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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition, published in 2000. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) an introduction has been added to provide some guidance to this document in view of concurrent test method 23g in the same family;

- b) the frequency range for which this test method is considered reliable moved from 1 GHz to 3 GHz, to be consistent with Figure 7 (unchanged) and current industry practice and need;
- c) update to IEC 62153-4-6:2017 of former normative reference IEC 60096-4-1:1990, withdrawn and incorrect (should have been IEC 61196-1:1995, also withdrawn);
- d) update to current subclause numbers of IEC 62153-4-6:2017 what were the previous subclause numbers referenced in IEC 61196-1:1995 (wrongly attributed to IEC 60096-4-1:1990). For immediate understanding the title of these subclauses has been added;
- e) alignment of title to the current scope of SC 48B (connectors) and inclusion of electrical equipment as target application of said connectors (per current scope of TC 48) and explicit reference to the method – line injection – for the measurement of transfer impedance;
- f) symbols *SE* for shielding effectiveness and  $Z_T$  for surface transfer impedance added throughout the document;
- g) list of connectors to which the test method is applicable – previously in 3.1 – moved in scope;
- h) former name of AECMA organization changed to the current ASD-STAN;
- i) “specimen” used instead of “sample” throughout the document;
- j) clarification in the title of what transfer impedance is described in Table 3 and editorial improvement of the same;
- k) “dielectric constant” changed into the updated term “relative permittivity”;
- l) added a note to warn about the fact that this test method requires in 6.6 a TDR with more stringent rise time of less than 100 ps than the value of less than 350 ps specified both in IEC 62153-4-6 and in EN 50289-1-6 for the similar line injection method applied to screened cables, whereas test 23g of IEC 60512-23-7 specifies for the same purpose a TDR with a rise time of less than 200 ps;
- m) adoption of term “*connector housing*” [IEV 581-27-10] instead of “*shell*” to address the connector accessory providing the shielding;
- n) title “Transfer impedance  $Z_T$  [ $\Omega$ ]” added to the ordinate axis on the left side of double log diagram of Figure 7;
- o) explanatory note to clarify the conversion formula for *SE* from  $Z_T$  added.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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Future standards in this series will carry the new general title as cited above. Titles of existing standards in this series will be updated at the time of the next edition.

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## INTRODUCTION

This document is part of the IEC 60512 series within the group of standards identified as *Part 23: Screening and filtering tests*.

It covers a method to measure the shielding (screening) effectiveness of shielded connectors or of shielding accessories for connectors that are non-inherently shielded, e.g. connector shielded housings and/or connector EMC cable glands, by measurement of the surface transfer impedance  $Z_T$  ( $\Omega$ ) as a function of the frequency. By using a formula,  $Z_T$  is then converted in shielding effectiveness  $SE$  (dB).

In Part 23 there is another document, IEC 60512-23-7, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 23-7 – Screening and filtering tests – Test 23g: Effective transfer impedance of connectors*, that provides test 23g.

The first difference between the method described in this document and test 23g is that here in test 23c, in the measurement of the transfer impedance  $Z_T$  the capacitive coupling phenomena covered by the capacity coupling impedance  $Z_F$  are considered negligible, while test 23g includes these effects to measure the effective surface transfer impedance  $Z_{TE}$ .

This test 23c is applicable to a wide range of applications: it covers circular connectors, rectangular connectors and connectors for PCBs, as well as connector shielding accessories, i.e. those accessories such as connector shielded housings and/or metal shielding plates, providing shielding properties to a non-inherently shielded connector.

Test 23g is a variant of the triaxial test method for screened cables of IEC 62153-4-7, it addresses more specifically non-circular screened (shielded) connectors, it requires as DUT a complete cable assembly, i.e. a short piece of screened cable terminated by two connectors to be tested, and it requires also two adaptors plus a specific test jig.

More differences will be clear by a comparative read of the two test methods (this test 23c and test 23g) for the choice of the most suitable test to be indicated by the connector (or accessory) product detail specification or the manufacturer specification.

For further guidance regarding EMC testing of connectors and cable assemblies with screened cables and connectors, see also IEC TS 62513-4-1.

## CONNECTORS FOR ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT – TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS –

### Part 23-3: Screening and filtering tests – Test 23c: Shielding effectiveness of connectors and accessories – Line injection method

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60512 defines a standard test method for measuring the shielding effectiveness  $SE$  of a shielded connector, or of a connector not provided with integral shield once fitted with a shielding accessory and terminated with a screened cable.

The complete assembly has a continuous 360° shielding capability throughout its length.

NOTE 1 Practically, continuous 360° shielding is not always achievable based on the geometry of the connector.

NOTE 2 Shielding” is used in this document with the same meaning as “screening”.

This test method can be applied to shielded connectors and to connector accessories with shielding capability. The following different connector designs can be tested:

- circular connectors;
- rectangular connectors;
- connectors for printed boards;
- connector shielding accessories.

NOTE 3 For the definition of “accessory” see IEC 581-24-10. A shielding accessory i.e. an accessory that confers shielding to a non-inherently shielded connector, may be a suitable set of shielded housings providing electrical continuity, along the mated connector set, between the screen of the (screened) cable at the cable outlet of the free cable connector housing and the metallic mounting surface for the fixed connector housing. The free connector housing is provided with a cable screen clamp.

This test method utilizes the principle that the intrinsic shielding property of the connector/ accessory/cable assembly is its surface transfer impedance  $Z_T$  which can be expressed as the longitudinal voltage inside the shield, relative to the current flow on the outside shell.

This test method is based on two impedance-matched circuits. See Figure 1 for the measurement principle. The connector specimen under test is integrated into the secondary circuit 02. The impedance-matched injection line of the primary circuit 01, which activates the electromagnetic field, runs parallel to the surface of the specimen under test.

This test is also suitable for measuring the shielding effectiveness of a connector fitted with triaxial contacts terminated with shielded, twisted pair cables, as used in data bus systems.

NOTE 4 This standard has been adopted by ASD-STAN (formerly known as AECMA) as EN 2591-212 .