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## 1 Scope

The present document specifies technical characteristics and methods of measurements for transmitting equipment for broadcast sound services using the Digital Audio Broadcast (DAB) modulation system operating in VHF band III (174 MHz to 240 MHz).

DAB transmissions are licensed by national administrations. The Final Acts of the CEPT T-DAB Planning Meeting Constanța, 2007 (WI95revCO07) [i.2] and the Final Acts of the Regional Radiocommunication Conference for planning of the digital terrestrial broadcasting service in parts of Regions 1 and 3, in the frequency bands 174 MHz to 230 MHz and 470 MHz to 862 MHz (RRC-06) [i.3] provide spectrum masks for Out-of-Band emissions under different conditions. These requirements are represented by four transmission cases in the present document, see table 0. The license conditions set by the national administration stipulate which transmission case (Out-of-Band spectrum mask) applies.

Case Description Identification in **Identification in RRC-06** WI95revCO07 1 Applicable to DAB transmissions operating in areas 1: critical 2: sensitive critical for adjacent channel DAB to DAB interference, and in any case when it is necessary to protect other services operating on adjacent frequencies on a primary basis 2 Applicable to DAB transmissions when no other case 2: non-critical 1: non-critical applies 3 Applicable to DAB transmitters in exceptional Critical case considering circumstances to protect safety services protection of distress and safety frequencies Applicable to DAB transmissions operating on a 4 3: sensitive in certain case-by-case basis in certain areas areas where channel 12D is in use

**Table 0: Transmission cases** 

NOTE: The relationship between the present document and essential requirements of article 3.2 of Directive 2014/53/EU [i.1] is given in annex A.

## 2 References

## 2.1 Normative references

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- [1] ETSI EN 300 401 (V2.1.1) (01-2017): "Radio broadcasting systems; Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) to mobile, portable and fixed receivers".
- [2] ETSI ETS 300 799 (Edition 1) (09-1997): "Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Distribution interfaces; Ensemble Transport Interface (ETI)".

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[i.4]	Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 5376 final of 4.8.2015 on a standardisation request to the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation and to the European

Telecommunications Standards Institute as regards radio equipment in support of Directive

## 3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.

## 3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in Directive 2014/53/EU [i.1] and the following apply:

**Adjacent Channel Leakage Ratio (ACLR):** ratio of the mean power of the DAB signal in the OFDM block at  $f_L$  to the mean power of the unoccupied OFDM block within the MCOFDM group

antenna port: port of an apparatus which is designed, in normal operation, to be connected to an antenna using coaxial cable

**broadcasting service:** radiocommunication service in which the transmissions are intended for direct reception by the general public

NOTE: This service may include sound transmissions, television transmissions or other types of transmission.

**DAB transmitter:** device comprising a DAB exciter and RF amplifier

dBc: decibels relative to the unmodulated carrier power of the emission

NOTE: In the cases which do not have a carrier, for example in some digital modulation schemes where the carrier is not accessible for measurement, the reference level equivalent to dBc is decibels relative to the mean power P.

 $\mathbf{f_{H}}$ : centre frequency of the highest frequency OFDM block generated by the DAB transmitter

 $\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{L}}$ : centre frequency of the lowest frequency OFDM block generated by the DAB transmitter

NOTE: In the case of a single block transmitter,  $f_L = f_H$ .

harmonic: component of order greater than 1 of the Fourier series of a periodic quantity

high power transmitter: transmitter whose rated output power is greater than 1 000 W per OFDM block

**intermodulation products:** unwanted frequencies resulting from intermodulation between carriers or harmonics of emission, or between any oscillations generated to produce the carrier

low power transmitter: transmitter whose rated output power is less than or equal to 25 W per OFDM block

MCOFDM group: group of OFDM blocks generated by a MCOFDM system

**MCOFDM system:** low power transmitter system that generates more than one OFDM block with an overall RF system filter spanning all blocks

**mean power:** average power supplied to the antenna port by a transmitter during an interval of time sufficiently long compared with the lowest frequency encountered in the modulation envelope taken under normal operating conditions

**medium power transmitter:** transmitter whose rated output power is greater than 25 W and less than or equal to 1 000 W per OFDM block

**necessary bandwidth:** width of the frequency band which is sufficient to ensure the transmission of information at the rate and with the quality required under specified conditions

**OFDM block:** group of digitally modulated carriers comprising a complete DAB ensemble

**out-of-band emissions:** emission on a frequency or frequencies immediately outside the necessary bandwidth which results from the modulation process, but excluding spurious emissions

rated output power: mean power that the transmitter delivers at its antenna port under specified conditions of operation

reference bandwidth: bandwidth in which the emission level is specified

RF system filter: filter connected to the output of the RF amplifier to control output spectrum

NOTE: The RF system filter may be internal or external to the transmitter casing.

**spurious emissions:** emissions on a frequency or frequencies which are outside the necessary bandwidth and the level of which may be reduced without affecting the corresponding transmission of information

NOTE: Spurious emissions include harmonic emissions, parasitic emissions, intermodulation products and frequency conversion products but exclude out of band emissions.

