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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2009, and constitutes a technical revision.

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

- update of performance requirements in Clause 7 to include those for DVB-T2 signals.

This International Standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 60728-1:2014.

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

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## INTRODUCTION

Standards and deliverables of the IEC 60728 series deal with cable networks including equipment and associated methods of measurement for headend reception, processing and distribution of television and sound signals, and for processing, interfacing and transmitting all kinds of data signals for interactive services using all applicable transmission media. These signals are typically transmitted in networks by frequency-multiplexing techniques.

This includes for instance

- regional and local broadband cable networks,
- extended satellite and terrestrial television distribution systems,
- individual satellite and terrestrial television receiving systems,

and all kinds of equipment, systems and installations used in such cable networks, distribution and receiving systems.

The extent of this standardization work is from the antennas and/or special signal source inputs to the headend or other interface points to the network up to the terminal input of the customer premises equipment.

The standardization work will consider coexistence with users of the RF spectrum in wired and wireless transmission systems.

The standardization of any user terminals (i.e. tuners, receivers, decoders, multimedia terminals, etc.) as well as of any coaxial, balanced and optical cables and accessories thereof is excluded.

The reception of television signals inside a building requires an outdoor antenna and a distribution network to convey the signal to the TV receivers. In a building divided into apartment blocks, the signals received by the antennas are distributed by the MATV/SMATV cable network up to the home network interface (HNI). The television signals are then distributed (inside the home) by home networks (HN) of various types up to the system outlet or terminal input. The cable network can support two way operation, from the system outlet (or terminal input) towards the headend.

The home network can use coaxial cables, balanced pair cables, fibre optic cables (glass or plastic) and also wireless links inside a room (or a small number of adjacent rooms) to replace wired cords.

IEC 60728-1-2 (this standard) deals with the requirements to be fulfilled at the system outlet or terminal input, when the CATV/MATV/SMATV system is in operation.

These performance requirements for signals at the system outlet or terminal input in operation are derived from considerations of the characteristics of the received signals at the input of the headend (see Clause 6 of IEC 60728-1:2014) and the summation of the impairments produced by the headend, the CATV/MATV/SMATV network and the home network, when the requirements given in IEC 60728-1:2014 and IEC 60728-1-1 are fulfilled.

This standard gives the guidelines for calculation of the operational characteristics at system outlet, taking into account the performance requirements of the CATV/MATV/SMATV network, of the home networks and of the received signals, given in the International Standards IEC 60728-1:2014 and 60728-1-1.

Figure 1 shows the main sections of a general CATV/MATV/SMATV system, indicating the parts of the IEC 60728-1 series where the relevant performance requirements are indicated.

- The requirements for the signals received at the headend are given in Clause 6 of IEC 60728-1:2014.
- The requirements for the CATV/MATV/SMATV cable network, assuming an unimpaired input signal at the input of the headend, up to the system outlet are given in IEC 60728-1:2014, Clause 5.
- The requirements for the CATV/MATV/SMATV cable network up to the home network interface (HNI) are given in IEC 60728-1:2014, Clause 7, assuming an unimpaired input signal at the input of the headend.
- The specific requirements from HNI to the system outlet or terminal input are given in IEC 60728-1-1:2014, Clause 5, assuming an unimpaired input signal at the HNI.
- The requirements at the system outlet in operation are given in Clause 7 of this standard.

The expression in operation means that the received signals, with their impairments, are applied to the headend input of the CATV/MATV/SMATV cable network. The requirements at the system outlet in operation are derived, therefore, by summing the impairments of the various cascaded parts of the system and of the input signal.

When a change of signal format from analogue to analogue (e.g. from FM to AM-VSB) or from digital to digital (e.g. from QPSK to QAM) or from digital to analogue (e.g. from DVB-S/S2 to AM-VSB or DVB-T to AM-VSB) is made at the headend, the summation of the impairments that produce a relaxation of requirements at system outlet does not apply. Such a case will be the equivalence of unimpaired signals applied at the headend input. Therefore, the requirements at system outlet given in IEC 60728-1:2014 apply.

