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## Foreword

This European Standard (Telecommunications series) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM).

The present document is part 1 of a multi-part EN covering the Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio Spectrum Matters (ERM); Wideband Transmission systems; data transmission equipment operating in the 2,4 GHz ISM band and using spread spectrum modulation techniques, as identified below:

**Part 1: "Technical characteristics and test conditions";**

Part 2: "Harmonized EN covering essential requirements under article 3.2 of the R&TTE Directive".

Annex A provides additional requirements concerning radiated measurements.

Annex B contains normative specifications for the adjustment of the measurement equipment and of the equipment to be measured in order to achieve correct results.

Annex C provides a Bibliography.

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## Introduction

Wideband radio data transmission systems are rapidly being introduced into a variety of commercial and industrial applications and the technology employed by these systems is still developing.

The present document may be used by accredited test laboratories for the assessment of the performance of the equipment. The performance of the equipment submitted for type testing should be representative for the performance of the corresponding production model. In order to avoid any ambiguity in that assessment, the present document contains instructions for the presentation of equipment for type testing purposes (clause 4), testing conditions (clause 6) and methods of measurement (clause 7).

The present document assumes that:

- the type test measurements performed in an accredited test laboratory in one CEPT country would be accepted by the Type Approval Authority in another country provided that the national regulatory requirements are met (see CEPT Recommendation T/R 71-03 [3]);
- if equipment available on the market is required to be checked it would be tested in accordance with the methods of measurement specified in the present document.

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# 1 Scope

The present document covers equipment referred to in CEPT Recommendation T/R 10-01 [1]. The present document covers the minimum technical characteristics for radio data transmission equipment having the following technical parameters:

- wideband radio modulation techniques;
- aggregate bit rates in excess of 250 kbits/s;
- operation in the 2,4 to 2,483 5 GHz Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM) band;
- effective radiated power of up to -10 dBW (100 mW);
- power density of up to -10 dBW (100 mW) per 100 kHz for frequency hopping modulation;
- power density of up to -20 dBW (10 mW) per 1 MHz for other forms of spread spectrum modulation.

The present document only addresses the transceivers, transmitters and receivers of equipment offered for testing.

The equipment offered for testing may be used in fixed, mobile or portable applications, e.g.:

- stand-alone radio equipment with or without their own control provisions;
- plug-in radio devices intended for use with or within a variety of host systems, e.g. personal computers, hand-held terminals, etc.

The equipment may be fitted with integral antennae and/or antenna connectors.

CEPT Recommendation T/R 10-01 [1] defines the total power and power density limits for systems using spread spectrum modulation together with a minimum aggregate bit rate of 250 kbits/s. The Recommendation does not address the details of these modulation techniques. Therefore, the present document does not cover the design or operation of the equipment being tested but describes a common set of measurements to be applied to various types of such equipment, including those employing Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS) modulation and Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) modulation.

CEPT Recommendation T/R 10-01 [1] specifies that spread spectrum modulation be used and it gives power density values for FHSS and DSSS modulation. The present document specifies the minimum technical parameters of FHSS modulation such that it can be clearly differentiated from other types of modulation, including DSSS modulation.

CEPT Recommendation T/R 01-04 [2] defines limits of spurious emissions for a variety of radio equipment; these limits are used in the present document as appropriate.

The present document describes measurements for operating frequency range(s), effective radiated power and power density as well as spurious emissions for transmitters and receivers.

The measurement methods have been adapted from ETR 027 [4] where possible.

The present document specifies test site characteristics, test conditions, equipment calibration and methods of measurement.

The present document is a general standard which may be superseded by specific standards covering specific applications.

Additional standards or specifications may be required for equipment such as that intended for connection to the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) and/or other Public Data Networks (PDN).

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## 2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, Version number, etc.) or non-specific.
- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.
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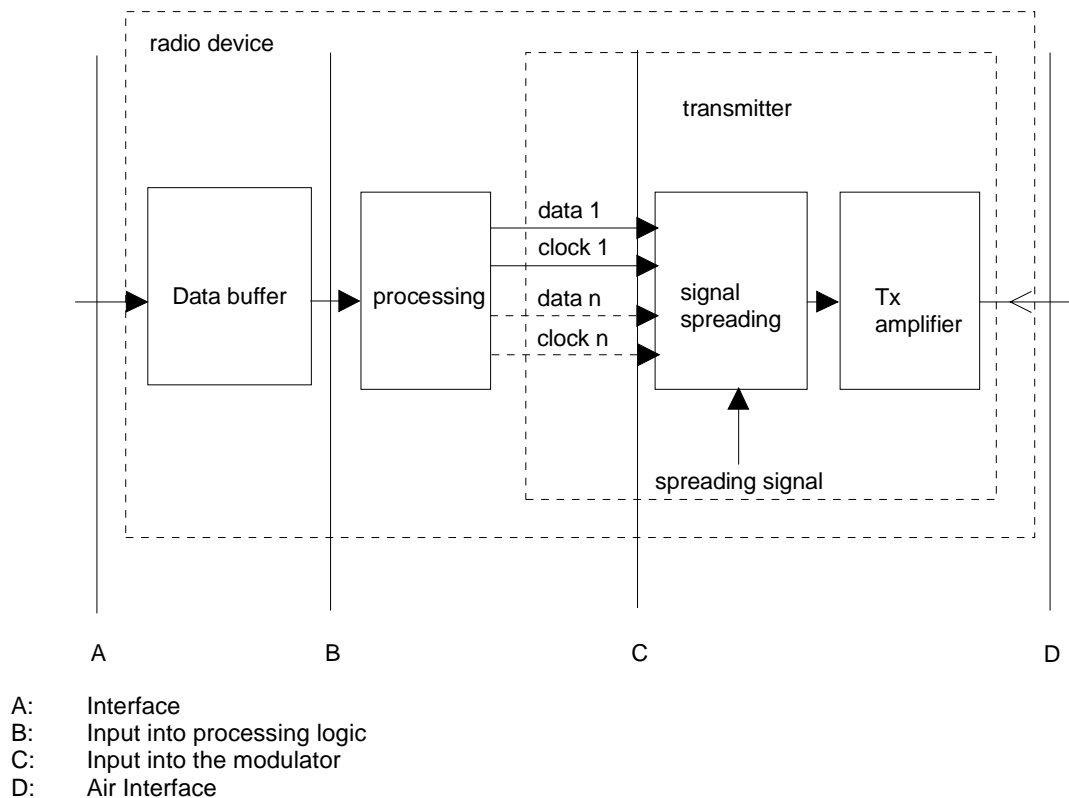
- [1] CEPT Recommendation T/R 10-01: "Wide Band Data Transmission Systems Using Spread-Spectrum Technology in the 2,5 GHz Band".
- [2] CEPT Recommendation T/R 01-04: "Use of Low Power Devices (LPD) Using Integral Antennas and Operating in Harmonized Frequency Bands".
- [3] CEPT Recommendation T/R 71-03: "Procedures for Type Testing and Approval for Radio Equipment Intended for Non-Public Systems".
- [4] ETSI ETR 027: "Radio Equipment and Systems (RES); Methods of measurement for private mobile radio equipment".
- [5] ETSI ETR 028: "Radio Equipment and Systems (RES); Uncertainties in the measurement of mobile radio equipment characteristics".

## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply:

**aggregate bit rate:** bit rate at the air interface (see point D in figure 1) including protocol overhead where applicable and excluding the effects of signal spreading.



**Figure 1: Parameters related to the aggregate bit rate**

**chip:** unit of modulation used in direct sequence spread spectrum modulation.

**chip rate:** number of chips per second.

**chip sequence:** sequence of chips with defined length and defined chip polarities.

**direct sequence spread spectrum modulation:** form of modulation where a combination of data to be transmitted and a known code sequence (chip sequence) is used to directly modulate a carrier, e.g. by phase shift keying. The transmitted bandwidth is determined by the chip rate and the modulation scheme.