**unwanted emissions:** spurious emissions and out-of-band emissions

## 3.2 Symbols

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

" inch

C/N Carrier power to Noise power density

Hz Hertz (cycles per second)

 $\begin{array}{lll} m & & metre \\ \mu & & micro, \, 10^{-6} \\ V & & Volt \\ W & & Watt \end{array}$ 

## 3.3 Abbreviations

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

ACLR Adjacent Channel Leakage Ratio

BER Bit Error Ratio

COFDM Coded Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplex

CRC Cyclic Redundancy Check

CW Continuous Wave

DAB Digital Audio Broadcasting

EDI Encapsulation of DAB Interfaces
EFTA European Free Trade Association
EMC ElectroMagnetic Compatibility
ETI Ensemble Transport Interface

EUT Equipment Under Test

MCOFDM Multiple Coded Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplex

MER Modulation Error Ratio

N Noise power

OFDM Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplex

OOB Out-Of-Band

PRBS Pseudo Random Binary Sequence

RF Radio Frequency
RMS Root Mean Square

SFN Single Frequency Network

TII Transmitter Identification Information

Tx Transmitter

VHF Very High Frequency

## 4 Technical requirements specifications

## 4.1 Environmental profile

The technical requirements of the present document apply under the environmental profile for operation of the equipment, which shall be in accordance with its intended use. The equipment shall comply with all the technical requirements of the present document at all times when operating within the boundary limits of the operational environmental profile defined by its intended use.

## 4.2 Conformance requirements

## 4.2.1 Rated output power

## 4.2.1.1 Definition

The rated output power is the mean power that the transmitter shall deliver at its antenna port.

For MCOFDM systems, the rated output power is the mean power of the highest powered OFDM block within the MCOFDM group.

Transmitters shall be categorized into one of three power classes, as follows:

- low power;
- medium power;
- high power.

## 4.2.1.2 Limit

The output power shall be within  $\pm 0.5$  dB of the rated output power.

## 4.2.1.3 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.1 shall be carried out.

## 4.2.2 Frequency stability

## 4.2.2.1 Definition

The frequency stability of an emission is the variation of frequency against a predetermined time scale.

## 4.2.2.2 Limit

The stability of the centre frequency shall not deviate more than 10 Hz from its nominal value.

#### 4.2.2.3 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.2 shall be carried out.

## 4.2.3 Crest factor

## 4.2.3.1 Definition

Maximum ratio of peak power to mean power levels.

#### 4.2.3.2 Limit

The peak level of the output RF power signal shall not exceed the mean power level by more than 13 dB.

## 4.2.3.3 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.3 shall be carried out.

## 4.2.4 Spurious emissions

## 4.2.4.1 Definition

Emission on a frequency or frequencies which are outside the necessary bandwidth and the level of which may be reduced without affecting the corresponding transmission of information. Spurious emissions include harmonic emissions, parasitic emissions, intermodulation products and frequency conversion products but exclude out-of-band emissions.

For the purposes of the present document spurious emissions are emissions at frequencies below  $f_L$  - 3 MHz, where  $f_L$  is the centre frequency of the lowest frequency OFDM block, and above  $f_H$  + 3 MHz, where  $f_H$  is the centre frequency of the highest frequency OFDM block of the transmission, irrespective of the number of blocks employed. In the case of a single block transmitter,  $f_L = f_H$ .

The reference bandwidth used for spurious emissions measurements shall be as follows:

- 1 kHz between 9 kHz and 150 kHz;
- 10 kHz between 150 kHz and 30 MHz;
- 100 kHz between 30 MHz and 1 GHz;
- 1 MHz above 1 GHz.

## 4.2.4.2 Limits

Spurious emissions shall not exceed the values set out in table 1, shown additionally in figure 1, for the frequency range 9 kHz to 3 GHz at the output of the RF system filter.

**Table 1: Spurious emissions limits** 

Mean power of the transmitter	Limits  Mean power absolute levels (dBm) or relative levels (dBc) below the power supplied to the antenna port in the reference bandwidth (see clause 4.2.4.1)
<i>P</i> < 9 dBW	-36 dBm
9 dBW <u>&lt; P &lt; 29 dBW</u>	75 dBc
29 dBW < P < 39 dBW	-16 dBm
$39 \text{ dBW} \leq P < 50 \text{ dBW}$	85 dBc
50 dBW <u>&lt;</u> <i>P</i>	-5 dBm

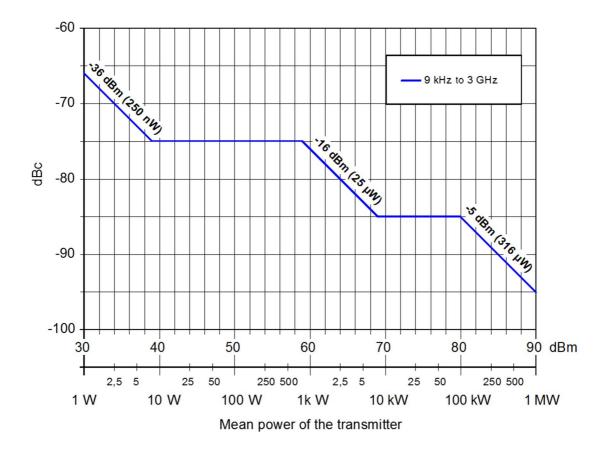


Figure 1: Spurious emissions limits for DAB transmitters

Figure 2: Void

## 4.2.4.3 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.4 shall be carried out.

## 4.2.5 Out-of-band emissions

#### 4.2.5.1 Definition

Emission on a frequency or frequencies immediately outside the necessary bandwidth which results from the modulation process, but excludes spurious emissions.

For the purposes of the present document out-of-band emissions are emissions at frequencies outside the necessary bandwidth and within the frequency ranges  $f_L$  - 3 MHz to  $f_L$ , where  $f_L$  is the centre frequency of the lowest frequency OFDM block, and  $f_H$  to  $f_H$  + 3 MHz, where  $f_H$  is the centre frequency of the highest frequency OFDM block of the transmission, irrespective of the number of blocks employed. In the case of a single block transmitter,  $f_L = f_H$ .

