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The major change with respect to the second edition is a better definition of the tests to be performed.

This sectional specification is to be read in conjunction with the second edition of IEC 60966-1 (1999). It contains the same clauses as that of IEC 60966-1 and completes or amends them when required. When a clause of IEC 60966-1 does not appear in this standard, it applies as it is in IEC 60966-1. When this standard states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant text in Part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.

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RADIO FREQUENCY AND COAXIAL CABLE ASSEMBLIES –

Part 3: Sectional specification for semi-flexible coaxial cable assemblies

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60966 is a sectional specification that relates to semi-flexible coaxial cable assemblies operating in the transverse electromagnetic mode (TEM). It establishes uniform requirements for testing the electrical, mechanical and climatic properties of flexible cable assemblies composed of flexible coaxial cables and coaxial connectors.

NOTE 1 For the purposes of this sectional specification, a cable assembly is always regarded as an integral unit. All specifications apply to the finished assembly and not to individual and non-assembled parts thereof.

NOTE 2 This sectional specification should be supplemented with detail specifications giving additional details as required by the particular application. This application will not necessarily require all tests.

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 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60096-2, *Radio-frequency cables – Part 2: Relevant cable specifications*

IEC 60410, *Sampling plans and procedures for inspection by attributes*

IEC 60966-1:1999, *Radio frequency and coaxial cable assemblies – Part 1: Generic specification – General requirements and test methods*

IEC 61169 (all parts), *Radio-frequency connectors*

IEC 61196 (all parts), *Coaxial communication cables*

IEC QC 001002 (all parts), *IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ) – Rules of procedure*

ISO 9000, *Quality management systems – Fundamentals and vocabulary*