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1 Scope

Screening (or shielding) is one basic way of achieving electromagnetic compatibility (EMC). However, a confusingly large number of methods and concepts is available to test for the screening quality of cables and related components, and for defining their quality. This technical report gives a brief introduction to basic concepts and terms trying to reveal the common features of apparently different test methods. It should assist in correct interpretation of test data, and in the better understanding of screening (or shielding) and related specifications and standards.

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 60096-1:1986, *Radio-frequency cables – Part 1: General requirements and measuring methods*
Amendment 2 (1993)

IEC 60096-4-1, *Radio-frequency cables – Part 4: Specification for superscreened cables – Section 1: General requirements and test methods*

IEC 60169-1-3, *Radio frequency connectors – Part 1: General requirements and measuring methods – Section 3: Electrical tests and measuring procedures – Screening effectiveness*

IEC 61196-1:1995, *Radiofrequency cables – Part 1: Generic specification – General, definitions, requirements and test methods*

IEC 61726, *Cable assemblies, cables, connectors and passive microwave components – Screening attenuation measurement by the reverberation chamber method*

IEC 62153-4-3, *Metallic communication cables 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 a_s up to and above 3 GHz*

IEC 62153-4-5, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-5: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Coupling or screening attenuation – Absorbing clamp method*

EN 50289-1-6, *Communication cables – Specification for test methods – Electrical test methods – Electromagnetic performance*