## 4.2.5.2 Limit

Out-of-band emissions shall not exceed the limits specified in tables 2 to 5, additionally shown in figure 3 and figure 4.

Out-of-band emissions limits are given as mean power level measured in a 4 kHz bandwidth, where 0 dB corresponds to the mean output power.

The national licence conditions specify which case the DAB transmitter shall conform to:

Case 1: The solid line mask (see figure 3) shall apply to DAB transmitters operating in areas critical for adjacent channel DAB to DAB interference, and in any case when it is necessary to protect other services operating on adjacent frequencies on a primary basis.

Case 2: The dashed line mask (see figure 3) shall apply to DAB transmitters in other cases.

Case 3: The solid line mask (see figure 4) shall apply to DAB transmitters in exceptional circumstances to protect safety services.

Case 4: The chain dotted line mask (see figure 4) shall apply to DAB transmitters operating on a case by case basis in certain areas.

Table 2: Case 1: Transmitters operating in critical cases

1,54 MHz block, frequency difference from the centre frequency (MHz)	Low power Absolute level (dBm)	Medium power Relative level (dBc)	High Power Absolute level (dBm)
±0,77	18	-26	34
±0,97	-27	-71	-11
±1,75	-62	-106	-46
±3,0	-62	-106	-46

Table 3: Case 2: Transmitters operating in non-critical cases

1,54 MHz block, frequency difference from the centre frequency (MHz)	Low power Absolute level (dBm)	Medium power Relative level (dBc)	High Power Absolute level (dBm)
±0,97	18	-26	34
±0,97	-12	-56	4
±3,0	-62	-106	-46

Table 4: Case 3: Transmitters operating in exceptional circumstances to protect safety services

1,54 MHz block, frequency difference from the centre frequency (MHz)	Low power Absolute level (dBm)	Medium power Relative level (dBc)	High Power Absolute level (dBm)
±0,77	18	-26	34
±0,97	-27	-71	-11
±2,2	-82	-126	-66
±3,0	-82	-126	-66

Table 5: Case 4: Transmitters operating on a case by case basis in certain areas

1,54 MHz block, frequency difference from the centre frequency (MHz)	Low power Absolute level (dBm)	Medium power Relative level (dBc)	High Power Absolute level (dBm)
±0,77	18	-26	34
±0,97	-34	-78	-18
±2,2	-82	-126	-66
±3,0	-82	-126	-66

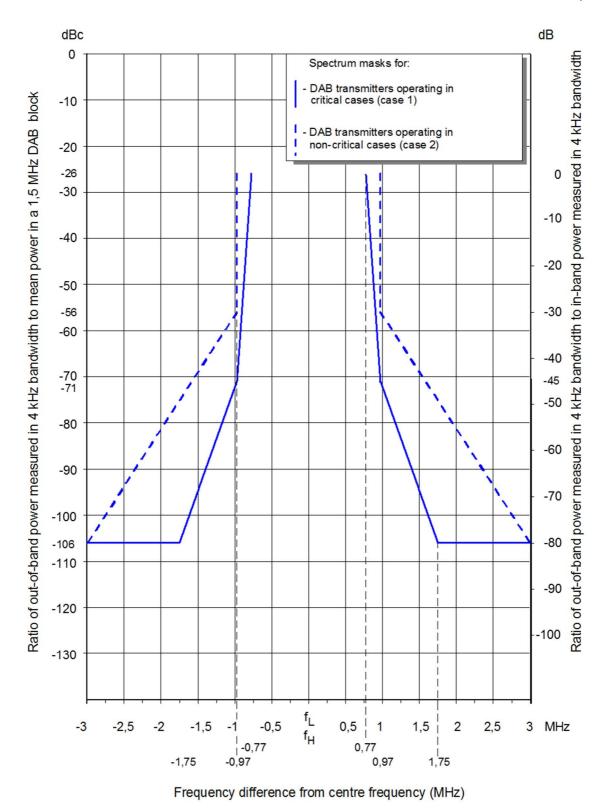
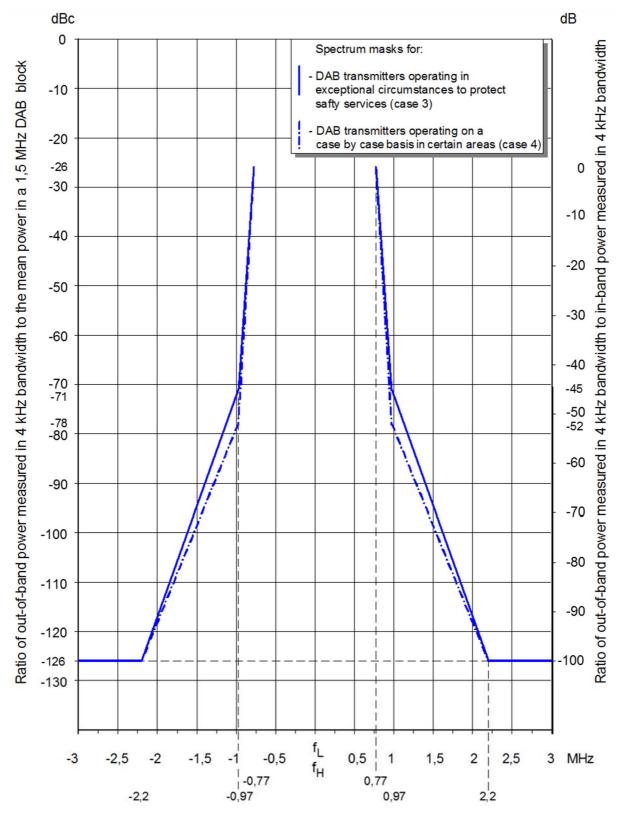


Figure 3: Spectrum masks for DAB out-of-band emissions (case 1 and case 2)



Frequency difference from centre frequency (MHz)

Figure 4: Spectrum masks for DAB out-of-band emissions (case 3 and case 4)

## 4.2.5.3 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.5 shall be carried out.

## 4.2.6 MCOFDM systems: ACLR performance

## 4.2.6.1 Definition

Adjacent channel performance required for unoccupied OFDM blocks within the MCOFDM group.

