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## Part 1: General

### 1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 61883 specifies a digital interface for consumer electronic audio/video equipment using IEEE 1394. It describes the general packet format, data flow management and connection management for audio-visual data, and also the general transmission rules for control commands.

The object of this standard is to define a transmission protocol for audio-visual data and control commands which provides for the interconnection of digital audio and video equipment, using IEEE 1394.

### 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.

IEEE 212:2001, *Standard for a Control and Status Registers (CSR) – Architecture for microcomputer buses*

IEEE 1394:1995, *Standard for a High Performance Serial Bus*

IEEE 1394a:2000, *Standard for a High Performance Serial Bus – Amendment 1*

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