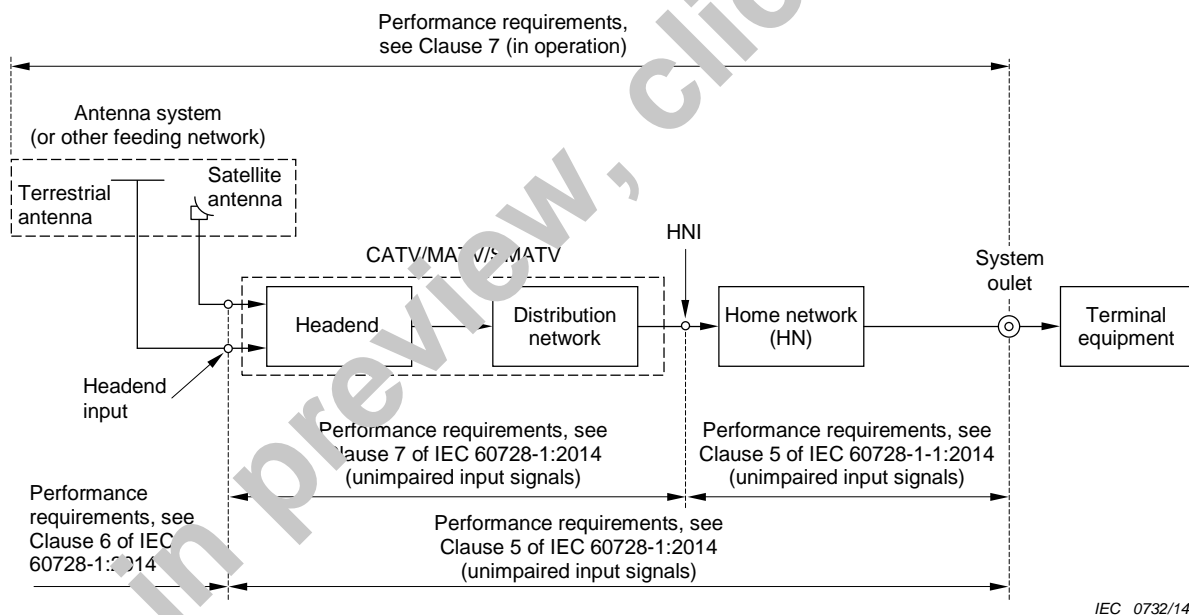


Diagram of the main sections of a CATV/MATV/SMATV cable network and the relevant parts of the IEC 60728-1 series where the requirements are indicated.

**Figure 1 – CATV/MATV/SMATV cable network – Performance requirements**

This standard also provides references for the basic methods of measurement of the operational characteristics of the downstream cable network in order to assess its performance.

All requirements refer to the performance limits to be achieved in operation at any system outlet when terminated in a resistance equal to the nominal load impedance of the system,

unless otherwise specified. Where system outlets are not used, the above applies to the terminal input.

If the home network is subdivided into a number of parts, using different transmission media (e.g. coaxial cabling, balanced cabling, optical cabling, wireless links) the accumulation of degradations should not exceed the figures given below.

NOTE Performance requirements of return paths as well as special methods of measurement for the use of the return paths in cable networks are described in IEC 60728-10.

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## **Part 1-2: Performance requirements for signals delivered at the system outlet in operation**

### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60728 provides the minimum performance requirements to be fulfilled in operation at the system outlet or terminal input and describes the summation criteria for the impairments present in the received signals and those produced by the CATV/MATV/SMATV cable network, including individual receiving systems.

In a building divided into apartment blocks, the signals received by the antennas are distributed by the MATV/SMATV cable network up to the home network interface (HNI). The television signals are then distributed (inside the home) by home networks (HN) of various types up to the system outlet or terminal input. The cable network can support two way operation, from the system outlet (or terminal input) towards the headend.

The home network can use coaxial cables, balanced pair cables, fibre optic cables (glass or plastic) and also wireless links inside a room (or a small number of adjacent rooms) to replace wired cords.

This part of IEC 60728 is applicable to cable networks intended for television signals, sound signals and interactive services operating between about 5 MHz and 3 000 MHz. The frequency range is extended to 6 000 MHz for home distribution techniques that replace wired cords with a wireless two way communication inside a room (or a small number of adjacent rooms) that uses the 5 GHz to 6 GHz frequency band.

### **2 Normative references**

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IEC 60728-1:2014, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 1: System performance of forward paths*

IEC 60728-1-1:2014, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 1-1: RF cabling for two way home networks*

IEC 60728-3:2010, *Cable networks for television signals sound signals and interactive services – Part 3: Active wideband equipment for cable networks*