The ACLR is defined as the ratio of the mean power of the DAB signal in the OFDM block at  $f_L$  to the mean power of the unoccupied OFDM block within the MCOFDM group.

Out-of-band emissions which fall between  $f_L$  and  $f_H$  within the MCOFDM group are not influenced by the RF system filter. Every unoccupied OFDM block within the MCOFDM group shall be subject to an ACLR limit.

#### 4.2.6.2 Limit

For each unoccupied OFDM block within the MCOFDM group, the ACLR shall be ≥ 55 dB.

## 4.2.6.3 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.6 shall be carried out.

## 4.2.7 MCOFDM systems: MER performance

#### 4.2.7.1 Definition

MER performance required for every occupied OFDM block within the MCOFDM group.

## 4.2.7.2 Limit

For every occupied OFDM block within the MCOFDM group, the MER shall be  $\geq$  20 dB.

## 4.2.7.3 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.7 shall be carried out.

## 4.2.8 Behaviour in case of erroneous ETI signal

## 4.2.8.1 Definition

Operational status of transmitter during ETI signal error (see ETSI ETS 300 799 [2], clauses 4 to 8).

## 4.2.8.2 Limit

The minimum requirements for DAB transmitters shall be:

- P = 4;
- Q = 40;
- $\bullet \qquad M = 80.$

If the input signal is absent, or if frame synchronization is not achieved, the transmitter RF signal shall be muted in line with spurious emission limits, clause 4.2.4.2.

If frame synchronization is achieved, but CRC violations are detected, the transmitter shall offer two alternative responses:

a) The output RF signal is not affected by sporadic single CRC violations. The output RF signal is switched off after P CRC violations in Q frames, and switched on after M consecutive frames free from CRC violations.

b) The output RF signal is transmitted irrespective of CRC violations.

After the warming-up time of the transmitter the output RF signal shall be stable within two seconds following the application of an error-free input signal.

## 4.2.8.3 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.8 shall be carried out.

## 4.2.9 BER-Performance degradation

## 4.2.9.1 Definition

Difference between theoretical and actual BER degradation.

## 4.2.9.2 Limit

An operational transmitter shall not degrade the theoretical system BER (with channel coding and decoding) by more than 1 dB, under the conditions set out in table 6 and table 7.

**Table 6: BER Performance degradation limits** 

Code Rate R for equal convolutional coding	0,5
Theoretical performance	according to table 7

**Table 7: BER Performance degradation limits** 

BER	C/N
1 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	5,0 dB
3 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	5,4 dB
1 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	5,8 dB
3 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	6,2 dB
1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	6,6 dB
3 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	6,9 dB
1 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	7,2 dB
3 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	7,5 dB
1 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	7,8 dB

## 4.2.9.3 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.9 shall be carried out.

## 5 Testing for compliance with technical requirements

## 5.1 Environmental conditions for testing

Tests defined in the present document shall be carried out at representative points within the boundary limits of the operational environmental profile defined by its intended use.

Where technical performance varies subject to environmental conditions, tests shall be carried out under a sufficient variety of environmental conditions (within the boundary limits of the operational environmental profile defined by its intended use) to give confidence of compliance for the affected technical requirements.

## 5.2 Test modulating signal

An input signal shall be provided, according to the specification of the transmitter, to obtain a valid DAB output signal as defined in ETSI EN 300 401 [1], clause 15.

## 5.3 Methods of measurement

## 5.3.1 Rated output power

#### 5.3.1.1 Initial conditions

Test frequencies:

- a) the lowest operating frequency of the EUT;
- b) the highest operating frequency of the EUT;
- c) a frequency mid-way between a) and b) above.

Test arrangement (see figure B.1):

- 1) all ports unused at the time of testing shall be correctly terminated;
- 2) connect the EUT to the Test Load, via the coupling device or via the attenuator;
- 3) connect the spectrum analyser or power meter to the coupling device or attenuator.

## 5.3.1.2 Procedure

- 1) operate the EUT at each of the test frequencies as defined in clause 5.3.1.1;
- 2) measure the results on the spectrum analyser or power meter.

The power of the signal of a DAB transmitter is defined as the long-term average of the time-varying short-term signal power. An appropriate instrument for DAB power measurements is a thermal power meter. The signal power is constant symbol by symbol. A certain short-term variation is especially given by the Null symbol.

## 5.3.1.3 Test requirements

The results obtained shall be compared to the limits in clause 4.2.1.2 in order to demonstrate compliance.

## 5.3.2 Frequency stability

## 5.3.2.1 Initial conditions

Test frequencies:

• Any one frequency within the tuning range of the EUT.

Test arrangement (see figure B.1):

- 1) all ports unused at the time of testing shall be correctly terminated;
- 2) connect the EUT to the Test Load, via the Coupling Device or via the attenuator;
- 3) connect the measuring device to the Coupling Device or attenuator.

## 5.3.2.2 Procedure

- 1) Operate the exciter of the EUT at the test frequency as defined in clause 5.3.2.1.
- 2) Measure the maximum deviation on the frequency recorder over a 5 minute period.

## 5.3.2.3 Test requirements

The results obtained shall be compared to the limits in clause 4.2.2.2 in order to demonstrate compliance.

