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- Improvement of Clause 3 “Terms & Definitions”;
- Improvement of Clause 5 “Sensor verification”;
- Improvement of Clause 6 “Pre-amplifier verification”;
- Improvement of Clause 7 “Acoustic emission signal processor verification”;
- Improvement of Clause 8 “Verification of the system performance”.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies test routines for the periodic verification of the performance of acoustic emission (AE) test equipment, i.e. sensors, pre-amplifiers, signal processors, external parametric inputs.

It is intended for use by qualified personnel to implement an automated verification process.

Verification of the measurement characteristics is advised after purchase of equipment, in order to obtain reference data for later verifications. Verification is also advised after repair, modifications, use under extraordinary conditions, or if one suspects a malfunction.

The procedures specified in this document do not exclude other qualified methods, e.g. verification in the frequency domain. These procedures apply in general unless the manufacturer specifies alternative equivalent procedures.

Safety aspects of equipment for use in potentially explosive zones are not considered in this document.

## 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.

EN 1330-1:2014, *Non destructive testing - Terminology - Part 1: List of general terms*

EN 1330-2:1998, *Non destructive testing - Terminology - Part 2: Terms common to the non-destructive testing methods*

EN 1330-9:2017, *Non-destructive testing - Terminology - Part 9: Terms used in acoustic emission testing*

EN 13477-1:2001, *Non-destructive testing - Acoustic emission - Equipment characterisation - Part 1: Equipment description*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1330-1:2014, EN 1330-2:1998 and EN 1330-9:2017, and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological 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

#### **acoustic emission signal processor**

##### **ASP**

part of an AE channel for the conversion of the output of the pre-amplifier to digital signal parameters

Note 1 to entry: An AE signal processor can include additional support functions, e.g. pre-amplifier power supply, test pulse control, transient recorder and more.

### 3.2

#### **arbitrary function generator**

##### **AFG**

electronic device for generating programmable test signals, various waveforms and direct current (DC)