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### Part 1: Generic specification – General requirements and test methods

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60966 specifies requirements for radio frequency coaxial cable assemblies operating in the transverse electromagnetic mode (TEM) and establishes general requirements for testing the electrical, mechanical and environmental properties of radio frequency coaxial cable assemblies composed of cables and connectors. Additional requirements relating to specific families of cable assemblies are given in the relevant sectional specifications.

**NOTE** The design of the cables and connectors used ~~should~~ will preferably conform to the applicable parts of IEC 61196 and IEC 61169 respectively.

NOTE 1 This document does not include tests which are normally performed on the cables and connectors separately. These tests are described in IEC 61196-1 (all parts) and IEC 61169-1 respectively.

NOTE 2 Wherever possible, cables and connectors used in cable assemblies, even if they are not described in the IEC 61196 or IEC 61169 series, are tested separately according to the tests given in the relevant generic specification.

NOTE 3 Where additional protection is applied to a cable assembly, the mechanical and environmental tests described in this document are applicable.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60068 (all parts), *Environmental testing*

~~IEC 60068-2-3:1969, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Ca: Damp heat, steady state*~~

IEC 60068-2-6:1995, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-11:1981, *Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2-11: Tests – Test Ka: Salt mist*

IEC 60068-2-14:1984, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

IEC 60068-2-27:1987, *Environmental testing – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

~~IEC 60068-2-29:1987, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Eb and guidance: Bump*~~

IEC 60068-2-42:1982, *Environmental testing – Part 2-42: Tests – Test Kc: Sulphur dioxide test for contacts and connections*

IEC 60068-2-68:1994, *Environmental testing – Part 2-68: Tests – Test L: Dust and sand*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing – Part 2-78: Tests – Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

~~IEC 60096-1:1986, Radio frequency cables – Part 1: General requirements and measuring methods~~

~~IEC 60332-1:1993, Tests on electric cables under fire conditions – Part 1: Test on a single vertical insulated wire or cable~~

IEC 60332-1-2:2004, *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions – Part 1-2: Test for vertical flame propagation for a single insulated wire or cable – Procedure for 1 kW pre-mixed flame*

~~IEC 60339 (all parts), General purpose rigid coaxial transmission lines and their associated flange connectors~~

~~IEC 60512-5:1992, Electromechanical components for electronic equipment, basic testing procedures and measuring methods – Part 5: Impact tests (free components), static load tests (fixed components), endurance tests and overload tests~~

IEC 60512-6-2, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 6-2: Dynamic stress tests – Test 6b: Bump*

IEC 60512-7-2, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 7-2: Impact tests (free components) – Test 7b: Mechanical strength impact*

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

IEC 60966-2 (all parts), *Radio frequency and coaxial cable assemblies*

IEC 60966-3 (all parts), *Radio frequency and coaxial cable assemblies*

IEC 60966-4 (all parts), *Radio frequency and coaxial cable assemblies*

IEC 61169 (all parts), *Radio-frequency connectors*

IEC 61169-1:1992 2013, *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 1: Generic specification – General requirements and measuring methods*

IEC 61196 (all parts), *Coaxial communication cables*

~~IEC 61196-1:1995, Radio-frequency cables – Part 1: Generic specification – General definitions, requirements and test methods~~

IEC 61196-1-119, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1-119: Electrical test methods – RF power rating*

~~IEC 61726:1995, Cable assemblies, cables, connectors and passive microwave components – Screening attenuation measurement by the reverberation chamber method~~

IEC 62037-2, *Passive RF and microwave devices, intermodulation level measurement – Part 2: Measurement of passive intermodulation in coaxial cable assemblies*

IEC 62153-4-6, *Metallic cables and other passive components test methods – Part 4-6: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Surface transfer impedance – Line injection method*

IEC 62153-4-7:2015, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-7: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Test method for measuring of transfer impedance  $Z_T$  and screening attenuation  $a_s$  or coupling attenuation  $a_C$  of connectors and assemblies up to and above 3 GHz – Triaxial tube in tube method*