## 5.3.3 Crest factor

#### 5.3.3.1 Initial conditions

Test frequencies:

- a) the lowest operating frequency of the EUT;
- b) the highest operating frequency of the EUT;
- c) a frequency mid-way between a) and b) above.

Test arrangement (see figure B.1):

- 1) all ports unused at the time of testing shall be correctly terminated;
- 2) connect the EUT to the Test Load, via the Coupling Device or attenuator;
- 3) connect the measuring device to the Coupling Device or attenuator.

## 5.3.3.2 Procedure

Using a suitable measuring device first record the peak power then record the mean power.

## 5.3.3.3 Test requirements

The results obtained shall be compared to the limits in clause 4.2.3.2 in order to demonstrate compliance.

## 5.3.4 Spurious emissions

#### 5.3.4.1 Initial conditions

Test frequencies:

- a) the lowest operating frequency of the EUT;
- b) the highest operating frequency of the EUT;
- c) a frequency mid-way between a) and b) above.

Test arrangement (see figure B.1):

- 1) all ports unused at the time of testing shall be correctly terminated;
- 2) connect the EUT to the Test Load, via the Coupling Device or via the attenuator;
- 3) connect the measuring device to the Coupling Device or attenuator.

## 5.3.4.2 Procedure

- 1) Operate the EUT at each of the test frequencies as defined in clause 5.3.4.1.
- 2) Measure the results on the Spectrum Analyser.

## 5.3.4.3 Test requirements

The results obtained shall be compared to the limits in clause 4.2.4.2 in order to demonstrate compliance.

## 5.3.5 Out-of-band emissions

#### 5.3.5.1 Initial conditions

Test frequencies:

- a) the lowest operating frequency of the EUT;
- b) the highest operating frequency of the EUT;
- c) a frequency mid-way between a) and b) above.

Test arrangement (see figure B.2).

#### 5.3.5.2 Procedure

- 1) All ports unused at the time of testing shall be correctly terminated.
- 2) Operate the EUT at each of the test frequencies as defined in clause 5.3.5.1.
- 3) Measure the results on the Spectrum Analyser.

## 5.3.5.3 Test requirements

The results obtained shall be compared to the limits in clause 4.2.5.2 in order to demonstrate compliance.

## 5.3.6 MCOFDM systems: ACLR

## 5.3.6.1 Initial conditions

Test frequencies:

a) the centre frequency of the OFDM block closest to the frequency midway between the lowest and highest possible frequencies of the EUT; if two OFDM blocks fulfill this requirement, then the lower frequency OFDM block shall be used.

Test arrangement (see figure B.3):

The OFDM block at the test frequency shall be unoccupied. All other OFDM blocks shall be operated at the full rated output power of the transmitter during this test.

## 5.3.6.2 Procedure

- 1) Connect the EUT to the Test Load, via the Coupling Device.
- 2) Measure the mean power of the OFDM block centred at  $f_{\rm I}$ .
- 3) Measure the mean power of the OFDM block centred at the test frequency.
- 4) Calculate the ACLR as the ratio of the two powers.

The mean power shall be measured in a 3 kHz bandwidth over the integration bandwidth of 1,712 MHz for both the occupied and unoccupied OFDM blocks.

The ACLR can be measured directly on some spectrum analysers, but off-line calculation by a numerical linear power sum of the trace data may be required in other cases.

## 5.3.6.3 Test requirements

The results obtained shall be compared to the limits in clause 4.2.6.2 in order to demonstrate compliance.

## 5.3.7 MCOFDM systems: MER

#### 5.3.7.1 Initial conditions

Test frequencies:

a) the operating frequency of each OFDM block of the EUT.

Test arrangement (see figure B.1):

All OFDM blocks are operated at the full rated output power of the transmitter during this test.

#### 5.3.7.2 Procedure

- 1) Connect the EUT to the Test Load, via the Coupling Device.
- 2) MER can be measured directly with a suitable DAB enabled RF analyser or decoder. The analyser should be connected to a suitable low level RF coupling device on the antenna or test load port after the EUT RF system filter.

## 5.3.7.3 Test requirements

The results obtained shall be compared to the limits in clause 4.2.7.2 in order to demonstrate compliance.

## 5.3.8 Behaviour in case of erroneous ETI signal

## 5.3.8.1 Initial conditions

Test frequencies:

• Any one frequency within the tuning range of the EUT.

Test arrangement (see clause C.1).

- 1) All ports unused at the time of testing shall be correctly terminated.
- 2) Connect the EUT to the Test Load, via the Coupling Device or via the attenuator.
- 3) Connect the measuring device to the Coupling Device or attenuator.

#### 5.3.8.2 Procedure

- 1) Connect the EUT to the Test Load, via the Coupling Device.
- 2) Connect the ETI replayer (see clause C.1) to the EUT to create an errored ETI input.
- 3) Measure the muting and recovery of the EUT with a suitable DAB enabled RF analyser or decoder. The analyser should be connected to a suitable low level RF coupling device on the antenna or test load port after the EUT RF system filter.

## 5.3.8.3 Test requirements

The results obtained shall be compared to the limits in clause 4.2.8.2 in order to demonstrate compliance.

## 5.3.9 BER-Performance degradation

## 5.3.9.1 Initial conditions

Test frequencies:

• Any one frequency within the tuning range of the EUT.

Test arrangement (see clause C.2).

The receiver is connected to the output of the transmitter. Error correction shall be enabled in both the EUT and the receiver. Band limited noise is added to the DAB signal at the receiver input in order to achieve a given value of BER. Adjustable attenuators are used to set both the input power (C) and the noise power (N) to appropriate values at the input of the receiver. BER is the ratio of erroneous bits of the received data to the total bits of the received data during the measurement interval. The power of the added noise, N, is measured within the nominal DAB bandwidth of 1,536 MHz.

