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0.1 Series overview

IEC 61000 is published in separate parts, according to the following structure:

Part 1: General

General considerations (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

Testing techniques

Part 5: Installation and mitigation guidelines

Installation guidelines

Mitigation methods and devices

Part 6: Generic standards

Part 9: Miscellaneous

Each part is further subdivided into several parts, published either as international standards or as technical specifications or technical reports, some of which have already been published as sections. Others will be published with the part number followed by a dash and a second number identifying the subdivision (example: 61000-6-1).

0.2 Purpose of this document

This part of IEC 61000 documents measurements at a number of public supply networks in Germany, and explains the analysis of the obtained data. Data were acquired under certain conditions. These conditions include categories of different network structures, load structures and power generation structures, especially including a review of networks with varying degrees of renewable energy. The loads in various networks include mainly

consumers, office buildings, and retail/shopping centres, and thus represent several categories of technologies in the input circuit of the electrical devices.

This document provides statistical evaluations aimed at quantifying the level of diversification of the prevailing harmonic current phase angles, and, where possible, to identify methods to reduce the overall emissions of dominant harmonics in the network.

For that purpose, the existing prevailing phase angle in the network at this time is analysed, and the type of prevailing phase angle expected in the future is evaluated. In particular, the potential changes in phase angle that can be expected, because of new technologies and/or network structures, are of interest. This would mean determining what harmonic compensation, if any, can be expected from various products. The goal is to determine or verify the existing phase angle (mainly of the 5th harmonic) and to assess the possible influences of future developments – such as changes in lighting types and other electronic equipment.

This document is exclusively applicable to public low-voltage electricity supply networks.

ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY –

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1 Scope

The objective of this part of IEC 61000 is to provide information about the current conditions, and project future developments, of prevailing phase angles, predominantly for the 3rd and 5th harmonic currents, on public supply networks. This objective is accomplished by monitoring a number of networks, and efforts to forecast the effects of changes in technologies.

This document presents information to guide the discussion about the effectiveness of potential mitigation techniques and the generalisation of effects of the prevailing angle positions of selected current harmonics.

This document mainly deals with the phase angles of the 3rd and 5th harmonic currents, but also contains information about other harmonics.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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3.1

phase angle of I_5 related to the fundamental phase-to-neutral voltage U_{p1}

phase angle of the 5th harmonic current determined as described in Figure 1

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