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and enhanced AC-3 formats  
(IEC 61937-3:2007)**

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EN 61937-3:2009 contains the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 61937-3:2003.

- the definition of the audio data-burst required to deliver enhanced AC-3 bitstreams has been added;
- the definition of the latency of an enhanced AC-3 decoder has been added;
- the use of pause data-bursts when delivering enhanced AC-3 bitstreams has been added.

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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.

NOTE When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60958	Series	Digital audio interface	EN 60958	Series
IEC 61937-1	2007	Digital audio - Interface for non-linear PCM encoded audio bitstreams applying IEC 60958 - Part 1: General	EN 61937-1	2007
IEC 61937-2	2007	Digital audio - Interface for non-linear PCM encoded audio bitstreams applying IEC 60958 - Part 2: Burst-info	EN 61937-2	2007
ETSI TS 102 366	- <sup>1)</sup>	Digital Audio Compression (AC-3, Enhanced AC-3)	-	-
ATSC A/52B	- <sup>1)</sup>	Digital Audio Compression (AC-3, E-AC-3), Rev. B	-	-

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<sup>1)</sup> Undated reference.

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# DIGITAL AUDIO – INTERFACE FOR NON-LINEAR PCM ENCODED AUDIO BITSTREAMS APPLYING IEC 60958 –

## Part 3: Non-linear PCM bitstreams according to the AC-3 and enhanced AC-3 formats

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61937 describes the method used to convey non-linear PCM bitstreams encoded according to the AC-3 and enhanced AC-3 formats.

### 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 60958 (all parts), *Digital audio interface*

IEC 61937-1:2007, *Digital audio interface for non-linear PCM encoded audio bitstreams applying IEC 60958 – Part 1: General*

IEC 61937-2:2007, *Digital audio interface for non-linear PCM encoded audio bitstreams applying IEC 60958 – Part 2: Burst-info*

ATSC Standard A/52B, *Digital Audio Compression (AC-3, E-AC-3), Rev. B*

ETSI TS 102 366, *Digital Audio Compression (AC-3, Enhanced AC-3)*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following terms, definitions and abbreviations apply.

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

##### 3.1.1

##### **latency**

delay time of an external audio decoder to decode an AC-3 or enhanced AC-3 data burst, defined as the sum of two values of the receiving delay time and the decoding delay time.

##### 3.1.2

##### **stream type**

an enhanced AC-3 bitstream is constructed from one or more substreams, with each substream being constructed from a sequence of frames. The stream type parameter of an enhanced AC-3 frame identifies the type of substream of which the frame is a part