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FOREWORD

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1964. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) expand the operation frequency range;
b) revise the equation of attenuation.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

CDV	Report on voting
46F/302/CDV	46F/316/RVC

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

It is to be read in conjunction with IEC 60154: Flanges for waveguides.

A list of all parts in the IEC 60153 series, published under the general title *Hollow metallic waveguides*, can be found on the IEC website.

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- withdrawn,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

INTRODUCTION

This International Standard relates to straight hollow metallic tubing for use as waveguides in electronic equipment. In recent years, the operation frequency of waveguide components and systems has been extended to 1 THz and above. However, the first edition of the IEC 60153 series of standards only specified the aperture dimensions for ordinary rectangular waveguide for frequencies up to 325 GHz. In addition, the first edition of the IEC 60153 series of standards, dating from the 1960's, does not meet the needs of the current applications. This new edition of IEC 60153-1 addresses these two issues by extending the frequency coverage to 3 300 GHz and by addressing current applications for this type of waveguide.

This standard takes into account IEC 60068 when necessary.

When there is a difference between the general requirements and the relevant specification sheet, the latter prevails.

HOLLOW METALLIC WAVEGUIDES –

Part 1: General requirements and measuring methods

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60153 specifies straight hollow metallic tubing for use as waveguides in electronic equipment.

It covers:

a) the details necessary to ensure compatibility and, as far as essential, interchangeability;

b) test methods;

c) uniform requirements for the electrical and mechanical properties.

It should be noted that no recommendations are made for the materials to be used for waveguides. The choice of material is agreed between customer and manufacturer.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050 (all parts), *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary* (available at <http://www.electropedia.org/)

IEC 60068 (all parts), *Environmental testing*

IEC 60154, *Flanges for waveguides*

IEC 60261, *Sealing test for pressurized waveguide tubing and assemblies*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050, as well as the following apply.

3.1
type test
complete series of tests to be carried out on a number of specimens representative of the type, with the object of determining whether a particular manufacturer can be considered to be able to produce products meeting the specification

3.2
type approval
decision by the proper authority (the customer himself or his nominee) that a particular manufacturer can be considered to be able to produce in reasonable quantities the type meeting the specification