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Coupling attenuation of screened balanced cables, triaxial method**

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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- two test procedures, open head and standard head procedure;
- measuring with balun or with multiport respectively mixed mode VNA;
- extension of frequency range up to and above 2 GHz.

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Part 4-9: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Coupling attenuation of screened balanced cables, triaxial method

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62153 applies to metallic communication cables. It specifies a test method for determining the coupling attenuation a_C of screened balanced cables. Due to the concentric outer tube, measurements are independent of irregularities on the circumference and external electromagnetic fields.

A wide dynamic and frequency range can be applied to test even super screened cables with normal instrumentation from low frequencies up to the limit of defined transversal waves in the outer circuit at approximately 4 GHz. However, when using a balun, the upper frequency is limited by the properties of the balun.

Measurements can be performed with standard tube procedure (respectively with standard test head) according to IEC 62153-4-4 or with open tube (open test head) procedure.

The procedure described herein to measure the coupling attenuation a_C is based on the procedure to measure the screening attenuation a_S according to IEC 62153-4-4.

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IEC 60050-726, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 726: Transmission lines and waveguides*

IEC TS 62153-4-1, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-1: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Introduction to electromagnetic screening measurements*

IEC 62153-4-3, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-3: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Surface transfer impedance – Triaxial method*

IEC 62153-4-4, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-4: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Test method for measuring of the screening attenuation as up to and above 3 GHz, triaxial method*

IEC 62153-4-5, *Metallic communication cables test methods – Part 4-5: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Coupling or screening attenuation – Absorbing clamp method*

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