**fixed station:** equipment intended for use in a fixed location and fitted with one or more antennae. The equipment may be fitted with either antenna socket(s) or integral antenna(e) or both.

**frequency hopping spread spectrum modulation:** spread spectrum technique in which the transmitter signal occupies a number of frequencies in time, each for some period of time, referred to as the dwell time. Transmitter and receiver follow the same frequency hop pattern. The frequency range is determined by the lowest and highest hop positions and the bandwidth per hop position (see subclause 5.2.3).

**frequency range:** range of operating frequencies over which the equipment can be adjusted.

**hand-portable station:** equipment normally used on a stand-alone basis and to be carried by a person or held in the hand. The equipment may be fitted with one or more antennae. The equipment may be fitted with either antenna socket(s) or integral antenna(e) or both.

**host:** host equipment is any equipment which has complete user functionality when not connected to the radio equipment part and to which the radio equipment part provides additional functionality and to which connection is necessary for the radio equipment part to offer functionality.

**integral antenna:** antenna designed to be connected to the equipment without the use of a standard connector and considered to be part of the equipment. An integral antenna may be fitted internally or externally to the equipment.

**manufacturer:** for the purposes of the present document "manufacturer" is understood to refer to the manufacturer or applicant of equipment offered for testing.

**mobile station:** equipment normally used in a vehicle or as a transportable station. The equipment may be fitted with one or more antennae. The equipment may be fitted with either antenna socket(s) or integral antenna(e) or both.

**operating frequency:** nominal frequency at which the equipment can be operated; this is also referred to as the operating centre frequency. Equipment may be adjustable for operation at more than one operating frequency.

**plug-in radio device:** equipment intended to be used with or within variety of host systems, using their control functions and power supply.

**power envelope:** frequency/power contour within which the useful RF power is generated.

**spread spectrum modulation:** modulation technique in which the energy of a transmitted signal is spread throughout a relatively large portion of the frequency spectrum.

**stand-alone radio equipment:** equipment that is intended primarily as communications equipment and that is normally used on a stand-alone basis.

## 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

dBm	dB relative to 1 milliwatt power
dBW	dB relative to 1 watt power
DSSS	Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum
e.i.r.p.	equivalent isotropically radiated power
FHSS	Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum
ISM	Industrial, Scientific and Medical
RF	Radio Frequency
Tx	Transmitter

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## 4 General

### 4.1 Manufacturer declarations

The manufacturer shall declare the following specific characteristics of the equipment:

- a) the aggregate bit rate (see subclause 3.1 for the definition);
- b) the type of modulation used: FHSS modulation, DSSS modulation or any other type of spread spectrum modulation (see subclause 5.1);
- c) where FHSS modulation is used: the number of hopping channels, the dwell time per channel and the maximum time between two instances of use of the same channel; these values shall fall within the specifications given in subclause 5.1.1;
- d) the operating frequency range(s) of the equipment and, where applicable, band(s) of operation (see subclause 5.2.3);

- e) the type of the equipment, for example: stand-alone equipment or plug-in radio devices (see also subclause 3.1). In case of combined equipment using a plug-in radio device, and more than one combination is intended, each combination should be declared as well (see also subclause 6.5.1);
- f) the extreme operating conditions that apply to the equipment offered for testing;
- g) where the radio equipment is capable of different transmitter power settings, the manufacturer shall declare the intended combination(s) of the radio equipment power settings and one or more antenna assemblies. For each combination, the gain of the antenna assembly i.e. the transfer function between the conducted RF power and e.i.r.p., shall be declared;
- h) the nominal voltages of the stand-alone radio equipment or the nominal voltages of the host equipment in case of plug-in devices.

Where the manufacturer offers different combinations of equipment and antennae, the antennae appropriate for a given combination shall be referenced either on the equipment and on the antennae and/or in the user documentation.

## 4.2 Presentation of equipment for type testing

### 4.2.1 Choice of model

The manufacturer shall offer one or more production models or equivalent preliminary models, as appropriate, for type testing. If type approval is given on the basis of tests on (a) preliminary model(s), then the corresponding production models shall be identical to the tested models in all respects relevant for the purposes of the present document, to the preliminary model(s) tested.

Software fitted to production models shall be substantially the same as that used during type testing.

Due to the low levels of RF signal and the wideband modulations used in this type of equipment, radiated RF power measurements are imprecise. Conducted measurements are much more precise; in combination with the declared antenna assembly gain(s) adequate assurance of the RF characteristics can be achieved. Therefore, equipment offered for testing shall preferably provide a suitable connector for conducted RF power measurements. Where this is not possible, the manufacturer shall provide a documented test fixture that converts the radiated signal into a conducted signal into a suitable termination. Alternatively, radiated measurements shall be performed.

### 4.2.2 Presentation

Stand-alone equipment shall be offered complete with any ancillary equipment needed for testing. The manufacturer shall declare, the range of operating conditions and power requirements as applicable in order to establish the appropriate test conditions.

Plug-in radio devices may be offered for testing together with a suitable test jig and/or host equipment intended for normal use (see subclause 6.5). The manufacturer shall declare the range of operating conditions and power requirements that are applicable in order to establish the appropriate test conditions.

Where a manufacturer declares multiple combinations of radio equipment and antennae, the configuration to be used for testing shall be chosen as follows except where specified otherwise:

- for each combination, determine the highest user selectable power level and the antenna assembly with the highest gain;
- from the resulting combinations, choose the one with the highest e.i.r.p.

### 4.2.3 Choice of operating frequencies

Where equipment can be adjusted to or operated at different operating frequencies, a minimum of two operating frequencies shall be chosen such that the lower and higher limits of the operating range(s) of the equipment are covered (see subclause 5.2.3).

## 4.3 Design

### 4.3.1 General

The equipment submitted by the manufacturer, shall be designed, constructed and manufactured in accordance with good engineering practice, and with the aim of minimizing harmful interference to other equipment and services.

### 4.3.2 Controls

Those controls (of the radio part) which, if maladjusted, might increase the interfering potential of the equipment shall not be easily accessible to the user.

## 4.4 Interpretation of the measurement results

The interpretation of the test results recorded in a test report for the measurements described in the present document shall be as follows:

- a) the measured value related to the corresponding limit shall be used to decide whether an equipment meets the requirements of the EN;
- b) the actual measurement uncertainty of the test laboratory carrying out the measurements, for each particular measurement, in accordance with ETR 028 [5], shall be recorded in the test report.

The recorded value of the measurement uncertainty shall be, for each measurement, equal to or lower than the figures in clause 8 (table of measurement uncertainty).

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# 5 Technical characteristics

## 5.1 Modulation

The manufacturer shall declare the modulation characteristics of the equipment to be tested. For the purpose of deciding which level of power density applies to equipment offered for testing, the present document defines two categories of equipment: equipment conforming to the stated characteristics of FHSS modulation (see subclause 5.1.1) and equipment not conforming to these characteristics. The latter category includes equipment using DSSS modulation (see subclause 5.1.2).

### 5.1.1 FHSS modulation

FHSS modulation shall make use of at least 20 well defined, non-overlapping channels or hopping positions separated by the channel bandwidth as measured at 20 dB below peak power. The dwell time per channel shall not exceed 0,4 seconds. While the equipment is operating (transmitting and/or receiving) each channel of the hopping sequence shall be occupied at least once during a period not exceeding four times the product of the dwell time per hop and the number of channels. Systems that meet the above constraints shall be tested according to the requirements for FHSS modulation.

