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IEC 60268-2	1987	Sound system equipment. Part 2: Explanation of general terms and calculation methods	HD 483.2 S2	1993
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IEC 60268-5	2003	Sound system equipment - Part 5: Loudspeakers	EN 60268-5	2003
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IEC 60268-12	1987	Sound system equipment. Part 12: Application of connectors for broadcast and similar use	EN 60268-12	1995
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+ A2	1994		+ A2	1995
IEC 61000-4-2	2008	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques - Electrostatic discharge immunity test	EN 61000-4-2	2009

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+ A1	2007		+ A1	2008
+ A2	2010		+ A2	2010
IEC 61000-4-4	2012	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques - Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test	EN 61000-4-4	2012
IEC 61000-4-6	2013	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-6: Testing and measurement techniques - Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields	EN 61000-4-6	2014
IEC 61000-4-8	2009	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-8: Testing and measurement techniques - Power frequency magnetic field immunity test	EN 61000-4-8	2010
IEC 61000-4-16	2015	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-16: Testing and measurement techniques - Test for immunity to conducted, common mode disturbances in the frequency range 0 Hz to 150 kHz	EN 61000-4-16	2016
IEC 61000-4-17	1999	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-17: Testing and measurement techniques - Ripple on d.c. input power port immunity test	EN 61000-4-17	1999
+ A1	2001		+ A1	2004
+ A2	2008		+ A2	2009
IEC 61260-1	2014	Electroacoustics - Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters - Part 1: Specifications	EN 61260-1	2014
IEC 61938	2013	Multimedia systems - Guide to the recommended characteristics of analogue interfaces to achieve interoperability	-	-
ITU-T Recommendation P.51	-	Artificial mouth	-	-
EN 55103-2	2009	Electromagnetic compatibility - Product family standard for audio, video, audio-visual and entertainment lighting control apparatus for professional use - Part 2: Immunity	EN 55103-2	2009
EN 300 422-2 V1.3.1	2011	Electromagnetic compatibility and radio spectrum matters (ERM) - Wireless microphones in the 25 MHz to 3 GHz frequency range - Part 2: Harmonized EN covering the essential requirements of article 3.2 of the R&TTE Directive	EN 300 422-2 V1.3.1	2011

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SOUND SYSTEM EQUIPMENT –

Part 4: Microphones

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60268 specifies methods of measurement for the electrical impedance, sensitivity, directional response pattern, dynamic range and external influences of sound system microphones, and also details the characteristics to be specified by the manufacturer.

It applies to sound system microphones for all applications for speech and music. It does not apply to measurement microphones, but it does apply to each audio channel of microphones having more than one channel, for example for stereo or similar use. It is also applicable to flush-mounted microphones and to the analogue characteristics of microphones with digital audio output.

For the purposes of this International Standard, a microphone includes all such devices as transformers, pre-amplifiers, or other elements that form an integral part of the microphone, up to the output terminals specified by the manufacturer.

The major characteristics of a microphone are considered in Clauses 6 to 21. Additional characteristics are considered in Annex A and Annex C.

NOTE The characteristics specified in this document do not describe the subjective response of the microphone. Further work is necessary to find new definitions and measurement procedures for a later introduction of objective characteristics for at least some of the subjective descriptions used to describe microphone performance.

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