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Measurements can be achieved now with mismatch at the generator site, impedance matching devices are not necessary.

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## INTRODUCTION

The shielded screening attenuation test set-up according to IEC 62153-4-3 and IEC 62153-4-4 have been extended to take into account the particularities of electrically short elements like connectors and cable assemblies. Due to the concentric outer tube of the triaxial set-up, measurements are independent of irregularities on the circumference and outer electromagnetic fields.

With the use of an additional resonator tube (inner tube respectively tube in tube), a system is created where the screening effectiveness of an electrically short device is measured in realistic and controlled conditions. Also a lower cut off frequency for the transition between electrically short (transfer impedance  $Z_T$ ) and electrically long (screening attenuation  $a_S$ ) can be achieved.

A wide dynamic and frequency range can be applied to test even super screened connectors and assemblies with normal instrumentation from low frequencies up to the limit of defined transversal waves in the outer circuit at approximately 4 GHz.

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#### 1 Scope

This triaxial method is suitable to determine the surface transfer impedance and/or screening attenuation and coupling attenuation of mated screened connectors (including the connection between cable and connector) and cable assemblies. This method could also be extended to determine the transfer impedance, coupling or screening attenuation of balanced or multipin connectors and multicore cable assemblies. For the measurement of transfer impedance and screening- or coupling attenuation, only one test set-up is needed.

#### 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 TS 62153-4-1, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-1: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Introduction to electromagnetic screening measurements*

IEC 62153-4-3, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-3: Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) – Surface transfer impedance – Triaxial method*

IEC 62153-4-4, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-4: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Shielded screening attenuation, test method for measuring of the screening attenuation as up to and above 3 GHz*

IEC 62153-4-15, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-15: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Test method for measuring transfer impedance and screening attenuation – or coupling attenuation with Triaxial Cell*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

##### 3.1 surface transfer impedance

$Z_T$

for an electrically short screen, quotient of the longitudinal voltage  $U_1$  induced to the inner circuit by the current  $I_2$  fed into the outer circuit or vice versa, see figure 1

Note 1 to entry: The surface transfer impedance is expressed in ohms.

Note 2 to entry: The value  $Z_T$  of an electrically short screen is expressed in ohms [ $\Omega$ ] or decibels in relation to 1  $\Omega$ .

Note 3 to entry: See Figure 1.