### 5.1.2 DSSS and other forms of modulation

For the purposes of the present document, other forms of spread spectrum modulation which do not satisfy the constraints of the specification given in subclause 5.1.1, shall be considered equivalent to DSSS modulation. Systems using these other forms of modulation shall be considered equivalent to DSSS systems and shall be tested according to the requirements for DSSS modulation.

## 5.2 Transmitter parameter limits

### 5.2.1 Effective radiated power

The effective radiated power is defined as the total power of the transmitter and is calculated according to the procedure given in subclause 7.2.1. The effective radiated power shall be equal to or less than -10 dBW (100 mW) e.i.r.p. This limit shall apply for any combination of power level and intended antenna assembly.

See clause 6 for the test conditions; see subclause 7.2.1 for the measurement method.

### 5.2.2 Peak power density

The peak power density is defined as the highest instantaneous level of power in Watts per Hertz generated by the transmitter within the power envelope. For equipment using FHSS modulation, the power density shall be limited to -10 dBW (100 mW) per 100 kHz e.i.r.p. For equipment using other types of modulation, the peak power shall be limited to -20 dBW (10 mW) per MHz e.i.r.p.

See clause 6 for the test conditions; see subclause 7.2.2 for the measurement and calculation methods.

### 5.2.3 Frequency range

The frequency range of the equipment is determined by the lowest and highest frequencies occupied by the power envelope.

$f_H$  is the highest frequency of the power envelope: it is the frequency furthest above the frequency of maximum power where the output power drops below the level of -80 dBm/Hz e.i.r.p. spectral power density (-30 dBm if measured in a 100 kHz bandwidth).

$f_L$  is the lowest frequency of the power envelope; it is the frequency furthest below the frequency of maximum power where the output power drops below the level equivalent to -80 dBm/Hz e.i.r.p. spectral power density (or -30 dBm if measured in a 100 kHz bandwidth).

For a given operating frequency, the width of the power envelope is ( $f_H - f_L$ ). In equipment that allows adjustment or selection of different operating frequencies, the power envelope takes up different positions in the allocated band. The frequency range is determined by the lowest value of  $f_L$  and the highest value of  $f_H$  resulting from the adjustment of the equipment to the lowest and highest operating frequencies.

For all equipment the frequency range shall lie within the band 2,4 GHz to 2,483 5 GHz ( $f_L > 2,4$  GHz and  $f_H < 2,483 5$  GHz).

See clause 6 for the test conditions; see subclauses 7.2.3 and 7.2.4 for the measurement methods.

### 5.2.4 Spurious emissions

Spurious emissions are emissions outside the frequency range(s) of the equipment as defined in subclause 5.2.3.

The level of spurious emissions shall be measured as:

either:

- a) their power in a specified load (conducted spurious emissions); and
- b) their effective radiated power when radiated by the cabinet or structure of the equipment (cabinet radiation);

or:

- c) their effective radiated power when radiated by cabinet and antenna.

The spurious emissions of the transmitter shall not exceed the values in tables 1 and 2 in the indicated bands.

**Table 1: Transmitter limits for narrowband spurious emissions**

Frequency Range	Limit when operating	Limit when in standby
30 MHz to 1 GHz	-36 dBm	-57 dBm
above 1 GHz to 12,75 GHz	-30 dBm	-47 dBm
1,8 GHz to 1,9 GHz 5,15 GHz to 5,3 GHz	-47 dBm	-47 dBm

The above limit values apply to narrowband emissions, e.g. as caused by local oscillator leakage. The measurement bandwidth for such emissions may be as small as necessary to achieve a reliable measurement result.

Wideband emissions shall not exceed the values given in table 2.

**Table 2: Transmitter limits for wideband spurious emissions**

Frequency Range	Limit when operating	Limit when in standby
30 MHz to 1 GHz	-86 dBm/Hz	-107 dBm/Hz
above 1 GHz to 12,75 GHz	-80 dBm/Hz	-97 dBm/Hz
1,8 GHz to 1,9 GHz 5,15 GHz to 5,3 GHz	-97 dBm/Hz	-97 dBm/Hz

See clause 6 for the test conditions; see subclause 7.2.5 for the measurement methods.

## 5.3 Receiver parameter limits

### 5.3.1 General

The present document does not impose limits on the receiver of the equipment other than spurious emission limits.

### 5.3.2 Spurious emissions

The level of spurious emissions shall be measured as:

either:

- a) their power in a specified load (conducted spurious emissions); and
- b) their effective radiated power when radiated by the cabinet or structure of the equipment (cabinet radiation);

or:

- c) their effective radiated power when radiated by cabinet and antenna.

The spurious emissions of the receiver shall not exceed the values in tables 3 and 4 in the indicated bands.

**Table 3: Narrowband spurious emission limits for receivers**

Frequency Range	Limit
30 MHz to 1 GHz	-57 dBm
above 1 GHz to 12,75 GHz	-47 dBm

The above limit values apply to narrowband emissions, e.g. as caused by local oscillator leakage. The measurement bandwidth for such emissions may be as small as necessary to get a reliable measurement result.

Wideband emissions shall be not exceed the values given in table 4.

**Table 4: Wideband spurious emission limits for receivers**

Frequency Range	Limit
30 MHz to 1 GHz	-107 dBm/Hz
above 1 GHz to 12,75 GHz	-97 dBm/Hz

See clause 6 for the test conditions; see subclause 7.3 for the measurement methods.

## 6 Test conditions

### 6.1 Normal and extreme test conditions

Type tests shall be made under normal test conditions and where stated in the methods of measurement (see also clause 7), under extreme conditions (subclause 6.4.1).

Exceptions to the measurement procedures given in this clause shall be recorded in the test report.

### 6.2 Power sources

#### 6.2.1 Power sources for stand-alone equipment

During type tests, the power source of the equipment shall be replaced by a test power source capable of producing normal and extreme test voltages as specified in subclauses 6.3.2 and 6.4.2. The internal impedance of the test power source shall be low enough for its effect on the test results to be negligible. For the purpose of tests, the voltage of the power source shall be measured at the input terminals of the equipment.

For battery operated equipment the battery shall be removed and the test power source shall be applied as close to the battery terminals as practicable.

During tests the power source voltages shall be maintained within a tolerance of  $\pm 1$  % relative to the voltage at the beginning of each test. The value of this tolerance is critical to power measurements; using a smaller tolerance will provide better measurement uncertainty values.

#### 6.2.2 Power sources for plug-in radio devices

The power source for testing plug-in radio devices shall be provided by a test jig or host equipment.

Where the host equipment and/or the plug-in radio device is battery powered, the battery may be removed and the test power source applied as close to the battery terminals as practicable.

### 6.3 Normal test conditions

#### 6.3.1 Normal temperature and humidity

The normal temperature and humidity conditions for tests shall be any convenient combination of temperature and humidity within the following ranges:

- temperature:  $+15^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+35^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;
- relative humidity: 20 % to 75 %.

When it is impracticable to carry out the tests under these conditions, a note to this effect, stating the ambient temperature and relative humidity during the tests, shall be recorded in the test report.

The actual values during the tests shall be recorded in the test report.

## 6.3.2 Normal power source

### 6.3.2.1 Mains voltage

The normal test voltage for equipment to be connected to the mains shall be the nominal mains voltage. For the purpose of the present document, the nominal voltage shall be the declared voltage or any of the declared voltages for which the equipment was designed.

The frequency of the test power source corresponding to the AC mains shall be between 49 Hz and 51 Hz.

### 6.3.2.2 Lead-acid battery power sources used on vehicles

When radio equipment is intended for operation from the usual, alternator fed lead-acid battery power source used on vehicles, then the normal test voltage shall be 1,1 times the nominal voltage of the battery (6V, 12V, etc.).

