terrestrial television distribution systems,
- individual satellite and terrestrial television receiving systems,

and all kinds of equipment, systems and installations used in such cable networks, distribution and receiving systems.

The extent of this standardization work is from the antennas and/or special signal source inputs to the headend or other interface points to the network up to the terminal input of the customer premises equipment.

The standardization work will consider coexistence with users of the RF spectrum in wired and wireless transmission systems.

The standardization of any user terminals (i.e. tuners, receivers, decoders, multimedia terminals etc.) as well as of any coaxial, balanced and optical cables and accessories thereof is excluded.

Specific equipment installed in cable networks for the operation of such return paths is standardised in the relevant equipment standards. See IEC 60728-3, IEC 60728-4, IEC 60728-5, IEC 60728-6.

# **CABLE NETWORKS FOR TELEVISION SIGNALS, SOUND SIGNALS AND INTERACTIVE SERVICES –**

## **Part 10: System performance for return paths**

### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60728 specifies the transparent return path of cable networks operated in the frequency range between 5 MHz and 85 MHz or parts thereof. The upper frequency limit of the return path is reduced to 65 MHz where FM radio signals are transmitted in a cable network. Higher frequencies may be used in fibre based networks.

NOTE In addition, it is possible to use the frequency range from 0 MHz to 5 MHz for return path transmissions, for example for NMS or other control, monitoring and signalling purposes. Applications below 5 MHz are not covered by this standard.

Specifications of transmission systems (e.g. DOCSIS) are not within the scope of this standard.

### **2 Normative references**

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

IEC 60728 (all parts), *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services*

IEC 60728-1, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 1: System performance of forward paths*

IEC 60728-2, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 2: Electromagnetic compatibility for equipment*

IEC 60728-5, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 5: Headend equipment*

IEC 60728-12, *Cabled distribution systems for television and sound signals – Part 12: Electromagnetic compatibility of systems*

ISO/IEC 13818-1:2007, *Information technology – Generic coding of moving pictures and associated audio information – Part 1: Systems*

ITU-R BT.470, *Conventional analogue television systems*

CLC/TR 50083-10-1:2009, *Guidelines for the implementation of return paths in cable networks*

ETSI ES 200 800, *Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); DVB interaction channel for Cable TV distribution systems (CATV)*