~~IEC QC 001002:1986, *Rules of procedure of the IEC quality assessment system for electronic components (IECQ)*~~

~~ISO 9000, *Quality management and quality assurance standards*~~

~~ISO 9001:1994, *Quality systems — Model for quality assurance in design, development, production, installation and servicing*~~

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#### Part 1: Generic specification – General requirements and test methods

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### Part 1: Generic specification – General requirements and test methods

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60966 specifies requirements for radio frequency coaxial cable assemblies operating in the transverse electromagnetic mode (TEM) and establishes general requirements for testing the electrical, mechanical and environmental properties of radio frequency coaxial cable assemblies composed of cables and connectors. Additional requirements relating to specific families of cable assemblies are given in the relevant sectional specifications.

The design of the cables and connectors used will preferably conform to the applicable parts of IEC 61196 and IEC 61169 respectively.

NOTE 1 This document does not include tests which are normally performed on the cables and connectors separately. These tests are described in IEC 61196-1 (all parts) and IEC 61169-1 respectively.

NOTE 2 Wherever possible, cables and connectors used in cable assemblies, even if they are not described in the IEC 61196 or IEC 61169 series, are tested separately according to the tests given in the relevant generic specification.

NOTE 3 Where additional protection is applied to a cable assembly, the mechanical and environmental tests described in this document are applicable.

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

IEC 60068-2-11, *Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2-11: Tests – Test Ka: Salt mist*

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 60068-2-42, *Environmental testing – Part 2-42: Tests – Test Kc: Sulphur dioxide test for contacts and connections*

IEC 60068-2-68, *Environmental testing – Part 2-68: Tests – Test L: Dust and sand*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing – Part 2-78: Tests – Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

IEC 60332-1-2:2004, *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions – Part 1-2: Test for vertical flame propagation for a single insulated wire or cable – Procedure for 1 kW pre-mixed flame*

IEC 60512-6-2, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 6-2: Dynamic stress tests – Test 6b: Bump*

IEC 60512-7-2, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 7-2: Impact tests (free components) – Test 7b: Mechanical strength impact*

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

IEC 60966-2 (all parts), *Radio frequency and coaxial cable assemblies*

IEC 60966-3 (all parts), *Radio frequency and coaxial cable assemblies*

IEC 60966-4 (all parts), *Radio frequency and coaxial cable assemblies*

IEC 61169 (all parts), *Radio-frequency connectors*

IEC 61169-1:2013, *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 1: Generic specification – General requirements and measuring methods*

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IEC 61196-1-119, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1-119: Electrical test methods – RF power rating*

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IEC 62153-4-6, *Metallic cables and other passive components test methods – Part 4-6: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Surface transfer impedance – Line injection method*

IEC 62153-4-7:2015, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-7: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Test method for measuring of transfer impedance  $Z_T$  and screening attenuation  $a_s$  or coupling attenuation  $a_C$  of connectors and assemblies up to and above 3 GHz – Triaxial tube in tube method*

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### CORDONS COAXIAUX ET CORDONS POUR FRÉQUENCES RADIOÉLECTRIQUES –

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- b) Le paragraphe 8.9 donne les références aux procédures d'essai applicables.

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# CORDONS COAXIAUX ET CORDONS POUR FRÉQUENCES RADIOÉLECTRIQUES –

## Partie 1: Spécification générique – Exigences générales et méthodes d'essai

### 1 Domaine d'application

La présente partie de l'IEC 60966 définit les exigences relatives aux cordons coaxiaux et aux cordons pour fréquences radioélectriques travaillant en mode électromagnétique transversal (TEM: *Transverse Electromagnetic Mode*). Elle fixe des exigences générales pour contrôler les propriétés électriques, mécaniques et environnementales des cordons coaxiaux pour fréquences radioélectriques composés de câbles et de connecteurs. Des exigences supplémentaires relatives à des familles spécifiques de cordons figurent dans les spécifications intermédiaires applicables.

La conception des câbles et des connecteurs utilisés sera de préférence conforme aux différentes parties applicables de l'IEC 61196 et de l'IEC 61169, respectivement.