### 6.3.2.3 Other power sources

For operation from other power sources or types of battery (primary or secondary), the nominal test voltage shall be as declared by the equipment manufacturer. This shall be recorded in the test report.

## 6.4 Extreme test conditions

### 6.4.1 Extreme temperatures

For tests at extreme temperatures, measurements shall be made in accordance with the procedures specified in subclause 6.4.3, at the upper and lower temperatures of the range as follows:

- temperature: -20°C to +55°C;

Where the manufacturer's declared operating range does not include the range of -20°C to +55°C, the equipment shall be tested over the following temperature ranges:

- a) 0°C to +35 °C for equipment intended for indoor use only, or intended for use in areas where the temperature is controlled within this range;
- b) over the extremes of the operating temperature range(s) of the declared host equipment(s) in case of plug-in radio devices.

The frequency range as in subclause 5.2.3 and the e.i.r.p. limit in subclause 5.2.1 shall not be exceeded.

The temperature range used in the type testing shall be recorded in the test report and shall be stated in the user manual.

### 6.4.2 Extreme power source voltages

Tests at extreme power source voltages specified below are not required when the equipment under test is designed for operation as part of and powered by another system or piece of equipment. Where this is the case, the limit values of the host system or host equipment shall apply. The appropriate limit values shall be declared by the manufacturer and recorded in the test report.

#### 6.4.2.1 Mains voltage

The extreme test voltage for equipment to be connected to an AC mains source shall be the nominal mains voltage  $\pm 10\%$ .

#### 6.4.2.2 Lead-acid battery power sources used on vehicles

When radio equipment is intended for operation from the usual type of alternator fed lead-acid battery power source used on vehicles, then extreme test voltage shall be 1,3 and 0,9 times the nominal voltage of the battery (6V, 12V etc.).

#### 6.4.2.3 Power sources using other types of batteries

The lower extreme test voltages for equipment with power sources using the following types of battery, shall be:

- for the Leclanché or lithium type battery: 0,85 times the nominal voltage of the battery;
- for the mercury or nickel-cadmium type of battery: 0,9 times the nominal voltage of the battery.

In both cases, the upper extreme test voltage shall be 1,15 times the nominal voltage of the battery.

#### 6.4.2.4 Other power sources

For equipment using other power sources, or capable of being operated from a variety of power sources (primary or secondary), the extreme test voltages shall be those declared by the manufacturer; these shall be recorded in the test report.

### 6.4.3 Procedure for tests at extreme temperatures

Before measurements are made the equipment shall have reached thermal balance in the test chamber.

The equipment shall be switched off during the temperature stabilizing period. In the case of equipment containing temperature stabilizing circuits designed to operate continuously, these circuits shall be switched on for 15 minutes after thermal balance has been reached. After this time the equipment shall meet the specified requirements. For this type of equipment the manufacturer shall provide for the power source circuit feeding these circuits to be independent of the power source of the rest of the equipment.

If thermal balance is not checked by measurements, a temperature stabilizing period of at least one hour, or such period as may be decided by the testing laboratory, shall be allowed. The sequence of measurements shall be chosen and the humidity content in the test chamber shall be controlled so that excessive condensation does not occur.

Before tests at the upper extreme temperature, the equipment shall be placed in the test chamber and left until thermal balance is attained. The equipment shall then be made to transmit the test data sequence (see subclause 6.6) for at least one minute, followed by four minutes in the receive condition, after which the equipment shall meet the specified requirements.

For tests at the lower extreme temperature, the equipment shall be left in the test chamber until thermal balance is attained, then switched to the standby or receive condition for a period of one minute after which the equipment shall meet the specified requirements.

## 6.5 Testing of host connected equipment and plug-in radio devices

For equipment for which connection to or integration with host equipment is required to offer functionality, two alternative approaches are permitted. The manufacturer shall declare which alternative shall be used.

### 6.5.1 Alternative A: combined equipment

A combination of a radio equipment part and a specific type of host equipment may be used for testing according to the present document.

Where more than one such combination is intended, testing shall not be repeated for combinations of radio parts and host equipment where the latter are substantially similar.

Where more than one such combination is intended and host systems are not substantially similar, one combination shall be tested against all requirements of the present document; other combinations shall be tested separately for radiated spurious emissions only.

### 6.5.2 Alternative B: use of a host or test jig

Where the radio equipment part is intended for use with a variety of host systems, the manufacturer shall supply a suitable test configuration consisting of either a host system intended for normal use or a test jig that is representative of the range of host systems in which the device may be used. The test jig shall allow the radio equipment part to be powered and stimulated in a way similar to the way it would be powered and stimulated when connected to or inserted into host equipment. Measurements shall be made to all requirements of the present document.

## 6.6 Test data sequence

The manufacturer shall describe and provide a test data sequence with which the transmitter is modulated during the measurements described in the present document. The test data sequence shall spread the transmitted power throughout the power envelope. Where the equipment is not capable of continuous RF transmission, the test data sequence shall be such that:

- the generated RF signal is the same for each transmission;
- transmissions occur regularly in time;
- sequences of transmissions can be repeated accurately.

The same test data sequence shall be used for all measurements on the same equipment.

For frequency hopping systems the manufacturer shall supply a means of selecting the hop frequencies required by the present document.

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# 7 Methods of measurement

## 7.1 General

This subclause describes methods of measurement for the following transmitter parameters:

- the effective radiated power;
- the peak power density;
- the frequency range(s);
- the transmitter spurious emissions.

This subclause describes methods of measurement for the following receiver parameters:

- the receiver spurious emissions.

The following methods of measurement shall apply to the testing of stand-alone units and to the equipment configurations identified in subclause 6.5.

## 7.2 Measurements of transmitter parameters

### 7.2.1 Effective radiated power

The effective radiated power shall be determined and recorded in the test report.

The following shall be applied to the combination(s) of the radio device and its intended antenna(e). In the case that the RF power level is user adjustable, all measurements shall be made with the highest power level available to the user for that combination.

The following method of measurement shall apply to both conducted and radiated measurements.

In the case of radiated measurements, using a test site as described in annex A and applicable measurement procedures as described in annex B, the effective radiated power as defined in subclause 5.2.1 shall be measured and recorded in the test report.

In case of conducted measurements, the transmitter shall be connected to the measuring equipment via a suitable attenuator and the RF power as defined in subclause 5.2.1 shall be measured and recorded in the test report.

The measurement shall be performed using normal operation of the equipment with modulation, using the test data sequence, applied.

The test procedure shall be as follows:

- step 1:
  - using a suitable means, the output of the transmitter shall be coupled to a diode detector;
  - the output of the diode detector shall be connected to the vertical channel of an oscilloscope;
  - the combination of the diode detector and the oscilloscope shall be capable of faithfully reproducing the envelope peaks and the duty cycle of the transmitter output signal;
  - the observed duty cycle of the transmitter (Tx on/(Tx on +Tx off)) shall be noted as x, ( $0 < x < 1$ ) and recorded in the test report. For the purpose of testing, the equipment shall be operated with a duty cycle that is equal to or more than 0,1.
- step 2:
  - the average output power of the transmitter shall be determined using a wideband, calibrated RF power meter with a thermocouple detector or an equivalent thereof and, where applicable, with an integration period that exceeds the repetition period of the transmitter by a factor 5 or more. The observed value shall be recorded as "A" (in dBm);
  - the e.i.r.p. shall be calculated from the above measured power output A, the observed duty cycle x, and the applicable antenna assembly gain "G" in dBi, according to the formula:
    - $P = A + G + 10 \log (1/x)$ ;
    - P shall not exceed the value specified in subclause 5.2.1.
- step 3:
  - the measurement set up as given under step 1 shall be used to determine on the oscilloscope the peak of the envelope of the output signal of the transmitter;
  - the maximum deviation of the Y-trace of the oscilloscope shall be recorded as "B".

