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IEC/TR 60788	2004	Medical electrical equipment - Glossary of defined terms	-	-
IEC 61267	2005	Medical diagnostic X-ray equipment - Radiation conditions for use in the determination of characteristics	EN 61267	2006
IEC 62220-1	2003	Medical electrical equipment - Characteristics of digital X-ray imaging devices - Part 1: Determination of the detective quantum efficiency	EN 62220-1	2004
ISO 12232	1998	Photography - Electronic still-picture cameras - Determination of ISO speed	-	-

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MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT – CHARACTERISTICS OF DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES –

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INTRODUCTION

DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES are increasingly used in medical diagnosis and will widely replace conventional (analogue) imaging devices such as screen-film systems or analogue X-RAY IMAGE INTENSIFIER television systems in the future. It is necessary, therefore, to define parameters that describe the specific imaging properties of these DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES and to standardize the measurement procedures employed.

There is growing consensus in the scientific world that the DETECTIVE QUANTUM EFFICIENCY (DQE) is the most suitable parameter for describing the imaging performance of an X-ray imaging device. The DQE describes the ability of the imaging device to preserve the signal-to-NOISE ratio from the radiation field to the resulting digital image data. Since in X-ray imaging, the NOISE in the radiation field is intimately coupled to the AIR KERMA level, DQE values can also be considered to describe the dose efficiency of a given DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICE.

NOTE In spite of the fact that the DQE is widely used to describe the performance of imaging devices, the connection between this physical parameter and the decision performance of a human observer is not yet completely understood [1], [3].¹⁾

The DQE is already widely used by manufacturers to describe the performance of their DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES. The specification of the DQE is also required by regulatory agencies (such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)) for admission procedures. However, there is presently no standard governing either the measurement conditions or the measurement procedure with the consequence that values from different sources may not be comparable.

This standard has therefore been developed in order to specify the measurement procedure together with the format of the conformance statement for the DETECTIVE QUANTUM EFFICIENCY of DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES.

In the DQE calculations proposed in this standard, it is assumed that system response is measured for objects that attenuate all energies equally (task-independent) [5].

This standard will be beneficial for manufacturers, users, distributors and regulatory agencies. It is the second document out of a series of three related standards:

- Part 1, which is intended to be used in RADIOGRAPHY, excluding MAMMOGRAPHY and RADIOSCOPY;
- the present Part 1-2, which is intended to be used for MAMMOGRAPHY;
- Part 1-3, which is intended to be used for dynamic imaging detectors.

These standards can be regarded as the first part of the family of 62220 standards describing the relevant parameters of DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES.

¹⁾ Figures in square brackets refer to the bibliography.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62220 specifies the method for the determination of the DETECTIVE QUANTUM EFFICIENCY (DQE) of DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES as a function of AIR KERMA and of SPATIAL FREQUENCY for the working conditions in the range of the medical application as specified by the MANUFACTURER. The intended users of this part of IEC 62220 are manufacturers and well equipped test laboratories.

This Part 1-2 is restricted to DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES that are used for mammographic imaging such as but not exclusively, CR systems, direct and indirect flat panel detector based systems, scanning systems (CCD* based or photon-counting). This part of IEC 62220 is not applicable to

- DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES intended to be used in general radiography or in dental radiography;
 - computed tomography;
- and
- devices for dynamic imaging (where series of images are acquired, as in fluoroscopic or cardiac imaging).

NOTE The devices noted above are excluded because they contain many parameters (for instance, beam qualities, geometry, time dependence, etc.) which differ from those important for mammography. Some of these techniques are treated in separate standards (IEC 62220-1 and IEC 62220-1-3) as has been done for other topics, for instance for speed and contrast, in IEC and ISO standards.

2 Normative references

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IEC TR 60788:2004, *Medical electrical equipment – Glossary of defined terms*

IEC 60601-2-45, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-45: Particular requirements for the safety of mammographic X-ray equipment and mammographic stereotactic devices*

IEC 61267:2005, *Medical diagnostic X-ray equipment – Radiation conditions for use in the determination of characteristics*

IEC 62220-1:2003, *Medical electrical equipment – Characteristics of digital X-ray imaging devices – Part 1: Determination of the detective quantum efficiency*

ISO 12232:1998, *Photography – Electronic still-picture cameras – Determination of ISO speed*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60788 which are listed in the Index of defined terms and the following apply.

3.1

CONVERSION FUNCTION

plot of the large area output level (ORIGINAL DATA) of a DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICE versus the number of exposure quanta per unit area (Q) in the DETECTOR SURFACE plane

NOTE 1 Q is to be calculated by multiplying the measured AIR KERMA excluding back scatter by the value given in column 4 of Table 2.

NOTE 2 Many calibration laboratories, such as national metrology institutes, calibrate RADIATION METERS to measure AIR KERMA.

[IEC 62220-1:2003, definition 3.2, modified]

3.2

DETECTIVE QUANTUM EFFICIENCY

$DQE(u,v)$

ratio of two NPS functions with the numerator being the NPS of the input signal at the DETECTOR SURFACE of a digital X-ray detector after having gone through the deterministic filter given by the system transfer function, and the denominator being the measured NPS of the output signal (ORIGINAL DATA)

NOTE Instead of the two-dimensional DETECTIVE QUANTUM EFFICIENCY, often a cut through the two-dimensional DETECTIVE QUANTUM EFFICIENCY along a specified line in the frequency plane is published.

[IEC 62220-1:2003, definition 3.3, modified]

3.3

DETECTOR SURFACE

accessible area which is closest to the IMAGE RECEPTOR PLANE

NOTE After removal of all parts (including the ANTI-SCATTER GRID and components for AUTOMATIC EXPOSURE CONTROL, if applicable) that can be safely removed from the RADIATION BEAM without damaging the digital X-ray detector.

[IEC 62220-1:2003, definition 3.4, modified]

3.4

DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICE

device consisting of a digital X-ray detector including the protective layers installed for use in practice, the amplifying and digitizing electronics, and a computer providing the ORIGINAL DATA (DN) of the image

[IEC 62220-1:2003, definition 3.5]

3.5

IMAGE MATRIX

arrangement of MATRIX ELEMENTS preferentially in a Cartesian coordinate system

[IEC 62220-1:2003, definition 3.6, modified]