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### **ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) –**

#### **Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test**

### FOREWORD

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International Standard IEC 61000-4-2 has been prepared by subcommittee 77B: High-frequency phenomena, of IEC technical committee 77: Electromagnetic compatibility.

It forms section 2 of part 4 of IEC 61000. It has the status of a basic EMC publication in accordance with IEC Guide 107.

It is based on the IEC 60801-2 (second edition: 1991): *Electromagnetic compatibility for industrial process measurement and control equipment – Part 2: Electrostatic discharge requirements*, prepared by IEC technical committee 65: Industrial-process measurement and control.

According to a recommendation of ACEC at its meeting of December 1989, the scope of this standard has been extended to all kinds of electrical and electronic equipment. For this purpose it has been decided to transfer the 60801 series of publications to the 61000-4 series: *EMC testing and measurement techniques*, of technical committee 77.

No technical changes, only editorial amendments, have been made with this transfer and reference to IEC 60801-2 (1991) or IEC 61000-4-2 is equivalent.

This consolidated version of IEC 61000-4-2 consists of the first edition (1995) [documents 77B(CO)21 and 77B/145/RVD], its amendment 1 (1998) [documents 77B/216/FDIS and 77B/226/RVD] and amendment 2 (2000) [documents 77B/291+292/FDIS and 77B/298+299/RVD].

The technical content is therefore identical to the base edition and its amendments and has been prepared for user convenience.

It bears the edition number 1.2.

A vertical line in the margin shows where the base publication has been modified by amendments 1 and 2.

Annexes A and B are for information only.

The committee has decided that the contents of the base publication and its amendments will remain unchanged until 2003. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

## INTRODUCTION

IEC 61000-4 is a part of the IEC 61000 series, according to the following structure:

Part 1: General

General consideration (introduction, fundamental principles)

Definitions, terminology

Part 2: Environment

Description of the environment

Classification of the environment

Compatibility levels

Part 3: Limits

Emission limits

Immunity limits (in so far as they do not fall under the responsibility of the product committees)

Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques

Measurement techniques

Testing techniques

Part 5: Installation and mitigation guidelines

Installation guidelines

Mitigation methods and devices

Part 9: Miscellaneous

Each part is further subdivided into sections which are to be published either as international standards or as technical reports.

These sections of IEC 61000-4 will be published in chronological order and numbered accordingly.

This section is an international standard which gives immunity requirements and test procedures related to "electrostatic discharge".

## **ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) –**

### **Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test**

#### **1 Scope**

This International Standard relates to the immunity requirements and test methods for electrical and electronic equipment subjected to static electricity discharges, from operators directly, and to adjacent objects. It additionally defines ranges of test levels which relate to different environmental and installation conditions and establishes test procedures.

The object of this standard is to establish a common and reproducible basis for evaluating the performance of electrical and electronic equipment when subjected to electrostatic discharges. In addition, it includes electrostatic discharges which may occur from personnel to objects near vital equipment.

This standard defines:

- typical waveform of the discharge current;
- range of test levels;
- test equipment;
- test set-up;
- test procedure.

This standard gives specifications for test performed in "laboratories" and "post-installation tests" performed on equipment in the final installation.

This standard does not intend to specify the tests to be applied to particular apparatus or systems. Its main aim is to give a general basic reference to all concerned product committees of the IEC. The product committees (or users and manufacturers of equipment) remain responsible for the appropriate choice of the tests and the severity level to be applied to their equipment.

In order not to impede the task of coordination and standardization, the product committees or users and manufacturers are strongly recommended to consider (in their future work or revision of old standards) the adoption of the relevant immunity tests specified in this standard.

## 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this section of IEC 61000-4. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All normative documents are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this section of IEC 61000-4 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60050(161):1990, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 161: Electromagnetic compatibility*

IEC 60068-1:1988, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*