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

- The list of "differences in some countries" was transferred from the "Foreword" to informative Annex D.
- Some new terms and definitions were added.
- All Figures were reworked among other things concerning equipotential bonding and earthing details and were incorporated in the text at the appropriate places.

- Clause 11 "Protection against atmospheric overvoltages and elimination of potential differences" was completely reworked and re-structured taking into account among other things the provisions and requirements of the IEC 62305 series on "Lightning protection".
- New informative Annex A on "Earth loop impedance" was added.
- New informative Annex C on "Examples of calculation of risk due to lightning" was added.
- Former Annex B on "Special conditions using IT power line networks" was re-worded and incorporated in Annex D as "Difference in Norway".

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- replaced by a revised edition, or
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## INTRODUCTION

Standards of the IEC 60728 series deal with cable networks including equipment and associated methods of measurement for headend reception, processing and distribution of television signals, sound signals and their associated data signals and for processing, interfacing and transmitting all kinds of signals for interactive services using all applicable transmission media.

This includes

- CATV networks,
- MATV networks and SMATV networks,
- individual receiving networks

and all kinds of equipment, systems and installations installed in such networks.

NOTE CATV encompasses the Hybrid Fibre Coaxial (HFC) networks used nowadays to provide telecommunications services, voice, data, audio and video both broadcast and narrowcast.

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

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

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

## **Part 11: Safety**

### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60728 deals with the safety requirements applicable to fixed-sited systems and equipment. As far as applicable, it is also valid for mobile and temporarily installed systems, for example, caravans.

Additional requirements may be applied, for example, referring to

- electrical installations of buildings and overhead lines,
- other telecommunication services distribution systems,
- water distribution systems,
- gas distribution systems,
- lightning systems.

This standard is intended to provide specifically for the safety of the system, personnel working on it, subscribers and subscriber equipment. It deals only with safety aspects and is not intended to define a standard for the protection of the equipment used in the system.

### **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 60065:2001, *Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus – Safety requirements*

IEC 60364 (all parts), *Low-voltage electrical installations*

IEC 60364-1, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 1: Fundamental principles, assessment of general characteristics, definitions*

IEC 60364-5-52, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 5-52: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Wiring systems*

IEC 60364-5-54, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 5-54: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Earthing arrangements, protective conductors and protective bonding conductors*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60617, *Graphical symbols for diagrams*

IEC 60825-1, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 60825-2, *Safety of laser products – Part 2: Safety of optical fibre communication systems (OFCS)*

IEC 60950-1:2005, *Information technology equipment – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60990, *Methods of measurement of touch current and protective conductor current*

IEC 61140:2001, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment*

IEC 62305 (all parts), *Protection against lightning*

IEC 62305-2:2006 *Protection against lightning – Part 2: Risk management*

IEC 62305-3:2006, *Protection against lightning – Part 3: Physical damage to structures and life hazard*

IEC 62305-4, *Protection against lightning – Part 4: Electrical and electronic systems within structures*

ISO 3864-1:2002, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 1: Design principles for safety signs in workplaces and public areas*

EN 50117 (all parts), *Coaxial cables*

EN 50164-1, *Lightning Protection Components (LPC) – Part 1: Requirements for connection components*

EN 50164-2, *Lightning Protection Components (LPC) – Part 2: Requirements for conductors and earth electrodes*

EN 50174-2, *Information technology – Cabling installation – Part 2: Installation planning and practices inside buildings*

EN 50310, *Application of equipotential bonding and earthing in buildings with information technology equipment*

CENELEC R 064-004, *Electrical installations of buildings – Protection against electromagnetic interference (EMI) in installations of buildings*