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This international standard provides guidance applicable to information on application of capacitors, resistors, inductors, and complete filter units for electromagnetic interference suppression.

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IEC 60384-14, *Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment – Part 14: Sectional specification – Fixed capacitors for electromagnetic interference suppression and connection to the supply mains*

3 Electromagnetic and Radio frequency interference suppression (EMI/RFI)

3.1 General

Electromagnetic interference, EMI, is any electromagnetic emission or any electric or electronic disturbance which causes an undesirable response, malfunctioning or degradation in the performance of electrical equipment.

Radio frequency interference, RFI, is any electrical energy with content within the frequency range dedicated to radio frequency transmission.

Conducted RFI is most often found in the low frequency range from 150 kHz to 30 MHz.

Radiated RFI is most often found in the frequency range from 30 MHz to 10 GHz.

EMI or RFI propagate through conduction over signal and power lines and through radiation in free space.

Electrical machines and apparatus may generate electromagnetic interferences (EMI) which are fed back into power supply mains. These electromagnetic interferences may be picked up by apparatus connected to or placed close to the same power system up to a certain distance from the machine or apparatus.

The radio-frequency voltages may be generated both between conductors (phases) of the power system (symmetrical interference) and also between conductors (phases) and earth (asymmetrical interference). These voltages can cause electromagnetic radiation from the power lines.