

# INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

## NORME INTERNATIONALE

**Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) –  
Part 3-3: Limits – Limitation of voltage changes, voltage fluctuations and flicker  
in public low-voltage supply systems, for equipment with rated current  $\leq 16$  A per  
phase and not subject to conditional connection**

**Compatibilité électromagnétique (CEM) –  
Partie 3-3: Limites – Limitation des variations de tension, des fluctuations de  
tension et du papillotement dans les réseaux publics d'alimentation basse  
tension, pour les matériels ayant un courant assigné  $\leq 16$  A par phase et non  
soumis à un raccordement conditionnel**



## THIS PUBLICATION IS COPYRIGHT PROTECTED

Copyright © 2008 IEC, Geneva, Switzerland

All rights reserved. Unless otherwise specified, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm, without permission in writing from either IEC or IEC's member National Committee in the country of the requester.

If you have any questions about IEC copyright or have an enquiry about obtaining additional rights to this publication, please contact the address below or your local IEC member National Committee for further information.

Droits de reproduction réservés. Sauf indication contraire, aucune partie de cette publication ne peut être reproduite ni utilisée sous quelque forme que ce soit et par aucun procédé, électronique ou mécanique, y compris la photocopie et les microfilms, sans l'accord écrit de la CEI ou du Comité national de la CEI du pays du demandeur.

Si vous avez des questions sur le copyright de la CEI ou si vous désirez obtenir des droits supplémentaires sur cette publication, utilisez les coordonnées ci-après ou contactez le Comité national de la CEI de votre pays de résidence.

IEC Central Office  
3, rue de Varembe  
CH-1211 Geneva 20  
Switzerland  
Email: [inmail@iec.ch](mailto:inmail@iec.ch)  
Web: [www.iec.ch](http://www.iec.ch)

### About the IEC

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is the leading global organization that prepares and publishes International Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies.

### About IEC publications

The technical content of IEC publications is kept under constant review by the IEC. Please make sure that you have the latest edition, a corrigenda or an amendment might have been published.

- Catalogue of IEC publications: [www.iec.ch/searchpub](http://www.iec.ch/searchpub)

The IEC on-line Catalogue enables you to search by a variety of criteria (reference number, text, technical committee,...). It also gives information on projects, withdrawn and replaced publications.

- IEC Just Published: [www.iec.ch/online\\_news/justpub](http://www.iec.ch/online_news/justpub)

Stay up to date on all new IEC publications. Just Published details twice a month all new publications released. Available on-line and also by email.

- Electropedia: [www.electropedia.org](http://www.electropedia.org)

The world's leading online dictionary of electronic and electrical terms containing more than 20 000 terms and definitions in English and French, with equivalent terms in additional languages. Also known as the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary online.

- Customer Service Centre: [www.iec.ch/webstore/custserv](http://www.iec.ch/webstore/custserv)

If you wish to give us your feedback on this publication or need further assistance, please visit the Customer Service Centre FAQ or contact us:

Email: [csc@iec.ch](mailto:csc@iec.ch)  
Tel.: +41 22 919 02 11  
Fax: +41 22 919 03 00

---

### A propos de la CEI

La Commission Electrotechnique Internationale (CEI) est la première organisation mondiale qui élabore et publie des normes internationales pour tout ce qui a trait à l'électricité, à l'électronique et aux technologies apparentées.

### A propos des publications CEI

Le contenu technique des publications de la CEI est constamment revu. Veuillez vous assurer que vous possédez l'édition la plus récente, un corrigendum ou amendement peut avoir été publié.

- Catalogue des publications de la CEI: [www.iec.ch/searchpub/cur\\_fut-f.htm](http://www.iec.ch/searchpub/cur_fut-f.htm)

Le Catalogue en-ligne de la CEI vous permet d'effectuer des recherches en utilisant différents critères (numéro de référence, texte, comité d'études,...). Il donne aussi des informations sur les projets et les publications retirées ou remplacées.

- Just Published CEI: [www.iec.ch/online\\_news/justpub](http://www.iec.ch/online_news/justpub)

Restez informé sur les nouvelles publications de la CEI. Just Published détaille deux fois par mois les nouvelles publications parues. Disponible en-ligne et aussi par email.

- Electropedia: [www.electropedia.org](http://www.electropedia.org)

Le premier dictionnaire en ligne au monde de termes électroniques et électriques. Il contient plus de 20 000 termes et définitions en anglais et en français, ainsi que les termes équivalents dans les langues additionnelles. Egalement appelé Vocabulaire Electrotechnique International en ligne.

