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- Electrical and optical requirements are removed from IEC 60958-3; they should be specified in IEC 60958-1. The third edition of IEC 60958-1 will include these.

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DIGITAL AUDIO INTERFACE –

Part 3: Consumer applications

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60958 specifies the consumer application of the interface for the inter-connection of digital audio equipment defined in IEC 60958-1.

NOTE When used in a consumer digital processing environment, the interface is primarily intended to carry stereophonic programmes, with a resolution of up to 20 bits per sample, an extension to 24 bits per sample being possible.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

IEC 60841:1988, *Audio recording – PCM encoder/decoder system*

IEC 60908:1999, *Audio recording – Compact disc digital audio system*

IEC 60958-1:2004, *Digital audio interface – Part 1: General*

IEC 61119-1:1992, *Digital audio tape cassette system (DAT) – Part 1: Dimensions and characteristics*

IEC 61119-6:1992, *Digital audio tape cassette system (DAT) – Part 6: Serial copy management system*

IEEE 1394:2004, *IEEE standard for high-performance serial bus bridges*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60958-1 apply.

4 Interface format

The interface format as defined in IEC 60958-1 shall be used.

Unless otherwise specified in the annexes, the following specification is applicable.

- Audio sample word has a length of 20 bits/sample. The auxiliary sample bits are an optional expansion of the audio sample, if not used = “0”.
- User data is not used, all bits = “0”.
- Channel status is identical for both subframes of the interface, with the exception of the channel number, if that is not equal to zero.