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- redrafting of measurement procedure to include DVB-T2 signals;
- updating of performance requirements in Clause 5 to include those for DVB-T2 signals;
- updating of performance requirements in Clause 6 to include those for DVB-T2 signals;
- updating of performance requirements in Clause 7 to include those for DVB-T2 signals;

- reference to IEC 60728-1-1 for home networks;
- reference to IEC 60728-1-2 for performance requirements at system outlet in operation.

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INTRODUCTION

Standards and deliverables of the IEC 60728 series deal with cable networks including equipment and associated methods of measurement for headend reception, processing and distribution of television and sound signals and for processing, interfacing and transmitting all kinds of data signals for interactive services using all applicable transmission media. These signals are typically transmitted in networks by frequency-multiplexing techniques.

This includes for instance

- regional and local broadband cable networks,
- extended satellite and terrestrial television distribution systems,
- individual satellite and terrestrial television receiving systems,

and all kinds of equipment, systems and installations used in such cable networks, distribution and receiving systems.

The extent of this standardization work is from the antennas and/or special signal source inputs to the headend or other interface points to the network up to the terminal input of the customer premises equipment.

The standardization work will consider coexistence with users of the RF spectrum in wired and wireless transmission systems.

The standardization of any user terminals (i.e. tuners, receivers, decoders, multimedia terminals, etc.) as well as of any coaxial, balanced and optical cables and accessories thereof is excluded.

IEC 60728-1 includes the following clauses:

Clause 5 defines the system performance limits which will, with an unimpaired input, (headend input signal), produce picture and sound signals (at system outlets) where the impairment to any single parameter will not be worse, in normal operating conditions for any analogue channel, than grade four on the five-grade impairment scale contained in ITU- R Recommendation BT.500-10. For digitally modulated signals, the quality requirement is a quasi-error-free (QEF) reception.

Appropriate performance requirements for the signals at the receiving antennas site are given in Clause 6 in order to provide at the input of the headend of the cable network both analogue and digital television signals with suitable quality.

Clause 7 is applicable to home networks (including those of individual receiving systems) using coaxial cables, balanced cables or optical cables and primarily intended for television signals, sound signals and interactive services, operating between about 30 MHz and 3 000 MHz.

This clause (Clause 7), considering the basic operational characteristics of a home network, specifies the requirements with respect to the home network interface (HNI) taking into account the performance requirements given at the system outlet or at the terminal input.

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Part 1: System performance of forward paths

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60728 is applicable to any cable network (including individual receiving systems) having in the forward path a coaxial cable output and primarily intended for television and sound signals operating between about 30 MHz and 3 000 MHz.

This part of IEC 60728 specifies the basic methods of measurement of the operational characteristics of cable network having coaxial cable outputs in order to assess the performance of these systems and their performance limits.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050-705, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 705: Radio wave propagation*

IEC 60050-712:1992, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 712: Antennas*

IEC 60050-725, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 725: Space radiocommunications*

IEC 60728-1-1, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 1-1: RF cabling for two way home networks*

IEC 60728-1-2, *Cable networks for television signals sound signals and interactive services – Part 1-2: Performance requirements for signals delivered at the system outlet in operation*

IEC 60728-2, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 2: Electromagnetic compatibility for equipment*

IEC 60728-3:2010, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 3: Active wideband equipment for cable networks*

IEC 60728-5, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 5: Headend equipment*

IEC 60728-10, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 10: System performance of return paths*

IEC 60728-11, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 11: Safety*

IEC 60728-12, *Cabled distribution systems for television and sound signals – Part 12: Electromagnetic compatibility of systems*

IEC 60966-2-4, *Radio frequency and coaxial cable assemblies – Part 2-4: Detail specification for cable assemblies for radio and TV receivers – Frequency range 0 MHz to 3 000 MHz, IEC 61169-2 connectors*

IEC 60966-2-5, *Radio frequency and coaxial cable assemblies – Part 2-5: Detail specification for cable assemblies for radio and TV receivers – Frequency range 0 MHz to 1 000 MHz, IEC 61169-2 connectors*

IEC 60966-2-6, *Radio frequency and coaxial cable assemblies – Part 2-6: Detail specification for cable assemblies for radio and TV receivers – Frequency range 0 MHz to 3 000 MHz, IEC 61169-24 connectors*

ISO/IEC 13818-1:2007, *Information technology – Generic coding of moving pictures and associated audio information: Systems*

ISO/IEC 13818-4, *Information technology – Generic coding of moving pictures and associated audio information – Part 4: Conformance testing*

ISO/IEC 14496-1, *Information technology – Coding of audio-visual objects – Part 1: Systems*

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