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

a) the use of an acoustic coupler according to IEC 60318-5;
b) the addition of measurements for automatic gain control circuits, for induction pick-up coil inputs and for electrical inputs.

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

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ELECTROACOUSTICS – HEARING AIDS –

Part 0: Measurement of the performance characteristics of hearing aids

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60118 gives recommendations for the measurement of the performance characteristics of air conduction hearing aids based on a free field technique and measured with an acoustic coupler.

This part of IEC 60118 is applicable to the measurement and evaluation of the electroacoustical characteristics of hearing aids, for example for type testing and manufacturer data sheets.

The test results obtained by the methods specified in this part of IEC 60118 will express the performance under conditions of the test and may deviate substantially from the performance of the hearing aid under actual conditions of use.

This part of IEC 60118 uses an acoustic coupler according to IEC 60318-5 which is only intended for loading a hearing aid with a specified acoustic impedance and is not intended to model the sound pressure in a person's ear. The use of this acoustic coupler will yield different results from those obtained using the occluded ear simulator of IEC 60318-4 as used in former editions of IEC 60118-0.

For the measurement of the performance characteristics of hearing aids for simulated *in situ* working conditions, IEC 60118-8 can be used. For measurement of hearing aids under typical user settings and using a speech-like signal, IEC 60118-15 can be used.

For the measurement of the performance characteristics of hearing aids for production, supply and delivery quality-assurance purposes, IEC 60118-7 can be used. The frequency range has been extended to 8 kHz in this part of IEC 60118 as opposed to 5 kHz in IEC 60118-7.

Though the number of measurements covered by this part of IEC 60118 is limited, it is not intended that all measurements described herein are mandatory.

In cases of custom-made in-the-ear instruments, the data supplied by the manufacturer applies only to the particular hearing aid being tested.

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 60318-5, *Electroacoustics – Simulators of human head and ear – Part 5: 2 cm^3 coupler for the measurement of hearing aids and earphones coupled to the ear by means of ear inserts*

ISO 3, *Preferred numbers -- Series of preferred numbers*