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IEC 60268-11	1987	Sound system equipment - Part 11: Application of connectors for the interconnection of sound system components	HD 483.11 S1	1990
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IEC 60268-12	-	Sound system equipment - Part 12: Application of connectors for broadcast and similar use	EN 60268-12	-
IEC 60603-11	1992	Connectors for frequencies below 3 MHz for use with printed boards - Part 11: Detail specification for concentric connectors (dimensions for free connectors and fixed connectors)	-	-
IEC 60958	series	Digital audio interface	EN 60958	series
ITU-R BT.1700	2005	Characteristics of composite video signals for conventional analogue television systems	-	-

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OF ANALOGUE INTERFACES TO ACHIEVE INTEROPERABILITY****FOREWORD**

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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) electric tolerance is standardized;
- b) recommended value of output source impedance is adjusted;
- c) value of 6 Ω is additionally recommended to impedance-defined loudspeaker systems;
- d) values in each table are chosen with respect to the state of the art and representative of best practice in industry.

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INTRODUCTION

The first edition of IEC 61938 was derived from IEC 60268-15, IEC 60574-4 and IEC 60933-1 and also from related proposals which had been submitted up until the date of this revision. IEC 60268-15 was the first standard to address 'interoperability' – the ability of equipment from different manufacturers to be assembled into a system with full compatibility at every 'interface'. The aim of the previous revision was to make the intention of this document easily comprehensible by using widely used terminology in the title and text of the document. The purpose of this revision is to expand the measurement frequency range in step with the progress of recent equipment.

The features of the revision are the following:

- a) unification and arrangement of existing related standards, including effective proposals which have been submitted;
- b) extension of the measurement frequency range.

NOTE The standard numbers mentioned above correspond to the revised numbers, if applicable.

MULTIMEDIA SYSTEMS – GUIDE TO THE RECOMMENDED CHARACTERISTICS OF ANALOGUE INTERFACES TO ACHIEVE INTEROPERABILITY

1 Scope

This document gives guidance on current practice for the characteristics of multimedia analogue interfaces to achieve interoperability between equipment from different manufacturers. It is not a performance standard.

Recommendations for interfaces for equipment used in vehicles, and for analogue video interfaces for broadcast and similar equipment, are not given.

Refer to IEC 60958 for the interconnection of digital signals.

Figure 1 shows in a diagram the possible interfaces of the audio and video sources and destinations.