- step 4:
  - the transmitter shall be replaced by a signal generator. The output frequency of the signal shall be made equal to the centre of the frequency range occupied by the transmitter;
  - the signal generator shall be unmodulated. The output power of the signal generator shall be raised to a level such that the deviation of the Y-trace of the oscilloscope reaches level B, as indicated in step 3;
  - this output power level "C" (in dBm) of the signal generator shall be determined using a wideband, calibrated RF power meter with a thermocouple detector or an equivalent thereof;
  - level C shall not exceed by more than 3 dB the value specified in subclause 5.2.1 minus the applicable antenna assembly gain G in dBi.

These measurements shall be performed at normal and extreme test conditions, see subclause 6.4.1.

The method of measurement shall be documented in the test report.

## 7.2.2 Peak power density

The peak power density shall be measured and recorded in the test report.

In the case of radiated measurements, using a test site as described in annex A and applicable measurement procedures as described in annex B, the peak power density as defined in subclause 5.2.2 shall be measured and recorded in the test report.

In case of conducted measurements, the transmitter shall be connected to the measuring equipment via a suitable attenuator and the peak power density as defined in subclause 5.2.2 shall be measured and recorded in the test report.

The peak power density shall be determined using a spectrum analyser of adequate bandwidth for the type of modulation being used in combination with an RF power meter.

The equipment to be measured shall be operated as described in subclause 7.2.1.

Equipment where the transmitter is on for 10 µs or more shall be measured as follows.

Connect an RF power meter to the IF output of the spectrum analyser and correct its reading using a known reference source, e.g. a signal generator.

**NOTE:** The IF output of the spectrum analyser may be 20 dB or more below the input level of the spectrum analyser. Unless the power meter has adequate sensitivity, a wideband amplifier may be required.

The test procedure shall be as follows:

- step 1:
  - the measurement set-up shall be calibrated with a CW signal from a calibrated source; the reference signal should have a strength of 10 dBm;
  - the settings of the spectrum analyser shall be:
    - centre Frequency: equal to the signal source;
    - resolution BW: 100 kHz for FHSS, 1 MHz for DSSS;
    - video BW: same;
    - detector mode: positive peak;
    - averaging: off;
    - span: zero Hz;
    - amplitude: adjust for middle of the instrument's range.

- step 2:
  - the calibrating signal power shall be reduced to 0 dBm and it shall be verified that the power meter reading also reduces by 10 dB.
- step 3:
  - connect the equipment to be measured. Using the following settings of the spectrum analyser in combination with "max hold" function, find the frequency of highest power output in the power envelope:
    - centre Frequency: equal to operating frequency;
    - resolution BW: 100 kHz for FHSS, 1 MHz for DSSS;
    - video BW: same;
    - detector mode: positive peak;
    - averaging: off;
    - Span: 3 times the spectrum width;
    - amplitude: adjust for middle of the instrument's range.
  - the frequency found shall be recorded in the test report.
- step 4:
  - set the centre frequency of the spectrum analyser to the found frequency and switch to zero span. The power meter indicates the measured power density. The power density e.i.r.p. is calculated from the measured power density and the declared antenna assembly gain(s).

The above procedure shall be repeated for each of the two frequencies identified by the procedure given in subclause 7.2.1.

Where the spectrum analyser bandwidth is non-Gaussian, a suitable correction factor shall be determined and applied.

Where a spectrum analyser is equipped with a facility to measure power density, this facility may be used instead of the above procedure.

For equipment where the transmitter is normally on for less than 10  $\mu$ s, the method of measurement shall be documented in the test report.

### 7.2.3 Frequency range of equipment using FHSS modulation

Using applicable measurement procedures as described in annex B the frequency range (see subclause 5.2.3) of the equipment shall be measured and recorded in the test report.

During these measurements the test data sequence as specified in subclause 6.6 shall be used.

These measurements shall be performed under both normal and extreme test conditions (see subclauses 6.3 and 6.4).

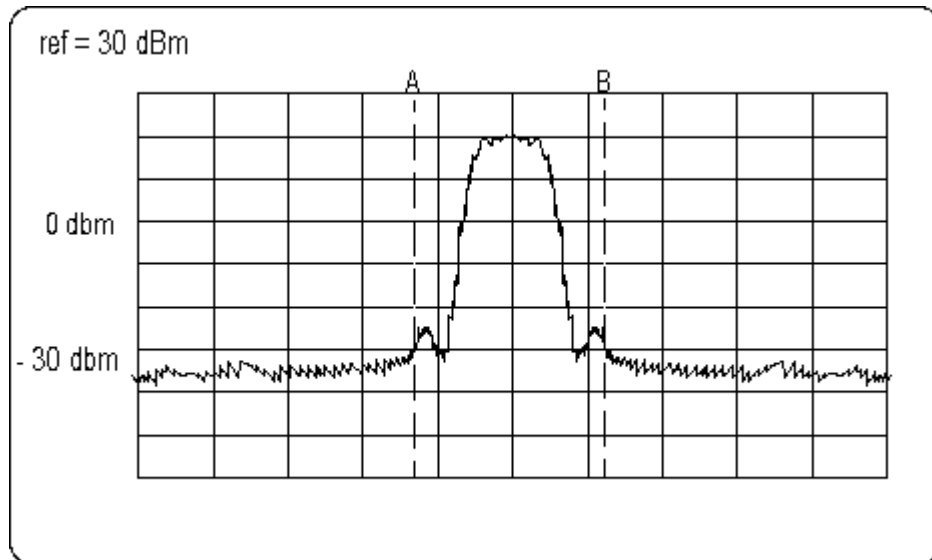
The measurement procedure shall be as follows:

- a) place the spectrum analyser in video averaging mode with a minimum of 50 sweeps selected and activate the transmitter with modulation applied. The display will form an image like that shown in figure 2;
- b) select lowest operating frequency of the equipment under test;
- c) find lowest frequency below the operating frequency at which spectral power density drops below the level given in subclause 5.2.3. See A in figure 2. This frequency shall be recorded in the test report;
- d) select the highest operating frequency of the equipment under test;
- e) find the highest frequency at which the spectral power density drops below the level given in subclause 5.2.3, see B in figure 2. This frequency shall be recorded in the test report;

- f) the difference between the frequencies measured in steps c) and e) is the frequency range; it shall be recorded in the test report.

NOTE: For equipment with a single, fixed operating frequency, steps b) and d) are omitted.

This measurement shall be repeated for each operating frequency range declared by the manufacturer.



**Figure 2: Measuring the extreme frequencies of the power envelope**

This example assumes a 100 kHz resolution bandwidth.

## 7.2.4 Frequency range of equipment using other forms of modulation

Using applicable measurement procedures as described in annex B the frequency range(s) shall be measured and recorded in the test report.

During these measurements the test data sequence as specified in subclause 6.6 shall be used.

These measurements shall be performed under both normal and extreme test conditions (see subclause 6.4.1).

The measurement procedure shall be as follows:

- place the spectrum analyser in video averaging mode with a minimum of 50 sweeps selected and activate the transmitter with modulation applied. The RF emission of the equipment shall be displayed on the spectrum analyser. The display will form an image like that shown in figure 2;
- select lowest operating frequency of the equipment under test;
- using the marker of the spectrum analyser, find lowest frequency below the operating frequency at which spectral power density drops below the level given in subclause 5.2.3. See line A in figure 2. This frequency is recorded in the test report;
- select the highest operating frequency of the equipment under test;
- find the highest frequency at which the spectral power density drops below the value given in subclause 5.2.3. See line B in figure 2. This frequency shall be recorded in the test report;
- the difference between the frequencies measured in steps c) and e) is the frequency range; it shall be recorded in the test report.

