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INTRODUCTION

The performance of induction-loop systems is specified in IEC 60118-4, whereas IEC TR 63079 gives recommendations and guidance for their design, planning, installation, testing, operation and maintenance. Provisions for components of a system are given in IEC 62489-1. Methods of calculation and measurement of the magnetic field, in the context of human exposure, are given in IEC 62489-2.

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CODE OF PRACTICE FOR HEARING-LOOP SYSTEMS (HLS)

1 Scope

This document, which is a Technical Report, gives recommendations for and guidance on the design, planning, installation, testing, operation and maintenance of a hearing-loop system (HLS) intended for communicating speech, music and/or other signals. It is mainly concerned with HLS for hearing enhancement, in which the signals are communicated to users of hearing aids equipped with magnetic pick-up coils.

This document does not apply to induction-loop systems which use a carrier frequency, nor to other systems for hearing enhancement purposes which do not use magnetic induction.

2 Normative references

〈A1〉 The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60118-4:2014*, Electroacoustics – Hearing aids – Part 4: Induction-loop systems for hearing aid purposes – System performance requirements*

IEC 60268-16*, Sound system equipment – Part 16: Objective rating of speech intelligibility by speech transmission index* 〈A1〉

3 Terms, definitions, signs and symbols

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 Terms and definitions

3.1.1
hearing-loop system
HLS
system including amplifier(s), microphones and/or other signal sources, in which magnetic fields are created by the flow of audio-frequency current in a conductor arranged in the form of one or more loops or a coil or solenoid

Note 1 to entry: The technical term for a hearing-loop system is "audio-frequency induction-lop system" (AFILS).

3.1.2
HLS for hearing enhancement
HLS in which the intended receivers are hearing aids or specially designed listening devices equipped with coils acting as magnetic antennas