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METALLIC COMMUNICATION CABLE TEST METHODS –

Part 4-9: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Coupling attenuation of screened balanced cables, triaxial method

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, the upper frequency is limited by the properties of the baluns.

The procedure to measure the coupling attenuation a_C is based on the procedure to measure the screening attenuation a_S according to IEC 62153-4-5.

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 60050-726, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 726: Transmission lines and wave guides*

IEC/TR 62153-4-1, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-1: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Introduction to electromagnetic (EMC) screening measurements*

IEC 62153-4-5, *Metallic communication cables test methods – Part 4-5: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Coupling or screening attenuation – Absorbing clamp method*