## 5.3.9.2 Procedure

- 1) Connect the EUT to the test load, via the coupling device.
- 2) Run the EUT for at least 30 min at its nominal power.
- 3) Set the spectrum analyser centre frequency to the Tx frequency, span to 5 MHz, reference bandwidth to 30 kHz, video bandwidth to 100 Hz.
- 4) Make sure that the internal noise of the analyser is less than 25 dB below the noise source output. Make sure that the analyser is not overloaded.
- 5) Adjust the variable attenuator and/or the noise source output until the spectrum analyser shows the desired (C + No)/No. Use the marker to read the results from the analyser.

EXAMPLE: For 5 dB C/No, the DAB signal on the analyser display is 6,2 dB above the noise level.

- 6) Set the EUT and the DAB receiver according to figure C.2.
- 7) The Bit Error Ratio is displayed on the BER analyser.

## 5.3.9.3 Test requirements

The results obtained shall be compared to the limits in clause 4.2.9.2 in order to demonstrate compliance.

## Annex A (informative):

# Relationship between the present document and the essential requirements of Directive 2014/53/EU

The present document has been prepared under the Commission's standardisation request C(2015) 5376 final [i.4] to provide one voluntary means of conforming to the essential requirements of Directive 2014/53/EU on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment and repealing Directive 1999/5/EC [i.1].

Once the present document is cited in the Official Journal of the European Union under that Directive, compliance with the normative clauses of the present document given in table A.1 confers, within the limits of the scope of the present document, a presumption of conformity with the corresponding essential requirements of that Directive, and associated EFTA regulations.

Table A.1: Relationship between the present document and the essential requirements of Directive 2014/53/EU [i.1]

	Harmonised Standard ETSI EN 302 077							
Requirement					Requirement Conditionality			
No	Description	Essential requirements of Directive	Clause(s) of the present document	U/C	Condition			
1	Rated output power	3.2	4.2.1	U				
2	Frequency stability	3.2	4.2.2	U				
3	Crest factor	3.2	4.2.3	U				
4	Spurious emissions	3.2	4.2.4	U				
5	Out-of-band emissions	3.2	4.2.5	U				
6	MCOFDM ACLR	3.2	4.2.6	С	MCOFDM transmitter			
7	MCOFDM MER	3.2	4.2.7	С	MCOFDM transmitter			
8	Behaviour in case of erroneous ETI signal	3.2	4.2.8	U				
9	BER-Performance degradation	3.2	4.2.9	U				

## **Key to columns:**

#### **Requirement:**

**No** A unique identifier for one row of the table which may be used to identify a requirement.

**Description** A textual reference to the requirement.

## **Essential requirements of Directive**

Identification of article(s) defining the requirement in the Directive.

#### Clause(s) of the present document

Identification of clause(s) defining the requirement in the present document unless another document is referenced explicitly.

#### **Requirement Conditionality:**

U/C Indicates whether the requirement is unconditionally applicable (U) or is conditional upon the

manufacturer's claimed functionality of the equipment (C).

**Condition** Explains the conditions when the requirement is or is not applicable for a requirement which is

classified "conditional".

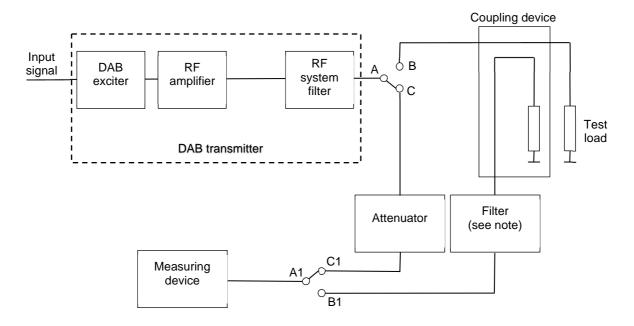
Presumption of conformity stays valid only as long as a reference to the present document is maintained in the list published in the Official Journal of the European Union. Users of the present document should consult frequently the latest list published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Other Union legislation may be applicable to the product(s) falling within the scope of the present document.

# Annex B (normative): Measuring arrangements

# B.1 Testing arrangements for antenna port measurements

## B.1.1 Antenna port measurements



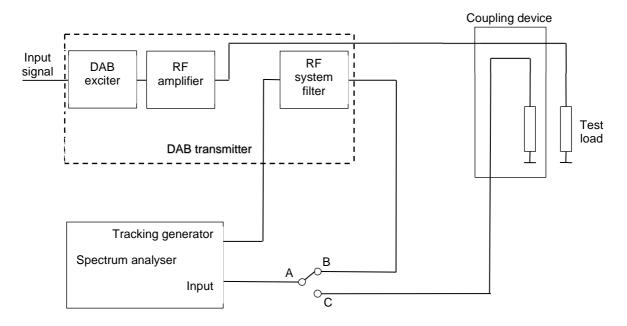
For high and medium power transmitters the preferred set up requires A to be connected to B and A1 to be connected to B1.

For low power transmitters the preferred set up requires A to be connected to C and A1 to be connected to C1.

NOTE: The filter shall suppress the output signal so that no intermodulation products are generated by the measuring device. The insertion loss throughout the measuring range shall be known.

Figure B.1: Testing arrangement for antenna port measurements

## B.1.2 Out-of-band emissions



To overcome dynamic range limitations of typical spectrum analysers, a composite measurement approach is proposed as follows:

- Disconnect the RF system filter from the RF amplifier.
- Set the switch to position A B to measure and record the frequency response of the RF system filter.
- Set the switch to position A C to measure and record the spectrum of the DAB signal at the output of the RF amplifier.
- The out-of-band spectrum shall be calculated by applying the recorded frequency response of the RF system filter to the recorded spectrum of the RF amplifier.