- Service Clients: [www.iec.ch/webstore/custserv/custserv\\_entry-f.htm](http://www.iec.ch/webstore/custserv/custserv_entry-f.htm)

Si vous désirez nous donner des commentaires sur cette publication ou si vous avez des questions, visitez le FAQ du Service clients ou contactez-nous:

Email: [csc@iec.ch](mailto:csc@iec.ch)  
Tél.: +41 22 919 02 11  
Fax: +41 22 919 03 00

# INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

## NORME INTERNATIONALE

---

**Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) –  
Part 3-3: Limits – Limitation of voltage changes, voltage fluctuations and flicker  
in public low-voltage supply systems, for equipment with rated current  $\leq 16$  A  
per phase and not subject to conditional connection**

**Compatibilité électromagnétique (CEM) –  
Partie 3-3: Limites – Limitation des variations de tension, des fluctuations de  
tension et du papillotement dans les réseaux publics d'alimentation basse  
tension, pour les matériels ayant un courant assigné  $\leq 16$  A par phase et non  
soumis à un raccordement conditionnel**

INTERNATIONAL  
ELECTROTECHNICAL  
COMMISSION

COMMISSION  
ELECTROTECHNIQUE  
INTERNATIONALE

PRICE CODE  
CODE PRIX

T

## CONTENTS

FOREWORD.....	3
INTRODUCTION.....	5
1 Scope.....	6
2 Normative references .....	6
3 Definitions .....	7
4 Assessment of voltage changes, voltage fluctuations and flicker .....	8
4.1 Assessment of a relative voltage change, " <i>d</i> " .....	8
4.2 Assessment of the short-term flicker value, $P_{st}$ .....	9
4.2.1 Flickermeter .....	9
4.2.2 Simulation method .....	9
4.2.3 Analytical method .....	9
4.2.4 Use of $P_{st} = 1$ curve.....	10
4.3 Assessment of long-term flicker value, $P_{lt}$ .....	10
5 Limits .....	10
6 Test conditions .....	11
6.1 General.....	11
6.2 Measurement accuracy .....	12
6.3 Test supply voltage .....	12
6.4 Reference impedance.....	12
6.5 Observation period.....	12
6.6 General test conditions.....	13
Annex A (normative) Application of limits and type test conditions for specific equipment.....	18
Annex B (normative) Test conditions and procedures for measuring $d_{max}$ voltage changes caused by manual switching .....	25
Figure 1 – Reference network for single-phase and three-phase supplies derived from a three-phase, four-wire supply.....	14
Figure 2 – Histogram evaluation of $U(t)$ .....	15
Figure 3 – Relative voltage change characteristic .....	15
Figure 4 – Curve for $P_{st}=1$ for rectangular equidistant voltage changes .....	16
Figure 5 – Shape factors $F$ for double-step and ramp-voltage characteristics.....	16
Figure 6 – Shape factors $F$ for rectangular and triangular voltage characteristics .....	17
Figure 7 – Shape factor $F$ for motor-start voltage characteristics having various front times .....	17
Table 1 – Assessment method.....	9
Table A.1 – Electrode parameters .....	23
Table A.2 – Frequency factor $R$ related to repetition rate " $r$ " .....	24

## INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

**ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) –****Part 3-3: Limits – Limitation of voltage changes, voltage fluctuations and flicker in public low-voltage supply systems, for equipment with rated current  $\leq 16$  A per phase and not subject to conditional connection**

