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- Clause 3-"Terms and definitions" has been deleted to be included in the next edition of IEC 60862-1;
- the tapered IDT filter and the RSPUDT filter have been added to the clause of SAW transversal filters. Also DART, DWSF and EWC have been added as variations of SPUDT;
- the balanced connection has been added to the subclause of coupled resonator filters;

- recent substrate materials have been described;
- a subclause about packaging of SAW filters has been added.

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## INTRODUCTION

This standard has been compiled in response to a generally expressed desire on the part of both users and manufacturers for guidance on the use of SAW filters, so that the filters may be used to their best advantage. To this end, general and fundamental characteristics have been explained here.

The features of these SAW filters are their small size, light weight, adjustment-free, high stability and high reliability. SAW filters add new features and applications to the field of crystal filters and ceramic filters. At the beginning, SAW filters meant transversal filters which have two interdigital transducers (IDT). Although SAW transversal filters have a relatively higher minimum insertion attenuation, they have excellent amplitude and phase characteristics. Extensive studies have been made to reduce minimum insertion attenuation, such as resonator filter configurations, unidirectional interdigital transducers (UDT), interdigitated interdigital transducers (IIDT). Nowadays, various kinds of SAW filters with low insertion attenuation are widely used in various applications and SAW filters are available in the gigahertz range.

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# **SURFACE ACOUSTIC WAVE (SAW) FILTERS OF ASSESSED QUALITY –**

## **Part 2: Guidelines for the use**

### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60862 gives practical guidance on the use of SAW filters which are used in telecommunications, measuring equipment, radar systems and consumer products. IEC 60862-1 should be referred to for general information, standard values and test conditions.

SAW filters are now widely used in a variety of applications such as TV, satellite communications, optical fibre communications, mobile communications and so on. While these SAW filters have various specifications, many of them can be classified within a few fundamental categories.

This part of IEC 60862 includes various kinds of filter configuration, of which the operating frequency range is from approximately 10 MHz to 3 GHz and the relative bandwidth is about 0,02 % to 50 % of the centre frequency.

It is not the aim of this standard to explain theory, nor to attempt to cover all the eventualities which may arise in practical circumstances. This standard draws attention to some of the more fundamental questions, which should be considered by the user before he places an order for a SAW filter for a new application. Such a procedure will be the user's insurance against unsatisfactory performance.

Standard specifications, given in IEC 60862 series, and national specifications or detail specifications issued by manufacturers, define the available combinations of nominal frequency, pass bandwidth, ripple, shape factor, terminating impedance, etc. These specifications are compiled to include a wide range of SAW filters with standardized performances. It cannot be over-emphasized that the user should, wherever possible, select his SAW filters from these specifications, when available, even if it may lead to making small modifications to his circuit to enable standard filters to be used. This applies particularly to the selection of the nominal frequency.

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None.

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It is of prime interest to a user that the filter characteristics should satisfy a particular specification. The selection of tuning networks and SAW filters to meet that specification should be a matter of agreement between the user and the manufacturer.