Figure B.2: Testing arrangement for out-of-band emissions

## B.1.3 MCOFDM: ACLR and MER performance

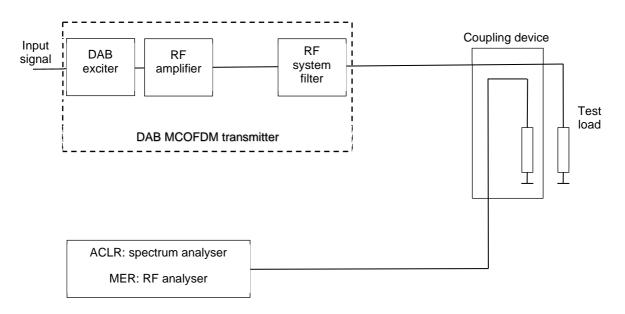


Figure B.3: Testing arrangement for MCOFDM ACLR and MER performance

# Annex C (normative): COFDM measuring arrangements

## C.1 ETI errors

The test arrangement is shown in figure C.1.

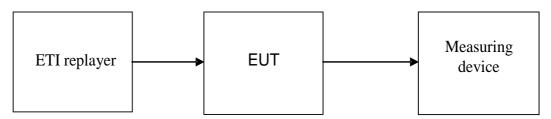


Figure C.1: ETI Test arrangement

## C.2 Bit Error performance measurement

The test arrangement is shown in figure C.2.

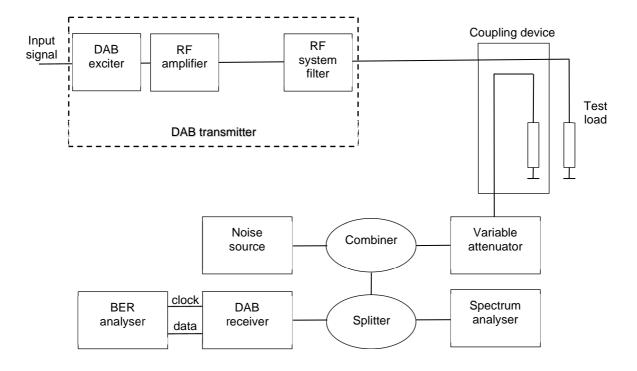


Figure C.2: Bit error performance measurement

# Annex D (informative): Practical measurement of spurious domain emissions

## D.1 Introduction

The accurate measurement of spurious domain emissions is typically limited by the dynamic range of the spectrum analyser. It is usually necessary to use additional band-reject, low pass or high pass filters to remove the fundamental signal in order to reveal the unwanted spurious domain emissions.

## D.2 Directional coupler issues

Measurements on live equipment connected to broadcast antennas are further complicated by practical issues relating to the couplers used to probe the transmitter output signal. These typically exhibit a frequency dependent response which is expected be accounted for in the measurement. Directional couplers usually exhibit a response whereby the coupling factor increases 6 dB per octave as shown in figure D.1 for a device for use with a 1 5/8 " feeder.

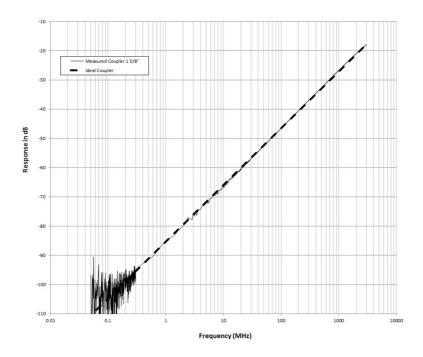


Figure D.1: Typical Measured Directional Coupler Frequency Response (1 5/8 " feeder)

At low frequencies, the decreasing coupling factor results in a low signal level and the spurious domain measurement will typically be limited by the noise floor of the spectrum analyser.

The RF transmission response seen in figure D.1 shows very low coupling factors at low frequencies and higher coupling factors at frequencies above the operating channel. In order to overcome this effect a composite measurement approach can be adopted as follows:

• The levels of the spurious emissions at the output of the channel filter/RF combiner may be calculated by weighting the measured result with the frequency response of the coupler. This calculation can be carried out off-line.

# Annex E (informative): Spectrum measurements

The spectrum mask is defined in relation to spectrum density measured in 4 kHz bandwidth.

The spectral density of a DAB signal is defined as the long-term average of the time-varying signal power per unity bandwidth (i.e. 1 Hz). Values for other bandwidths can be achieved by proportional increase of the values for unity bandwidth.

The spectral density of a DAB signal can in principle be determined by the following procedure:

• The DAB signal is applied to a band filter with rectangular passband characteristics and a known bandwidth (typically 10 kHz) and with an adjustable centre frequency. The output of the filter is measured by a power meter that delivers real mean values and integrates as long as necessary (typically 2 transmission frames) to get constant readings. These readings can be interpreted as the average spectral density for the measurement bandwidth used. By moving the centre frequency step by step across the DAB signal and adjacent frequency regions the frequency dependent average of the spectral density can be found. The derivation of the average spectrum density for the unity bandwidth is straightforward. In practice, such measurements are often performed by using a spectrum analyser. It has to be analysed to what extent the device follows the principles given above. In particular, equivalent noise bandwidth and RMS measurement need to be carefully checked.