## FOREWORD

- 1) The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a worldwide organization for standardization comprising all national electrotechnical committees (IEC National Committees). The object of IEC is to promote international co-operation on all questions concerning standardization in the electrical and electronic fields. To this end and in addition to other activities, IEC publishes International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports, Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) and Guides (hereafter referred to as "IEC Publication(s)"). Their preparation is entrusted to technical committees; any IEC National Committee interested in the subject dealt with may participate in this preparatory work. International, governmental and non-governmental organizations liaising with the IEC also participate in this preparation. IEC collaborates closely with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in accordance with conditions determined by agreement between the two organizations.
- 2) The formal decisions or agreements of IEC on technical matters express, as nearly as possible, an international consensus of opinion on the relevant subjects since each technical committee has representation from all interested IEC National Committees.
- 3) IEC Publications have the form of recommendations for international use and are accepted by IEC National Committees in that sense. While all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that the technical content of IEC Publications is accurate, IEC cannot be held responsible for the way in which they are used or for any misinterpretation by any end user.
- 4) In order to promote international uniformity, IEC National Committees undertake to apply IEC Publications transparently to the maximum extent possible in their national and regional publications. Any divergence between any IEC Publication and the corresponding national or regional publication shall be clearly indicated in the latter.
- 5) IEC provides no marking procedure to indicate its approval and cannot be rendered responsible for any equipment declared to be in conformity with an IEC Publication.
- 6) All users should ensure that they have the latest edition of this publication.
- 7) No liability shall attach to IEC or its directors, employees, servants or agents including individual experts and members of its technical committees and IEC National Committees for any personal injury, property damage or other damage of any nature whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, or for costs (including legal fees) and expenses arising out of the publication, use of, or reliance upon, this IEC Publication or any other IEC Publications.
- 8) Attention is drawn to the Normative references cited in this publication. Use of the referenced publications is indispensable for the correct application of this publication.
- 9) Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this IEC Publication may be the subject of patent rights. IEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

International Standard IEC 61000-3-3 has been prepared by subcommittee 77A: Low-frequency phenomena, of IEC technical committee 77: Electromagnetic compatibility.

This second edition IEC 61000-3-3 cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1994, amendment 1 (2001) and amendment 2 (2005). This edition constitutes a revised edition.

The document 77A/644/FDIS, circulated to the National Committees as amendment 3, led to the publication of the new edition.

The text of this standard is based on the first edition, its amendment 1, amendment 2 and on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
77A/644/FDIS	77A/650/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

The committee has decided that the contents of this amendment and the base publication will remain unchanged until the maintenance result date indicated on the IEC web site under "<http://webstore.iec.ch>" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

## INTRODUCTION

IEC 61000 is published in separate parts 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 product committees)

### Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques

- Measurement techniques
- Testing techniques

### Part 5: Installation and mitigation guidelines

- Installation guidelines
- Mitigation methods and devices

### Part 9: Miscellaneous

Each part is further subdivided into sections which are to be published either as International Standards or as Technical Reports.

These standards and reports will be published in chronological order and numbered accordingly.

This part is a Product Family Standard.

The limits in this standard relate to the voltage changes experienced by consumers connected at the interface between the public supply low-voltage network and the equipment user's installation. Consequently, if the actual impedance of the supply at the supply terminals of equipment connected within the equipment user's installation exceeds the test impedance, it is possible that supply disturbance exceeding the limits may occur.

## ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) –

### Part 3-3: Limits – Limitation of voltage changes, voltage fluctuations and flicker in public low-voltage supply systems, for equipment with rated current $\leq 16$ A per phase and not subject to conditional connection

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61000 is concerned with the limitation of voltage fluctuations and flicker impressed on the public low-voltage system.

It specifies limits of voltage changes which may be produced by an equipment tested under specified conditions and gives guidance on methods of assessment.

This part of IEC 61000 is applicable to electrical and electronic equipment having an input current equal to or less than 16 A per phase, intended to be connected to public low-voltage distribution systems of between 220 V and 250 V line to neutral at 50 Hz, and not subject to conditional connection.

Equipment which does not comply with the limits of this part of IEC 61000 when tested with the reference impedance  $Z_{ref}$  of 6.4, and which therefore cannot be declared compliant with this part, may be retested or evaluated to show conformity with IEC 61000-3-11. Part 3-11 is applicable to equipment with rated input current  $\leq 75$  A per phase and subject to conditional connection.

The tests according to this part are type tests. Particular test conditions are given in annex A and the test circuit is shown in Figure 1.

NOTE The limits in this part of IEC 61000 are based mainly on the subjective severity of flicker imposed on the light from 230 V/60 W coiled-coil filament lamps by fluctuations of the supply voltage. For systems with nominal voltage less than 220 V line to neutral and/or frequency of 60 Hz, the limits and reference circuit values are under consideration.

#### 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):1990, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 161: Electromagnetic compatibility*

IEC/TR 60725, *Consideration of reference impedances and public supply impedances for use in determining disturbance characteristics of electrical equipment having a rated current  $\leq 75$  A per phase*

IEC 60974-1, *Arc welding equipment – Part 1: Welding power sources*

IEC 61000-3-2:2005, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-2: Limits – Limits for harmonic current emissions (equipment input current  $\leq 16$  A per phase)*