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Part 1: Process for validation of dynamic data**



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The text of this technical report is based on the following documents:

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INTRODUCTION

A major reservation, identified early in the work of IEC technical committee 104 (working group 15) to collate dynamic environmental data, was the lack of fully validated data sets. In the absence of fully validated dynamic information, an essentially empirical data validation procedure has had to be adopted. The process set out in this technical report is intended to be generic in nature and is normally expected to be adopted as far as is practical within the circumstances of any particular data item.

In most cases, a fully quantified validation approach is not possible; as a consequence, the alternative approach set out in this technical report has been adopted. The approach is fundamentally an exercise in building confidence that the data were acquired and analysed in a competent manner. Such confidence is essential if the data is to form a reasonable basis for establishing trends and quantifying environmental conditions. A fundamental consequence of the absence of fully validated data sets is that no single data set can be entirely relied upon to quantify any dynamic environmental condition. As will be seen, a minimum of three independent data sets are required to complete the third phase of the verification process. All of these data sets should have met the preceding two data verification phases.

The validation process is set out in three phases. The intent is that each phase builds on the one preceding it and are normally undertaken in the order indicated. The data are firstly reviewed as individual records, then as a complete data set and lastly as compared with other similar data sets. The process set out in this technical report retains some quantitative requirements but becomes increasingly more subjective as the process proceeds.

The process, as set out, is neither novel nor innovative but is rather the logical check list that the majority of assessors of dynamical data work through prior to utilizing any measured information. The process as described below is primarily that for vibration data; the process for shock is essentially identical.

The verification process as described within this technical report is intrinsically embedded within the technical reports which assess the available measured dynamic data from various sources. In those reports the verification process is undertaken prior to the derivation of any environmental descriptions or test severity derivation. The verification process is not used to reject data but rather to categorize confidence in that data. In the assessment reports, the three phases of verification are undertaken under the headings "Data source and quality", "Intra data source comparison" and "Inter data source comparison". Under these headings the reports summarize how well each data source meets the criteria set out in this technical report.

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1 Scope

IEC/TR 62131-1, which is a technical report, reviews the essentially empirical data validation procedure adopted to establish confidence in the data utilized by the other Parts of IEC/TR 62131. The adoption of a validation procedure was necessary, due the lack of fully validated data sets.

This technical report is intended to be generic in nature and is normally expected to be adopted as far as is practical within the circumstances of any particular data item.

2 Normative references

None.

3 Data source and quality (undertaken on a single data item)

The purpose of this phase is to review each individual record to establish that it appears consistent. The main tools in this are the visual appearance of the data and consideration of its accompanying error assessment. It is acknowledged that few data items are accompanied by a full error assessment. However, the use of data items accompanied by no error assessment is at best questionable as they may prove to be entirely worthless. The extent of any error assessment is often a guide to the competence and care taken in the data acquisition exercise. Assessment of the data quality of each data item would normally include consideration of the following aspects.

- a) title and labelling: a data item is only of use if it is possible to identify (as a minimum) the location and axis of measurement as well as the conditions in which it was made in (such as speed, event, surface type etc.). Whilst such labelling is unlikely to be entirely adequate, the data user should not be in a position of having to make significant judgements as to the conditions and locations to which the data refers. A significant problem is that frequently, at the time of the test, inadequate information is recorded;
- b) appearance: the trace characteristics of many measurement and analysis faults can be identified from the appearance of the data alone. Whilst the identification of such trace characteristics may not be conclusive they are often “warning signs” of problems justifying further appraisal;
- c) measurement errors: in some instances estimates of errors of the entire measurement system are quoted. More frequently a “noise” measurement is made. This may be a specific channel set up to measure background noise or it may be from an otherwise non-operating platform. When neither are available, it is sometimes possible to identify a condition which can be treated, for practical purposes, as a measure of the background noise. As a minimum, the data user must be confident that the characteristics under investigation have not been unduly modified by measurement noise and errors;
- d) analysis errors: any analysis should be accompanied by information indicating the parameters adopted in undertaking the analysis. This should also include information from which the variability and errors arising from the analysis process can be established.

Most data likely to be subject to the data validation process will have been analysed digitally. In such cases the conversion from analogue measurements to digital form can introduce