Due to the prolongation of the COFDM symbol by the guard interval the spectral density inside the nominal bandwidth varies by about 3 dB with a periodicity of the carrier distance. This variation can only be observed in its entirety if the bandwidth of the spectral density measurement filter is low compared to the carrier distance (the carrier distance is mode-dependent). Low measurement bandwidth allows detection of small CW components within the COFDM spectrum. Those components that fall outside the nominal DAB frequency block should be treated separately from the COFDM signal as their impairment effect may be different.

To avoid regular structures in the modulated signal a non-regular, e.g. a PRBS like or a programme type digital transmitter-input signal, is necessary.

Care has to be taken that the input stage of the selective measurement equipment is not overloaded by the main lobe of the signal while assessing the spectral density of the side lobes, i.e. the out-of-band range. Especially in cases with very strong attenuation of the side lobes non-linear distortion in the measurement equipment can produce side lobe signals that mask the original ones. Selective attenuation of the main lobe has proven to be a way to avoid this masking effect. However, as the frequency response of the band-stop filter has to be included in the evaluation the whole measurement procedure may become somewhat complex.

# Annex F (informative): MCOFDM systems

## F.1 Introduction

A traditional DAB transmitter generates and amplifies a single OFDM block. However, with the further development of DAB networks, lower cost filler transmitters are desirable, and the ability to generate and amplify multiple OFDM blocks within the same transmitter becomes attractive. An MCOFDM system fulfills this need.

An MCOFDM system allows a number of adjacent OFDM blocks to be generated and amplified. The power of each OFDM block within the MCOFDM group may be different, and some OFDM blocks may not be occupied. Some example arrangements are shown in figure F.1.

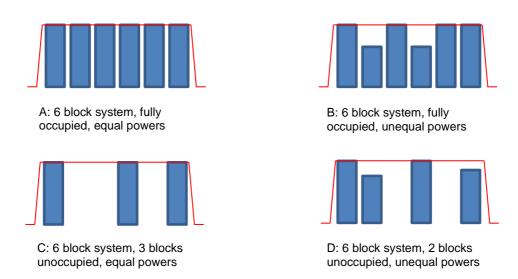
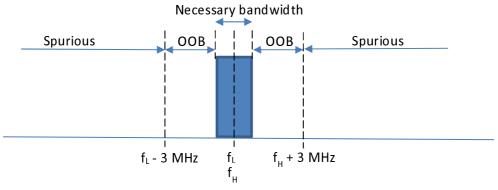
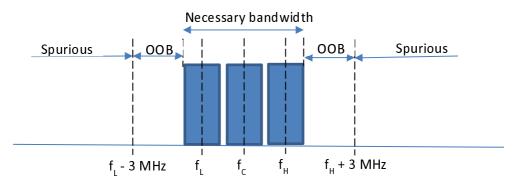


Figure F.1: Example MCOFDM systems

The requirements for spurious and OOB emissions from an MCOFDM system are the same as for traditional DAB transmitters, based on the block edge characteristics, as shown in figure F.2.



Traditional (single block) transmitter



MCOFDM transmitter (3 block system)

Figure F.2: Frequency bands of spurious and OOB emissions and necessary bandwidth

## F.2 Architecture

The MCOFDM signal chain consists of the same three elements as a traditional single OFDM block transmission system, that is an exciter, RF amplifier and RF system filter.

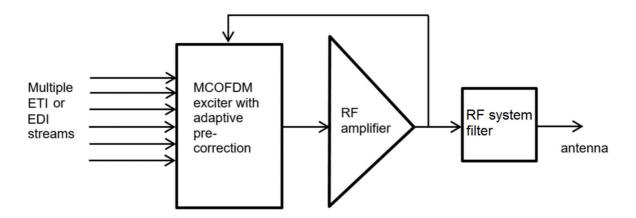


Figure F.3: Typical MCOFDM architecture

The MCOFDM exciter is fed with multiple ETI or EDI feeds and generates a group of DAB OFDM blocks. Each block can be individually configured, allowing parameters such as SFN timing, TII, etc. to be set.

The composite group of OFDM blocks is then passed through a single amplifier chain (with suitable digital adaptive non-linear and linear pre-correction).

The MCOFDM output from the RF amplifier is then passed through an RF band-pass system filter. The filter amplitude response is set to provide sufficient bandwidth in order to pass the group of OFDM blocks with low loss. Stop band attenuation provides suppression beyond the upper and lower edges of the group of blocks. Since the RF system filter passes the entire MCOFDM group, the attenuation of unoccupied OFDM blocks within the group is performed in the exciter.

# Annex G (informative): Maximum measurement uncertainty

The measurements described in the present document are based on the following assumptions:

- the measured value related to the corresponding limit will be used to decide whether an equipment meets the requirements of the present document;
- the value of the measurement uncertainty for the measurement of each parameter is included in the test report.

Table G.1 shows the recommended values for the maximum measurement uncertainty figures.

**Table G.1: Maximum measurement uncertainty** 

Parameter	Uncertainty
Rated output power (conducted)	0,75 dB
Frequency stability	0,1 Hz
Crest factor	0,75 dB
Spurious emissions (conducted emissions)	3,0 dB
Out-of-band emissions (conducted emissions)	3,0 dB
MCOFDM systems: ACLR	0,75 dB
MCOFDM systems: MER	0,75 dB

# Annex H (informative): Change history

Version	Information about changes		
	First published version covering Directive 2014/53/EU		
2.1.1	Major changes are:		
2.1.1	Introduction of MCOFDM systems		
	Removal of cabinet radiation testing (transferred to EMC testing)		
	Second published version covering Directive 2014/53/EU.		
2.2.1	Minor changes are:		
2.2.1	<ul> <li>Revision of limits for spurious emissions to fully align with ERC Recommendation 74-01;</li> </ul>		
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