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characteristics—Limits and methods of  
measurement for the protection of off-  
board receivers**



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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee TE-003, Electromagnetic Interference, to supersede AS/NZS CISPR 12:2006.

The objective of this Standard is to provide limits of protection for broadcast receivers in the frequency range of 30 MHz to 1 000 MHz when used in the residential environment.

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## INTRODUCTION

There is a specific need for standards to define acceptable radio frequency performance of all electrical/electronic products. CISPR 12 has been developed to serve the road vehicle and related industries with test methods and limits that provide satisfactory protection for radio reception.

CISPR 12 has been used for many years as a regulatory requirement in numerous countries, to provide protection for radio receivers in the residential environment. It has been extremely effective in protecting the radio environment outside the vehicle.

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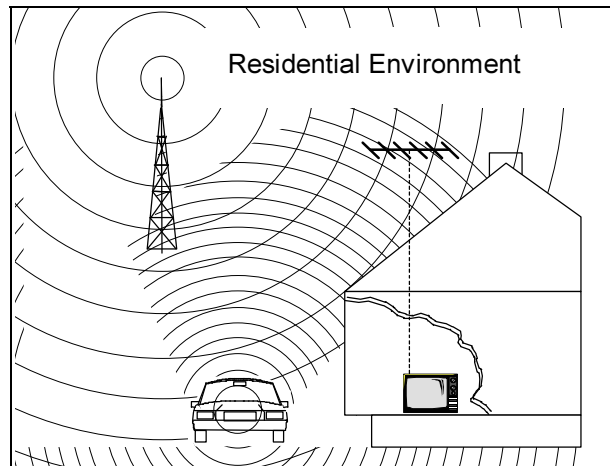
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**1 Scope**

The limits in this International Standard are designed to provide protection for broadcast receivers in the frequency range of 30 MHz to 1 000 MHz when used in the residential environment. Compliance with this standard may not provide adequate protection for new types of radio transmissions or receivers used in the residential environment nearer than 10 m to the vehicle, boat or device.

NOTE 1 Experience has shown that compliance with this standard may provide satisfactory protection for receivers of other types of transmissions when used in the residential environment, including radio transmissions in frequency ranges other than that specified.



This standard applies to the emission of electromagnetic energy which may cause interference to radio reception and which is emitted from

- vehicles propelled by an internal combustion engine, electrical means or both (see 3.1);
- boats propelled by an internal combustion engine, electrical means or both (see 3.2). Boats are to be tested in the same manner as vehicles except where they have unique characteristics as explicitly stated in this standard;
- devices equipped with internal combustion engines (see 3.3).

See Annex G for a flow chart to help determine the applicability of CISPR 12.

This standard does not apply to aircraft, traction systems (railway, tramway and electric trolley bus), or to incomplete vehicles. In the case of a dual-mode trolley bus (e.g. propelled by power from either a.c./d.c. mains or an internal combustion engine), the internal combustion propulsion system must be included, but the a.c./d.c. mains portion of the vehicle propulsion system is excluded from this standard.

NOTE 2 Protection of receivers used on board the same vehicle as the disturbance source(s) are covered by CISPR 25.

The measurement of electromagnetic disturbances while the vehicle is connected to power mains for charging is not covered in this standard. The user is referred to appropriate IEC and CISPR standards which define measurement techniques and limits for this condition.

Annex H lists work being considered for future revisions.