NOTE: For equipment with a single, fixed operating frequency, steps b) and d) are omitted.

This measurement shall be repeated for each frequency range declared by the manufacturer.

## 7.2.5 Spurious emissions

The following method of measurement shall apply to both conducted and radiated measurements.

In the case of radiated measurements, using a test site as described in annex A and applicable measurement procedures as described in annex B, the spurious emissions as defined in subclause 5.2.4 shall be measured and recorded in the test report.

In case of conducted measurements, the radio device shall be connected to the measuring equipment via a suitable attenuator.

Tests of FHSS equipment shall be carried out while the equipment is hopping on the following operating frequencies:

- the lowest operating frequency; and
- the highest operating frequency.

During this test modulation shall be applied using the test data sequence.

Where the transmitter ceases transmission between hops, during this test, the transmitter shall cease transmitting for a minimum period of time equal to or greater than that for which it ceases transmission during normal operation.

If the equipment is fitted with an automatic shut-off facility it shall be made inoperative for the duration of this test unless it has to be left operative to protect the equipment. If the shut-off facility is left operative, the status of the equipment shall be indicated.

The measurement equipment shall be set for peak hold mode of operation.

The measurement procedure shall be as follows:

- the transmitter shall be operated at the highest output power, or, in the case of equipment able to operate at more than one power level, at the lowest and highest output powers;
- the spectrum outside the declared frequency range(s) (see subclauses 7.2.3 and 7.2.4) shall be searched for emissions that exceed the limit values given in subclause 5.2.4 or that come to within 6 dB below the limit values given in subclause 5.2.4. Each occurrence shall be noted in the test report;
- this measurement shall be made with the transmitter set to the lowest operating frequency and with the transmitter set to the highest operating frequency.

This measurement shall be repeated with the transmitter in standby mode where applicable.

Where these measurements are made with a spectrum analyser, the following settings and procedures shall be used.

For finding spurious emissions the spectrum analyser shall be set as follows:

- resolution BW: 100 kHz;
- video BW: same;
- detector mode: positive peak;
- averaging: off;
- span: 100 MHz;
- amplitude: adjust for middle of the instrument's range;
- sweep time: 1 second.

For measuring emissions that exceed the level of 6 dB below the applicable limit, the resolution bandwidth shall be switched to 30 kHz and the span shall be adjusted accordingly. If the level does not change by more than 2 dB, it is a narrowband emission; the observed value shall be recorded in the test report. If the level changes by more than 2 dB, the emission is a wideband emission and its level shall be measured and recorded in the test report.

The method of measurement for wideband emissions, if applicable, shall be documented in the test report.

NOTE: The main spectrum of the device being tested may saturate the spectrum analyser's input circuits and so cause ghost "spurious" signals. Ghosts can be distinguished from real signals by increasing the input attenuator by 10 dB. If the spurious signal disappears, it is a ghost and should be ignored.

## 7.3 Measurements of receiver parameters

### 7.3.1 General

The present document provides for the measurement of receiver spurious emissions.

### 7.3.2 Spurious emissions

The following method of measurement shall apply to both conducted and radiated measurements.

In the case of radiated measurements, using a test site as described in annex A and applicable measurement procedures as described in annex B, the spurious emissions as defined in subclause 5.2.4 shall be measured under the conditions given in subclause 5.3.2 and recorded in the test report.

In the case of conducted measurements, the receiver shall be connected to the measuring equipment via a suitable attenuator.

The measurement procedure shall be as follows:

- with the equipment in the receive mode, the applicable spectrum shall be searched for emissions that exceed the limit values given in subclause 5.3 or that come to within 6 dB below the limit values given in subclause 5.3. Each occurrence shall be recorded in the test report.

The measurements shall be performed only under the following conditions:

- for FHSS equipment the equipment shall be tested in the receive mode on frequencies as defined in subclause 7.2.3. shall apply EXCEPT that the equipment shall be tested in both the receive and (where applicable) standby modes;
- for DSSS and other equipment the test shall be made in the receive mode, at the lowest and highest operating frequencies in both receive and (where applicable) standby modes.

Where these measurements are made with a spectrum analyser, the following settings and procedures shall be used for narrowband emissions:

- resolution BW: 100 kHz;
- video BW: same;
- detector mode: positive peak;
- averaging: off;
- span: 100 MHz;
- amplitude: adjust for middle of the instrument's range;
- sweep time: 1 second.

For measuring emissions that exceed the level of 6 dB below the applicable limit the resolution bandwidth shall be switched to 30 kHz and the span shall be adjusted accordingly. If the level does not change by more than 2 dB, it is a narrowband emission; the observed value shall be recorded in the test report. If the level changes by more than 2 dB, the emission is a wideband emission and its level shall be measured and recorded in the test report.

The method of measurement for wideband emissions, if applicable, shall be documented in the test report.

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## 8 Measurement uncertainty values

The maximum values of the absolute measurement uncertainties of the measurements defined in the present document shall not exceed the values given below:

**Table 5: Maximum measurement uncertainty**

Parameter	Uncertainty
radio frequency	$1 \times 10^{-5}$
total RF power, conducted	1,5 dB
RF power density, conducted	3 dB
spurious emissions, conducted	3 dB
all emissions, radiated	6 dB
temperature	1°C
humidity	5 %
DC and low frequency voltages	3 %

For the measurement methods according to the present document these uncertainty figures are valid to a confidence level of 95 % calculated according to the methods described in ETR 028 [5], on guidelines for estimating uncertainties in measuring methods.

## Annex A (normative): Test sites and arrangements for radiated measurements

### A.1 Test sites

#### A.1.1 Open air test sites

The term "open air" should be understood from an electromagnetic point of view. Such a test site may be really in open air or alternatively with walls and ceiling transparent to the radio waves at the frequencies considered.

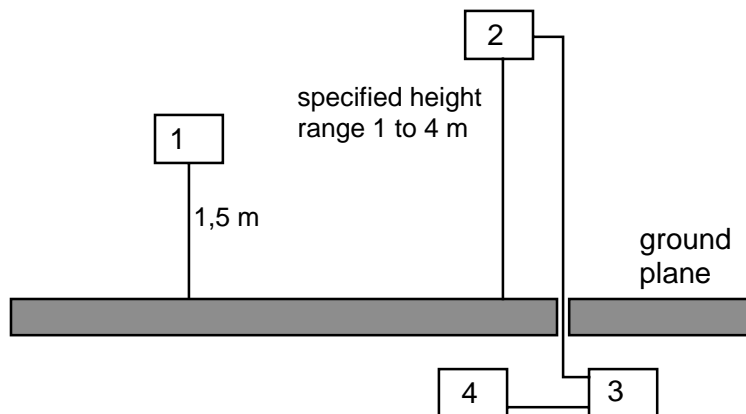
An open air test site may be used to perform the measurements using the radiated measurement methods described in clause 7. Absolute or relative measurements may be performed on transmitters or on receivers; absolute measurements of field strength require a calibration of the test site.

A measuring distance of at least 3 m shall be used for measurements at frequencies up to 1 GHz. For frequencies above 1 GHz, any suitable measuring distance may be used. The equipment size (excluding the antenna) shall be less than 20 % of the measuring distance. The height of the equipment or of the substitution antenna shall be 1,5 m; the height of the test antenna (transmit or receive) shall vary between 1 and 4 m.

