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- a) Added “4.3 The relative position dimensions of the interface”;
- b) Added “Figure 2”;
- c) Added “6 IEC type designation”;
- d) Modified “Figure 3”;

- e) Added “7 Rating and characteristics”;
- f) Added “Requirements/Remarks” to all the tests in Clause 8;
- g) Added some characteristics, such as insertion loss stability, intermodulation level measurement, corona extinction voltage, single bending, abrasion test of cable assembly, mechanical endurance, etc.;
- h) Rewrote test schedules;
- i) Added Annex A and Annex B.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60966 is a sectional specification that relates to semi-flexible coaxial cable assemblies operating in the transverse electromagnetic mode (TEM). It specifies the design and construction, IEC type designation, workmanship, marking and packaging, standard rating and characteristics, electrical, mechanical and environmental requirements of finished semi-flexible cable assemblies, quality assessment, delivery and storage, etc.

This part of IEC 60966 applies to semi-flexible cable assemblies composed of semi-flexible coaxial cables and coaxial connectors. Semi-flexible cable assemblies are widely used in mobile communication systems, microwave test equipment, radar, aerospace and other fields.

NOTE 1 For the purpose of this sectional specification, a cable assembly is always regarded as an integral unit. All specifications apply to the finished assembly and not to individual and non-assembled parts thereof.

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IEC 60068-1:2013, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

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IEC 61169 (all parts), *Radio frequency connectors*

IEC 61196-1-126, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1-126: Electrical test methods – Corona extinction voltage*

IEC 61196-1-314:2015, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1-314: Mechanical test methods – Test for bending*

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