Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) –
Part 4-33:
Testing and measurement techniques –
Measurement methods for high-power transient parameters

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61000 provides a basic description of the methods and means (e.g., instrumentation) for measuring responses arising from high-power transient electromagnetic parameters. These responses can include:

- the electric (E) and/or magnetic (H) fields (e.g., incident fields or incident plus scattered fields within a system under test);
- the current I (e.g., induced by a transient field or within a system under test);
- the voltage V (e.g., induced by a transient field or within a system under test);
- the charge Q induced on a cable or other conductor.

NOTE The charge Q on the conductor is a fundamental quantity that can be defined at any frequency. The voltage V, however, is a defined (e.g., secondary) quantity, which is valid only at low frequencies. At high frequencies, the voltage cannot be defined as the line integral of the E-field, since this integral is path-dependent. Thus, for very fast rising pulses (having a large high-frequency spectral content) the use of the voltage as a measurement observable is not valid. In this case, the charge is the desired quantity to be measured.

These measured quantities are generally complicated time-dependent waveforms, which can be described approximately by several scalar parameters, or “observables”. These parameters include:

- the peak amplitude of the response,
- the waveform rise-time,
- the waveform fall-time (or duration),
- the pulse width, and
- mathematically defined norms obtained from the waveform.

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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 60050-161, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 161: Electromagnetic compatibility*

IEC 61000-2-9, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 2: Environment – Section 9: Description of HEMP environment – Radiated disturbance*

IEC 61000-2-10, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 2-10: Environment – Description of HEMP environment – Conducted disturbance*
IEC 61000-4-20, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-20: Testing and measurement techniques – Emission and immunity testing in transverse electromagnetic (TEM) waveguides

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