NOTE 1 Le présent document ne comprend pas les essais qui sont normalement effectués séparément sur les câbles et les connecteurs. Ces essais sont décrits dans l'IEC 61196-1 (toutes les parties) et l'IEC 61169-1, respectivement.

NOTE 2 Dans la mesure du possible, les câbles et connecteurs utilisés dans les cordons, même s'ils ne sont pas décrits dans la série IEC 61196 ou dans la série IEC 61169, sont soumis aux essais séparément conformément aux essais indiqués dans la spécification générique applicable.

NOTE 3 Lorsqu'un cordon possède une protection supplémentaire, les essais mécaniques et d'environnement décrits dans le présent document sont applicables.

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Les documents suivants cités dans le texte constituent, pour tout ou partie de leur contenu, des exigences du présent document. Pour les références datées, seule l'édition citée s'applique. Pour les références non datées, la dernière édition du document de référence s'applique (y compris les éventuels amendements).

IEC 60068 (toutes les parties), *Essais d'environnement*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-6: Essais – Essai Fc: Vibrations (sinusoïdales)*

IEC 60068-2-11, *Essais fondamentaux climatiques et de robustesse mécanique – Partie 2-11: Essais – Essai Ka: Brouillard salin*

IEC 60068-2-14, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-14: Essais – Essai N: Variation de température*

IEC 60068-2-27, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-27: Essais – Essai Ea et guide: Chocs*

IEC 60068-2-42, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-42: Essais – Essai Kc: Essai à l'anhydride sulfureux pour contacts et connexions*

IEC 60068-2-68, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-68: Essais – Essai L: Poussière et sable*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-78: Essais – Essai Cab: chaleur humide, essai continu*

IEC 60332-1-2:2004, *Essais des câbles électriques et à fibres optiques soumis au feu – Partie 1-2: Essai de propagation verticale de la flamme sur conducteur ou câble isolé – Procédure pour flamme à prémélange de 1 kW*

IEC 60512-6-2, *Connecteurs pour équipements électroniques – Essais et mesures – Partie 6-2: Essais de contraintes dynamiques – Essai 6b: Secousses*

IEC 60512-7-2, *Connecteurs pour équipements électroniques – Essais et mesures – Partie 7-2: Essais d'impact (fiches) – Essai 7b: Résistance mécanique aux chocs*

IEC 60529, *Degrés de protection procurés par les enveloppes (Code IP)*

IEC 60966-2 (toutes les parties), *Cordons coaxiaux et cordons pour fréquences radioélectriques*

IEC 60966-3 (toutes les parties), *Cordons coaxiaux et cordons pour fréquences radioélectriques*

IEC 60966-4 (toutes les parties), *Cordons coaxiaux et cordons pour fréquences radioélectriques*

IEC 61169 (toutes les parties), *Connecteurs pour fréquences radioélectriques*

IEC 61169-1:2013, *Connecteurs pour fréquences radioélectriques – Partie 1: Spécification générique – Prescriptions générales et méthodes de mesure*

IEC 61196 (toutes les parties), *Câbles coaxiaux de communication*

IEC 61196-1-119, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1-119: Electrical test methods – RF power rating* (disponible en anglais seulement)

IEC 62037-2, *Dispositifs RF et à micro-ondes passifs, mesure du niveau d'intermodulation – Partie 2: Mesure de l'intermodulation passive dans les cordons coaxiaux*

IEC 62153-4-6, *Metallic cables and other passive components test methods – Part 4-6: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Surface transfer impedance – Line injection method* (disponible en anglais seulement)

IEC 62153-4-7:2015, *Méthodes d'essai des câbles métalliques de communication – Partie 4-7: Compatibilité électromagnétique (CEM) – Méthode d'essai pour mesurer l'impédance de transfert  $Z_T$  et l'affaiblissement d'écrantage  $a_s$  ou l'affaiblissement de couplage  $a_C$  des connecteurs et des cordons jusqu'à 3 GHz et au-dessus – Méthode triaxiale en tubes concentriques*