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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 14302:2002), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- updating related standard documents such as AIAA, ECSS, MIL-STD and etc., considering with new work has been accomplished over the past 10 years in this field within the US AIAA and ECSS. Particularly in space - there are many more orbiting transmitters and receivers exploiting the EM spectrum for earth observation, communications etc.;
- the inclusion of EMC flow chart to clarify timeline for EMC plan, design, analysis and test/evaluation phase of project;
- the inclusion of technical requirements for multipaction, intermodulation and electrostatic discharge with consideration of changes of electronic equipment with higher speed digital devices, data bus & clock frequencies, and switch mode Power supplies by PWM signalling;
- updating of technical requirements, taking into account that equipment is still being qualified or qualified by similarity to heritage specifications from the 80's.

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## Introduction

This document addresses the equipment-level requirements, verification and rationale of system-level compatibility concerns used in the development and procurement of complete space systems.

This document includes requirements at all the following levels:

- general system requirements;
- specific system requirements;
- equipment-level electromagnetic interference requirements.

The equipment-level requirements are summarized in [Tables 1](#) and [2](#).

This document does not include detailed design requirements. Instead, engineering issues to be addressed during execution of the electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) control programme are presented. Requirements in this document may be tailored based on contractual agreements.

This document references civilian equipment-level electromagnetic interference (EMI) test methods to minimize cost and allow the use of standard test methods. This document does not contain EMI test limits. Test limits should be developed based on the environment, power quality definition and operational requirements.

[Annex A](#) presents the rationale behind each requirement/test technique, guidance for meeting requirements and test procedures where an acceptable reference is not available. Use of [Annex A](#) is advised in order to allow for optimal tailoring of this document for individual programmes.

# Space systems — Electromagnetic compatibility requirements

## 1 Scope

This document contains a process to establish performance requirements for the purpose of ensuring space systems electromagnetic compatibility (EMC). The engineering issues to be addressed in order to achieve system-level EMC are identified herein, with guidance and rationale towards achieving specification conformance. The method for the derivation of typical equipment-level requirements from a space-system-level requirement is illustrated. This document also aids in the selection of tailored requirements for a specific mission (see [Annex A](#)).

## 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.

ISO 7137:1995, *Aircraft — Environmental conditions and test procedures for airborne equipment*

IEC 61000-4-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques — Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

ISO 24637, *Space systems — Electromagnetic interference (EMI) test reporting requirements*

ECSS-E-20-01A, *Multipaction Design and Test*

Aerospace Report No. TOR-2014-02198, *Standard/Handbook for Multipactor Breakdown Prevention in Spacecraft Components*

## 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1.1

##### **break-out box**

non-flight piece of test support equipment that is connected in-line with a cable that accommodates external connection (usually binding posts) of instrumentation or series/parallel test networks to the wiring in that cable