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#### **Part 3: Active wideband equipment for cable networks**

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- a) extension of upper frequency range limit for cable network equipment in the forward path from 1 000 MHz to 1 218 MHz (optional up to 1 794 MHz);
- b) extension of upper frequency range limit for cable network equipment in the return path from 85 MHz to 204 MHz;
- c) integration and update of IEC 60728-3-1 content;
- d) integration and update of the Technical Specification CLC/TS 50083-3-3 content;
- e) deletion of specifications and test methods for obsolete analogue parameters;
- f) additional normative references;
- g) additional terms and definitions and abbreviations.

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## INTRODUCTION

Standards and other deliverables 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 and sound signals and ~~their associated data 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:

- ~~CATV<sup>1</sup> networks;~~
- ~~MATV networks and SMATV networks;~~
- ~~individual receiving networks;~~
- 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 ~~installed~~ used in such cable networks, distribution and receiving systems.

~~For active equipment with balanced RF signal ports this standard applies to those ports which carry RF broadband signals for services as described in the scope of this standard.~~

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.

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<sup>1</sup> ~~This word encompasses the HFC (Hybrid Fibre Cable) networks used nowadays to provide telecommunications services, voice, data, audio and video both broadcast and narrowcast.~~



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

## Part 3: Active wideband equipment for cable networks

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60728 ~~lays down~~ specifies the measuring methods, performance requirements and data publication requirements for active wideband equipment of cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services.

This document

- applies to all ~~broadband~~ amplifiers used in cable networks;
- covers the frequency range 5 MHz to 3 000 MHz;

NOTE The upper limit of 3 000 MHz is an example, but not a strict value. ~~The frequency range, or ranges, over which the equipment is specified, should be published.~~

- applies to one-way and two-way equipment;
- ~~lays down~~ specifies the basic methods of measurement of the operational characteristics of the active equipment in order to assess the performance of this equipment;
- identifies the performance specifications to be published by the manufacturers;
- states the minimum performance requirements of certain parameters.

~~Amplifiers are divided into the following two quality levels:~~

~~Grade 1: amplifiers typically intended to be cascaded;~~

~~Grade 2: amplifiers for use typically within an apartment block, or within a single residence, to feed a few outlets.~~

~~Practical experience has shown that these types meet most of the technical requirements necessary for supplying a minimum signal quality to the subscribers. This classification is not a requirement but is provided to users and manufacturers for information about minimum quality criteria of the material required to install networks of different sizes. The system operator has to select appropriate material to meet the minimum signal quality at the subscriber's outlet, and to optimise cost/performance, taking into account the size of the network and local circumstances.~~

~~All requirements and published data are understood as guaranteed values within the specified frequency range and in well-matched conditions.~~

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IEC 60068-1:1998, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-1, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Tests A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Tests B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-14, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

IEC 60068-2-27, *Environmental testing – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

~~IEC 60068-2-29, Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2-29: Tests – Test Eb and guidance: Bump~~

IEC 60068-2-30, *Environmental testing – Part 2-30: Tests – Test dB: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)*

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~~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 60728-4, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 4: Passive wideband equipment for coaxial cable networks*

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

IEC 60728-11, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 11: Safety*

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IEC 61319-2, *Interconnections of satellite receiving equipment – Part 2: Japan*

IEC 62368-1, *Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment – Part 1: Safety requirements*

~~ITU-T Recommendation G.117, Transmission systems and media – Digital systems and networks – International telephone connections and circuits – General recommendations on the transmission quality for an entire international telephone connection – Transmission aspects of unbalance about earth~~

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- a) extension of upper frequency range limit for cable network equipment in the forward path from 1 000 MHz to 1 218 MHz (optional up to 1 794 MHz);
- b) extension of upper frequency range limit for cable network equipment in the return path from 85 MHz to 204 MHz;
- c) integration and update of IEC 60728-3-1 content;



- d) integration and update of the Technical Specification CLC/TS 50083-3-3 content;
- e) deletion of specifications and test methods for obsolete analogue parameters;
- f) additional normative references;
- g) additional terms and definitions and abbreviations.

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- reconfirmed,
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- amended.

A bilingual version of this publication may be issued at a later date.

## INTRODUCTION

Standards and other deliverables of the 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.

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

### **Part 3: Active wideband equipment for cable networks**

#### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60728 specifies the measuring methods, performance requirements and data publication requirements for active wideband equipment of cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services.

This document

- applies to all amplifiers used in cable networks;
- covers the frequency range 5 MHz to 3 000 MHz;

NOTE The upper limit of 3 000 MHz is an example, but not a strict value.

- applies to one-way and two-way equipment;
- specifies the basic methods of measurement of the operational characteristics of the active equipment in order to assess the performance of this equipment;
- identifies the performance specifications to be published by the manufacturers;
- states the minimum performance requirements of certain parameters.

#### **2 Normative references**

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60068-1, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-1, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Tests A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Tests B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-14, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

IEC 60068-2-27, *Environmental testing – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-30, *Environmental testing – Part 2-30: Tests – Test dB: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)*

IEC 60068-2-31, *Environmental testing – Part 2-31: Tests – Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment-type specimens*

IEC 60068-2-40, *Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2-40: Tests – Test Z/AM: Combined cold/low air pressure tests*

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

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

IEC 60728-4, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 4: Passive wideband equipment for coaxial cable networks*

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

IEC 60728-11, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 11: Safety*

IEC 61000-4-5, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity test*

IEC 61319-1, *Interconnections of satellite receiving equipment – Part 1: Europe*

IEC 61319-2, *Interconnections of satellite receiving equipment – Part 2: Japan*

IEC 62368-1, *Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment – Part 1: Safety requirements*