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**Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) –  
Part 3-16: Limits – Limits for harmonic currents produced by the inverter of  
inverter-type electrical energy-supplying equipment with a reference current  
less than or equal to 75 A per phase connected to public low-voltage systems**

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- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

## 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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## ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) –

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#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61000 deals with the limits for harmonic (including grouped interharmonic) currents produced by the inverter of inverter-type electrical energy-supplying equipment (ESE) as defined in 3.2, but which does not include energy storage. The limits given in this document are applicable to inverters with a reference current as defined in 3.3 (see also 5.2.3) less than or equal to 75 A per phase, intended to be connected to public low-voltage AC distribution systems of the following types:

- single-phase, two or three wires; nominal voltage up to 240 V
- three-phase, three or four wires; nominal voltage up to 690 V
- nominal frequency of 50 Hz or 60 Hz.

This document specifies:

- a) requirements and emission limits for equipment;
- b) methods for type tests and simulations.

Tests in accordance with this document are type tests of complete pieces of equipment.

Equipment which mainly absorbs energy but which is capable of supplying energy to the public supply as a secondary function is out of the scope of this document.

EXAMPLE An elevator motor drive returning energy during braking.

This document provides limits and testing procedures for equipment in the range up to harmonic order 40 ( $h_{40}$ ), i.e. 2 000 Hz or 2 400 Hz depending on line frequency.

NOTE 1 It is possible that limits for frequencies in the range from 2 kHz to 9 kHz will be added in a future edition of this document.

NOTE 2 It is possible that limits and procedures for storage systems will be added in a future edition of this document.

#### 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.

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IEC 61000-2-2:2002, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 2-2: Environment – Compatibility levels for low-frequency conducted disturbances and signalling in public low-voltage power supply systems*

IEC 61000-2-2:2002 AMD1:2017

IEC 61000-2-2:2002 AMD2:2018

IEC 61000-4-7:2002, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-7: Testing and measurement techniques – General guide on harmonics and interharmonics measurements and instrumentation, for power supply systems and equipment connected thereto*

IEC 61000-4-7:2002 AMD:2008

IEC TR 60725:2012, *Consideration of reference impedances and public supply network impedances for use in determining the disturbance characteristics of electrical equipment having a rated current  $\leq 75$  A per phase*