Sufficient precautions shall be taken to ensure that reflections from extraneous objects adjacent to the site do not degrade the measurement results, in particular:

- no extraneous conducting objects having any dimension in excess of a quarter wavelength of the highest frequency tested shall be in the immediate vicinity of the site;
- all cables shall be as short as possible; as much of the cables as possible shall be on the ground plane or preferably below; and the low impedance cables shall be screened.

The general measurement arrangement is shown in figure A.1.



- 1) equipment under test.
- 2) test antenna.
- 3) high pass filter (as required).
- 4) spectrum analyser or measuring receiver.

**Figure A.1: Measuring arrangement**

## A.1.2 Anechoic chamber

### A.1.2.1 General

An anechoic chamber is a well shielded chamber covered inside with radio frequency absorbing material and simulating a free space environment. It is an alternative site on which to perform the measurements using the radiated measurement methods described in clause 7. Absolute or relative measurements may be performed on transmitters or on receivers. Absolute measurements of field strength require a calibration of the anechoic chamber. The test antenna, equipment under test and substitution antenna are used in a way similar to that at the open air test site, but are all located at the same fixed height above the floor.

### A.1.2.2 Description

An anechoic chamber should meet the requirements for shielding loss and wall return loss as shown in figure A.2. Figure A.3 shows an example of the construction of an anechoic chamber having a base area of 5 m by 10 m and a height of 5 m. The ceiling and walls are coated with pyramidally formed absorbers approximately 1 m high. The base is covered with special absorbers which form the floor. The available internal dimensions of the chamber are 3 m x 8 m x 3 m, so that a maximum measuring distance of 5 m in the middle axis of this chamber is available. The floor absorbers reject floor reflections so that the antenna height need not be changed. Anechoic chambers of other dimensions may be used.

### A.1.2.3 Influence of parasitic reflections

For free-space propagation in the far field, the relationship of the field strength  $E$  and the distance  $R$  is given by  $E = E_0 \times (R_0/R)$ , where  $E_0$  is the reference field strength and  $R_0$  is the reference distance. This relationship allows relative measurements to be made as all constants are eliminated within the ratio and neither cable attenuation nor antenna mismatch or antenna dimensions are of importance.

If the logarithm of the foregoing equation is used, the deviation from the ideal curve may be easily seen because the ideal correlation of field strength and distance appears as a straight line. The deviations occurring in practice are then clearly visible. This indirect method shows quickly and easily any disturbances due to reflections and is far less difficult than the direct measurement of reflection attenuation.

With an anechoic chamber of the dimensions given above at low frequencies below 100 MHz there are no far field conditions, but the wall reflections are stronger, so that careful calibration is necessary. In the medium frequency range from 100 MHz to 1 GHz the dependence of the field strength to the distance meets the expectations very well. Above 1 GHz, because more reflections will occur, the dependence of the field strength to the distance will not correlate so closely.

### A.1.2.4 Calibration and mode of use

The calibration and mode of use is the same as for an open air test site, the only difference being that the test antenna does not need to be raised and lowered whilst searching for a maximum, which simplifies the method of measurement.

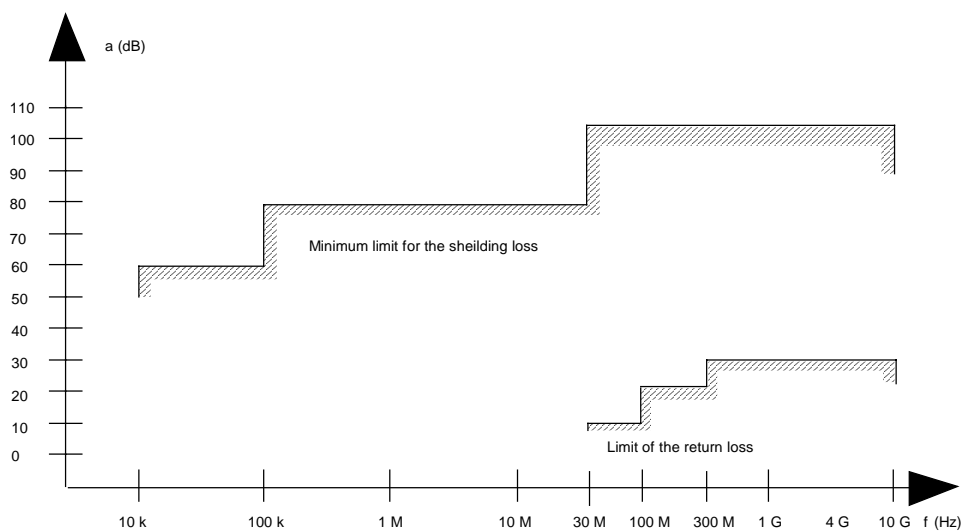
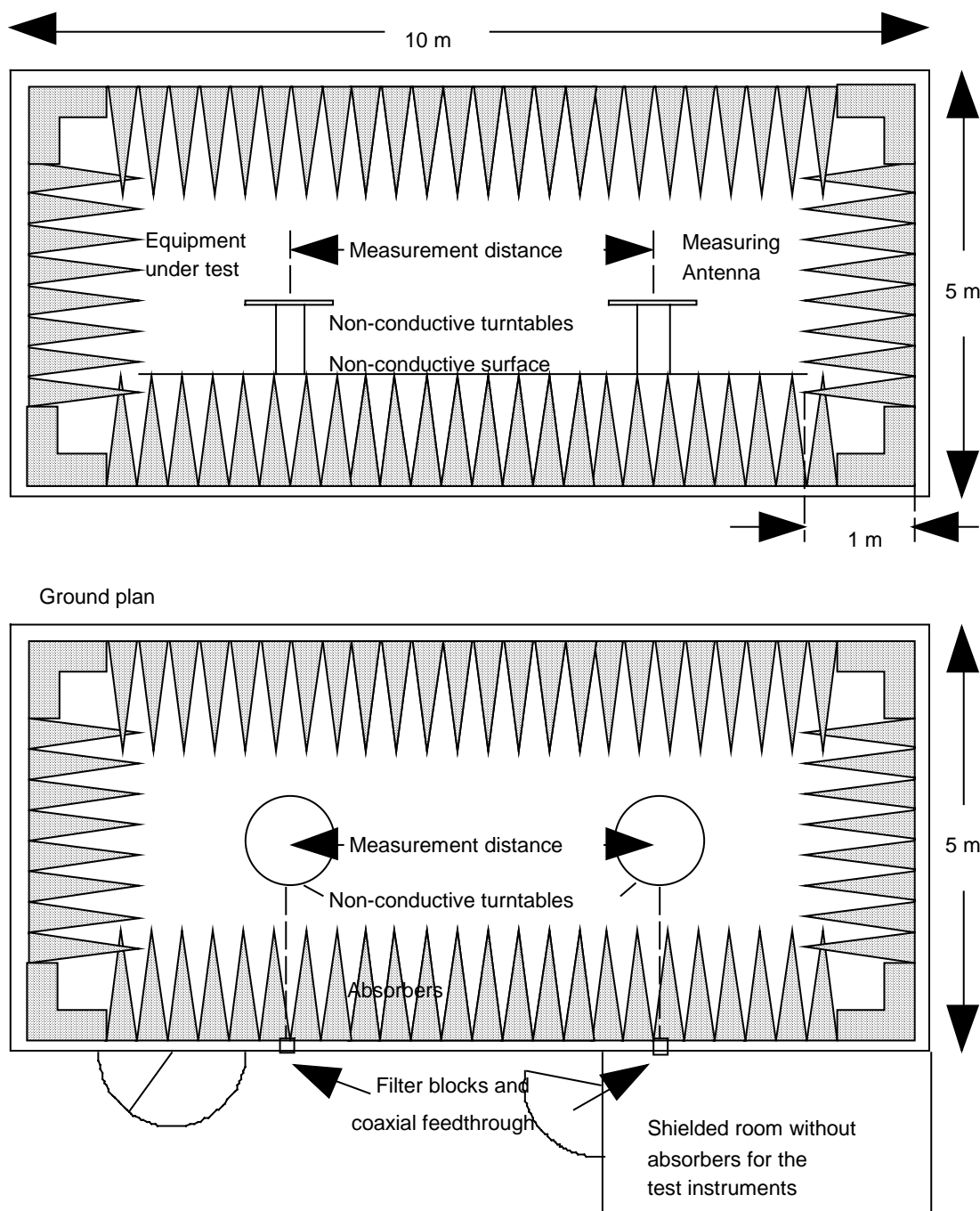


