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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

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3 Terms, definitions, signs and symbols

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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-loop 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

3.1.3

direct-to-reverberant ratio

ratio, at a given point in the sound field, of the sound pressure due to the wanted sound source to the sound pressure due to reverberation

3.1.4

hearing aid

personal amplification system, worn entirely on the listener, which is designed to enable a person with impaired hearing to hear more easily