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INTRODUCTION

IEC 61000 is published in separate parts according to the following structure:

Part 1: General

General considerations (introduction, fundamental principles)
Definitions, terminology

Part 2: Environment

Description of the environment
Classification of the environment
Compatibility levels

Part 3: Limits

Emission limits
Immunity limits
(in so far as they do not fall under the responsibility of product committees)

Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques

Measurement techniques
Testing techniques

Part 5: Installation and mitigation guidelines

Installation guidelines
Mitigation methods and devices

Part 6: Generic standards

Part 9: Miscellaneous

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61000, which is an IEC technical report, reviews the sources and effects of power frequency conducted harmonic current emissions in the frequency range up to 2 kHz on the public electricity supply, and gives an account of the reasoning and calculations leading to the *existing* emission limits for equipment in the editions of IEC 61000-3-2, up to and including the second edition (2000) and its first amendment (2001), and in the first edition of IEC 61000-3-12 (2004).

The concepts in this technical report apply to all low voltage AC systems, but the numerical values apply specifically to the European 230 V/400 V 50 Hz system.

NOTE A rationale for the limits in future complete revisions of IEC 61000-3-2 or IEC 61000-3-12 or both will be included in a new technical report.

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 61000-2-2:2002¹⁾, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 2-2: Environment – Compatibility levels for low-frequency conducted disturbances and signalling in public low-voltage power supply systems*

IEC 61000-3-2:2000²⁾, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-2: Limits – Limits for harmonic current emissions (equipment input current ≤ 16 A per phase)³⁾*
Amendment 1 (2001)

IEC 61000-3-3:1994, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-3: Limits – Limitation of voltage fluctuations and flicker in public low-voltage supply systems for equipment with rated current ≤ 16 A⁴⁾*
Amendment 1 (2001)

1) This technical report also refers to the first edition of IEC 61000-2-2 (1990), *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 2: Environment – Section 2: Compatibility levels for low-frequency conducted disturbances and signalling in public low-voltage power supply systems*, since superseded by the second edition of that publication.

2) This technical report also refers to the first edition of IEC 61000-3-2 (1995), *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3: Limits – Section 2: Limits for harmonic current emissions (equipment input current ≤ 16 A per phase)*, and its Amendment 1 (1995), since superseded by the second edition and its amendments of that publication.

3) A consolidated edition 2.2 exists, which includes IEC 61000-3-2:2000 and its Amendments 1 (2001) and 2 (2004).

4) A consolidated edition 1.1 exists, which includes IEC 61000-3-3:1994 and its Amendment 1 (2001), *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-3: Limits – Limitation of voltage changes, voltage fluctuations and flicker in public low-voltage supply systems, for equipment with rated current ≤ 16 A per phase and not subject to conditional connection*

IEC 61000-3-4, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-4: Limits – Limitation of emission of harmonic currents in low-voltage power supply systems for equipment with rated current greater than 16 A*

IEC 61000-3-6, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3: Limits – Section 6: Assessment of emission limits for distorting loads in MV and HV power systems*

IEC 61000-3-11, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-11: Limits – Limitation of voltage changes, voltage fluctuations and flicker in public low-voltage supply systems – Equipment with rated current ≤ 75 A and subject to conditional connection*

IEC 61000-3-12, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-12: Limits for harmonic currents produced by equipment connected to public low-voltage systems with input current > 16 A and ≤ 75 A per phase*

IEC 61000-4-13, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-13: Testing and measurement techniques – Harmonics and interharmonics including mains signalling at a.c. power port, low frequency immunity tests*