Figure A.2: Specification for shielding and reflections



**Figure A.3: Anechoic shielded chamber for simulated free space measurements**

## A.2 Test antenna

When the test site is used for radiation measurements the test antenna shall be used to detect the field from both the test sample and the substitution antenna. When the test site is used for the measurement of receiver characteristics the antenna shall be used as a transmitting antenna. This antenna shall be mounted on a support capable of allowing the antenna to be used in either horizontal or vertical polarization and for the height of its centre above the ground to be varied over the specified range. Preferably test antennae with pronounced directivity should be used. The size of the test antenna along the measurement axis shall not exceed 20 % of the measuring distance.

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## A.3 Substitution antenna

The substitution antenna shall be used to replace the equipment under test in substitution measurements. For measurements below 1 GHz the substitution antenna shall be a half wavelength dipole resonant at the frequency under consideration, or a shortened dipole, calibrated to the half wavelength dipole. For measurements between 1 and 4 GHz either a half wavelength dipole or a horn radiator may be used. For measurements above 4 GHz a horn radiator shall be used. The centre of this antenna shall coincide with the reference point of the test sample it has replaced. This reference point shall be the volume centre of the sample when its antenna is mounted inside the cabinet, or the point where an outside antenna is connected to the cabinet.

The distance between the lower extremity of the dipole and the ground shall be at least 30 cm.

NOTE: The gain of a horn antenna is generally expressed relative to an isotropic radiator.

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## Annex B (normative): General description of measurement

This annex gives the general methods of measurements for RF signals using the test sites and arrangements described in annex A.

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### B.1 Conducted measurements and use of test fixture

In view of the low power levels of the equipment to be tested under the present document, conducted measurements may be applied to equipment provided with an antenna connector e.g. by means of a spectrum analyser.

Where the equipment to be tested does not provide a suitable connector, a test fixture may be provided (see subclause 4.2.1).

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### B.2 Radiated measurements

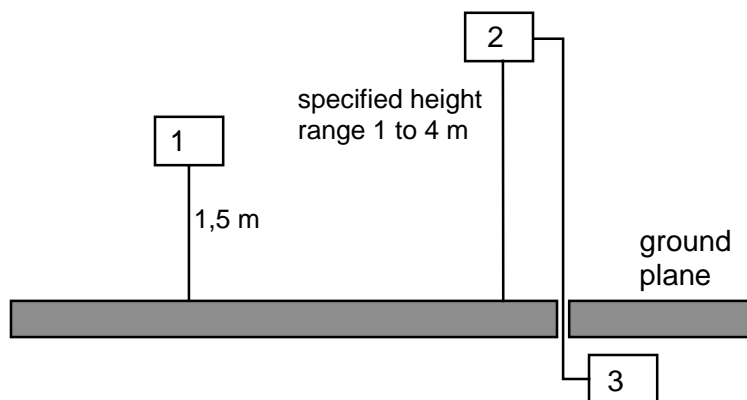
Radiated measurements shall be performed with the aid of a test antenna and measurement instruments as described in annex A. The test antenna and measurement instrument shall be calibrated according to the procedure defined in this annex. The equipment to be measured and the test antenna shall be oriented to obtain the maximum emitted power level. This position shall be recorded in the measurement report. The frequency range shall be measured in this position.

Preferably, radiated measurements shall be performed in an anechoic chamber. For other test sites corrections may be needed (see annex A). The following test procedure applies:

- a) a test site which fulfils the requirements of the specified frequency range of this measurement shall be used. The test antenna shall be oriented initially for vertical polarization unless otherwise stated and the transmitter under test shall be placed on the support in its standard position (subclause A.1.1) and switched on;
- b) for average power measurements a non-selective voltmeter or wide band spectrum analyser shall be used. For other measurements a spectrum analyser or selective voltmeter shall be used and tuned to the measurement frequency;

in either case a) or b), the test antenna shall be raised or lowered, if necessary, through the specified height range until the maximum signal level is detected on the spectrum analyser or selective voltmeter.

The test antenna need not be raised or lowered if the measurement is carried out on a test site according to subclause A.1.2.



- 1) equipment under test.
- 2) test antenna.
- 3) spectrum analyser or measuring receiver.

**Figure B.1: Measurement arrangement No.1**

- c) the transmitter shall be rotated through  $360^\circ$  about a vertical axis until a higher maximum signal is received;
- d) the test antenna shall be raised or lowered again, if necessary, through the specified height range until a maximum is obtained. This level shall be recorded.

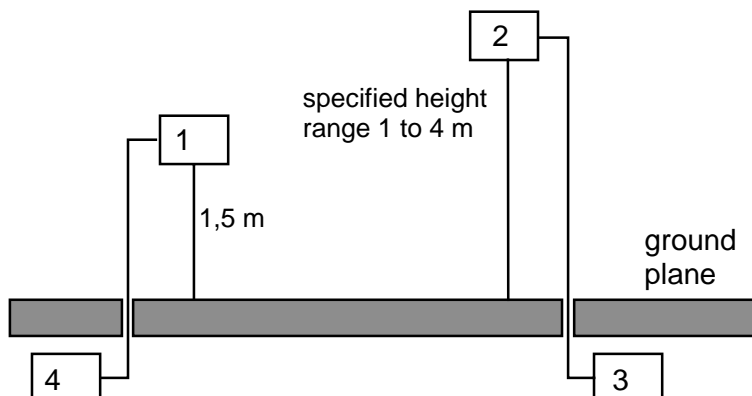
NOTE: This maximum may be a lower value than the value obtainable at heights outside the specified limits.

The test antenna need not be raised or lowered if the measurement is carried out on a test site according to subclause A.1.2. This measurement shall be repeated for horizontal polarization.

## B.3 Substitution measurement

The actual signal generated by the measured equipment may be determined by means of a substitution measurement in which a known signal source replaces the device to be measured, see figure B.2.

Preferably, this method of measurement shall be used in an anechoic chamber. For other test sites corrections may be needed, see annex A.



- 1) equipment under test.
- 2) substitution antenna.
- 3) spectrum analyser or selective voltmeter.
- 4) signal generator.

**Figure B.2: Measurement arrangement No.2**

- a) using measurement arrangement No.2, the substitution antenna shall replace the transmitter antenna in the same position and in vertical polarization. The frequency of the signal generator shall be adjusted to the measurement frequency. The test antenna shall be raised or lowered, if necessary, to ensure that the maximum signal is still received. The input signal to the substitution antenna shall be adjusted in level until an equal or a known related level to that detected from the transmitter is obtained in the test receiver;
- the test antenna need not be raised or lowered if the measurement is carried out on a test site according to subclause A.1.2;
  - the radiated power is equal to the power supplied by the signal generator, increased by the known relationship if necessary and after corrections due to the gain of the substitution antenna and the cable loss between the signal generator and the substitution antenna;
- b) this measurement shall be repeated with horizontal polarization.

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