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

- two test procedures, open head and standard head procedure;
- measuring with balun or with multipoint respectively mixed mode VNA;
- extension of frequency range up to and above 2 GHz.

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INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

The goal of this amendment is to extend IEC 62153-4-9 such that also the coupling attenuation of unscreened single or multiple balanced pairs or unscreened quads can be measured with the triaxial test procedure.

Further complement is the extension of the usable frequency range down to frequencies below 9 kHz to measure the low frequency coupling attenuation of screened and unscreened balanced pairs or quads.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62153 applies to metallic communication cables. It specifies a test method for determining the coupling attenuation a_C of screened balanced cables. Due to the concentric outer tube, measurements are independent of irregularities on the circumference and external electromagnetic fields.

A wide dynamic and frequency range can be applied to test even super screened cables with normal instrumentation from low frequencies up to the limit of defined transversal waves in the outer circuit at approximately 4 GHz. However, when using a balun, the upper frequency is limited by the properties of the balun.

Measurements can be performed with standard tube procedure (respectively with standard test head) according to IEC 62153-4-4 or with open tube (open test head) procedure.

The procedure described herein to measure the coupling attenuation a_C is based on the procedure to measure the screening attenuation a_S according to IEC 62153-4-4.

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.

IEC 60050-726, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 726: Transmission lines and waveguides*

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