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## European foreword

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EN 50121-4:2016 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 50121-4:2006:

- clarification of scope (Clause 1);
- set dated normative references (Clause 2);
- new definition (Clause 3);
- emission requirement extended in the frequency range 1 GHz to 6 GHz following EN 61000-6-4;
- immunity requirement extended in the frequency range 5,1 GHz to 6 GHz;

EN 50121-4:2016 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 50121-4:2015

- revision of Annex ZZ.

This European Standard is to be read in conjunction with EN 50121-1.

This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CENELEC by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive(s).

For the relationship with EU Directive(s) see informative Annex ZZ, which is an integral part of this document.

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- Part 1: *General*;
- Part 2: *Emission of the whole railway system to the outside world*;
- Part 3-1: *Rolling stock – Train and complete vehicle*;
- Part 3-2: *Rolling stock – Apparatus*;
- Part 4: *Emission and immunity of the signalling and telecommunications apparatus*;
- Part 5: *Emission and immunity of fixed power supply installations and apparatus*.

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## Introduction

This European Standard has been prepared in the form of a Product Standard.

It defines the immunity and emission test requirements for apparatus defined in the scope in relation to the electromagnetic disturbances likely to be experienced in the railway. In particular, the test requirements represent the essential electromagnetic immunity requirements and have been selected to ensure an adequate level of immunity for apparatus installed on the railway locations.

Test requirements are specified for each port considered.

Safety considerations are not covered by this standard.

In specific situations, where the level of disturbances may exceed the levels considered in this standard, e.g. at a special location or where a hand-held transmitter is used in very close proximity to an apparatus, special mitigation measures may have to be employed.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard applies to signalling and telecommunication apparatus that is installed inside the railway environment. Signalling and telecommunication apparatus mounted in vehicles is covered by EN 50121-3-2:2016, signalling and telecommunication apparatus installed inside the substation and connected to substation equipment is covered by EN 50121-5:2016.

This European Standard specifies limits for emission and immunity and provides performance criteria for signalling and telecommunications (S&T) apparatus (including power supply systems belonging to S&T) which may interfere with other apparatus inside the railway environment, or increase the total emissions for the railway environment and so risk causing Electro-Magnetic Interference (EMI) to apparatus outside the railway system.

The requirements specified in this standard apply for:

- vital equipment such as interlocking or command and control;
- apparatus inside the 3 m zone;
- ports of apparatus inside the 10 m zone with connection inside the 3 m zone;
- ports of apparatus inside the 10 m zone with cable length > 30 m.

Other apparatus not covered by at least one of these given cases should be in compliance with EN 61000-6-2.

If a port is intended to transmit or receive for the purpose of radio communication (intentional radiators, e.g. transponder systems), then the radiated emission requirement in this standard are not intended to be applicable to the intentional transmission from a radio-transmitter as defined by the ITU.

Immunity limits do not apply in the exclusion bands as defined in the corresponding EMC related standard for radio equipment.

The standard does not specify basic personal safety requirements for apparatus such as protection against electric shock, unsafe operation, insulation co-ordination and related dielectric tests. The requirements were developed for and are applicable to this set of apparatus when operating under normal conditions. Fault conditions of the apparatus have not been taken into account.

The frequency range considered is from DC to 400 GHz. No measurements need to be performed at frequencies where no requirement is specified.

For products in the scope of EN 61000-3-2, EN 61000-3-3, EN 61000-3-11 or EN 61000-3-12 the requirements of those standards also apply.

These specific provisions are to be used in conjunction with the general provisions in EN 50121-1:2016.

The immunity and emission levels do not of themselves guarantee that the integration of apparatus will necessarily be satisfactory. The standard cannot cover all the possible configurations of the apparatus, but the test levels are sufficient to achieve satisfactory EMC in the majority of cases.

## 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.

EN 50121-1:2017, *Railway applications — Electromagnetic compatibility — Part 1: General*

EN 55016-2-1:2014, *Specification for radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus and methods — Part 2-1: Methods of measurement of disturbances and immunity — Conducted disturbance measurements (CISPR 16-2-1:2014)*