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EN 50388-1:2022 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 50388:2012:

- Clause 1: clarification of scope,
- Clause 2: set dated normative references, simplification,
- Clause 3: clarification of definition, renumbering, coherence among terms, addition of abbreviations, withdrawal of terms not used anymore,
- Clause 4: clarification of applicability,
- Clause 5: new structure,
- Clause 6: new drafting taking into account the latest development of traction unit drives,
- Clause 7: new structure taking into account the latest development of traction unit and needs from infrastructure traction power supply system. Addition of power limitation due to frequency variation,
- Clause 8: complete change, giving new parameters to evaluate the capability of the traction power supply system to supply the trains, definition of new indices,
- Previous text of Clause 8 in new Annex B,
- Clause 9: distinction between the table on traction power supply systems and their characterization,
- Clause 10: new structure and text, reference to future EN 50388-2, description of compatibility study process moved to Annex I,
- Clause 11: clarification on the use of this chapter, new information on the sequence of tripping among the circuit breakers, new figure on reclosing sequences, new chapter on maximum inrush current of AC traction unit,
- Clause 12: clarification and improvement, ex Table 8 in new Annex G, new condition for DC systems
- Clause 15: adaptation of the subclauses due to changes in Clauses 5 to 12
- Clause 15.4.1: new text, former Table 10 in Annex B,
- Annex A: improvement on values,
- Annex B, includes part of the previous Clause 8,
- Former Annex C will be located in part 2 of the EN 50388,

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- New Annex D including ex Annex F, on maximum allowable train set current,
- New Annex E on power limitation as a function of line frequency,
- New Annex F on maximum traction and power of a train set against voltage, includes parts of ex Clause 7,
- New Annex G includes ex Table 8 on the use of regenerative braking,
- New Annex H includes former Annex D as long as part 2 of the EN 50388 is not issued,
- New Annex I includes former text from 10.3 on compatibility study
- New Annex J includes former Annex G

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

An additional part 2 is in preparation. In relation to assessment of harmonics and dynamic effects, this document (Part 1) sets out the generic process in Clause 10, and a future part 2 of this standard will give details and acceptance criteria related to known stability, harmonic phenomena and technologies.

EN 50388 "Railway applications – Fixed installations and rolling stock - Technical criteria for the coordination between traction power supply and rolling stock to achieve interoperability" will consist of the following parts:

- EN 50388-1, General
- Future EN 50388-2, Stability and harmonics

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This document establishes requirements for the electrical aspects to achieve technical compatibility between rolling stock and electric traction systems, limited to:

- co-ordination of protection principles between power supply and traction units, i.e. separation sections, train set current or power limitation, short circuit current discrimination, breaker coordination and use of regenerative braking.
- co-ordination of installed power on the line and the power demand of trains, i.e. traction unit power factor, train set current or power limitation, electric system performance, type and characterization.
- compatibility assessment relating to harmonics and dynamic effects.

Informative values are given for some parts of the existing European railway networks, in annexes.

NOTE For those railways within the scope of EU Interoperability Directive, definitive values are set out in the register of infrastructure published in accordance with Article 49 of Directive (EU) 2016/797, and the list of items included in the register is described in the commission decision (EU) 2019/777.

The following electric traction systems are within the scope of this document:

- railways;
- guided mass transport systems that are integrated with railways;
- material transport systems that are integrated with railways.

Information is given on electrification parameters to enable train operating companies to confirm, after consultation with the rolling stock manufacturers, that risks of non-compatibility are minimized and that there will be no consequential disturbance on the electrification system.

The interaction between pantograph and overhead contact line is dealt with in EN 50367:2020.

The interaction with the control-command and signalling subsystem is not dealt with in this document.

Basic considerations have been included concerning the use of accumulator trains.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

EN 50122-2:2010, *Railway applications - Fixed installations - Electrical safety, earthing and the return circuit - Part 2: Provisions against the effects of stray currents caused by d.c. traction systems*

EN 50124-1:2017, *Railway applications - Insulation coordination - Part 1: Basic requirements - Clearances and creepage distances for all electrical and electronic equipment*

EN 50163:2004,¹ *Railway applications - Supply voltages of traction systems (with Corrigenda in May 2010 and January 2013)*

IEC 60050-811:2017, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) - Part 811: Electric traction*

¹ As impacted by EN 50163:2004/A1:2007, EN 50163:2004/AC:2013 and EN 50163:2004/Corrigendum May 2010.