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## ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) –

Part 4-18: Testing and measurement techniques –  
Damped oscillatory wave immunity test

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## INTRODUCTION

This standard is part of the IEC 61000 series, according to the following structure:

### **Part 1: General**

General considerations (introduction, fundamental principles)

Definitions, terminology

### **Part 2: Environment**

Description of the environment

Classification of the environment

Compatibility levels

### **Part 3: Limits**

Emission limits

Immunity limits (in so far as they do not fall under the responsibility of the product committees)

### **Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques**

Testing techniques

### **Part 5: Installation and mitigation guidelines**

Installation guidelines

Mitigation methods and devices

### **Part 6: Generic standards**

### **Part 9: Miscellaneous**

Each part is further subdivided into several parts, published either as international standards or as technical specifications or technical reports, some of which have already been published as sections. Others will be published with the part number followed by a dash and a second number identifying the subdivision (example: 61000-6-1).

This part is an international standard which gives immunity requirements and test procedures related to damped oscillatory waves.

## ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) –

### Part 4-18: Testing and measurement techniques – Damped oscillatory wave immunity test

#### 1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 61000-4 relates to the immunity requirements and test methods for electrical and electronic equipment, under operational conditions, with regard to:

- a) repetitive damped oscillatory waves occurring mainly in power, control and signal cables installed in high voltage and medium voltage (HV/MV) substations;
- b) repetitive damped oscillatory waves occurring mainly in power, control and signal cables installed in gas insulated substations (GIS) and in some cases also air insulated substations (AIS) or in any installation due to HEMP phenomena.

The object of this basic standard is to establish the immunity requirements and a common reference for evaluating in a laboratory the performance of electrical and electronic equipment intended for residential, commercial and industrial applications, as well as of equipment intended for power stations and substations, as applicable.

NOTE As described in IEC guide 107, this is a basic EMC publication for use by product committees of the IEC. As also stated in Guide 107, the IEC product committees are responsible for determining whether this immunity test standard should be applied or not, and if applied, they are responsible for determining the appropriate test levels and performance criteria. TC 77 and its sub-committees are prepared to co-operate with product committees in the evaluation of the value of particular immunity tests for their products.

The purpose of this standard is to define:

- test voltage and current waveforms;
- ranges of test levels;
- test equipment;
- test setup;
- test procedure.

The object of this standard is to establish a common reference for evaluating the immunity of electrical and electronic equipment when subjected to damped oscillatory waves. The test method documented in this part of IEC 61000 describes a consistent method to assess the immunity of an equipment or system against a defined phenomenon.

#### 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 60050(161): *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 161: Electromagnetic compatibility*

IEC 61000-4-4: *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test*

IEC 61000-6-6: *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-6: Generic standards – HEMP immunity for indoor equipment*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions contained in IEC 60050-161, some of which are repeated here for convenience, and the following terms and definitions apply.

NOTE These terms are applicable to the restricted field of oscillatory transients.

#### 3.1

##### **air insulated substation**

##### **AIS**

substation which is made up with only air insulated switchgear

#### 3.2

##### **burst**

sequence of a limited number of distinct pulses or an oscillation of limited duration

[IEV 161-02-07]

#### 3.3

##### **calibration**

set of operations which establishes, by reference to standards, the relationship which exists under specified conditions, between an indication and a result of a measurement

NOTE 1 This term is based on the "uncertainty" approach.

NOTE 2 The relationship between the indications and the results of measurement can be expressed, in principle, by a calibration diagram.

[IEV 311-01-09]

#### 3.4

##### **coupling**

interaction between circuits, transferring energy from one circuit to another

#### 3.5

##### **coupling network**

electrical circuit for the purpose of transferring energy from one circuit to another

#### 3.6

##### **decoupling network**

electrical circuit for the purpose of preventing test voltages applied to the EUT (equipment under test) from affecting other devices, equipment, or systems which are not under test

#### 3.7

##### **gas insulated (metal-enclosed) substation**

##### **GIS**

substation which is made up with only gas insulated metal enclosed switchgear

[IEV 605-02-14]

#### 3.8

##### **high-altitude electromagnetic pulse**

electromagnetic pulse produced by a nuclear explosion outside the earth's atmosphere

NOTE Typically above an altitude of 30 km

### 3.9

#### **immunity (to a disturbance)**

the ability of a device, equipment, or system to perform without degradation in the presence of an electromagnetic disturbance

[IEV 161-01-20]

### 3.10

#### **port**

particular interface of the EUT with the external electromagnetic environment

### 3.11

#### **rise time**

interval of time between the instants at which the instantaneous value of a pulse first reaches 10 % value and then the 90 % value

[IEV 161-02-05, modified]

### 3.12

#### **transient (adjective and noun)**

pertaining to or designating a phenomenon or a quantity which varies between two consecutive steady states during a time interval short compared with the time-scale of interest

[IEV 161-02-01]

### 3.13

#### **verification**

set of operations which is used to check the test equipment system (e.g. the test generator and the interconnecting cables) and to demonstrate that the test system is functioning within the specifications given in Clause 6

NOTE 1 The methods used for verification may be different from those used for calibration.

NOTE 2 The procedure of 6.1.3 and 6.2 is meant as a guide to insure the correct operation of the test generator, and other items making up the test setup so that the intended waveform is delivered to the EUT.

[IEV 311-01-13, modified]

## 4 General

The damped oscillatory wave phenomena are divided into two parts. The first part is referred to as the slow damped oscillatory wave and includes oscillation frequencies between 100 kHz and 1 MHz. The second part is referred to as the fast damped oscillatory wave, and it includes oscillation frequencies above 1 MHz. The causes of these two types of damped oscillatory waves are described below.

### 4.1 Information on the slow damped oscillatory wave phenomenon

This phenomenon is representative of the switching of disconnectors in HV/MV open-air substations, and is particularly related to the switching of HV busbars, as well as to the background disturbance in industrial plants.

*In electrical stations*, the opening and closing operations of HV disconnectors give rise to sharp front-wave transients, with rise times of the order of some tens of nanoseconds.

The voltage front-wave has an evolution that includes reflections, due to the mismatching of the characteristic impedance of HV circuits involved. In this respect, the resulting transient voltage and current in HV busbars are characterized by a fundamental oscillation frequency that depends on the length of the circuit and on the propagation time.