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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2005. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) improvement of the environmental description;
- b) extension of the frequency range for the radio-frequency electromagnetic field test according to IEC 61000-4-3;

- c) amended test levels at particular frequencies for the radio-frequency electromagnetic field test according to IEC 61000-4-3;
- d) change of the repetition frequency for the fast transients immunity test according to IEC 61000-4-4;
- e) introduction of requirements according to IEC 61000-4-34;
- f) revision of the test levels;
- g) consideration of measurement uncertainty;
- h) addition of Annex A.

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

FDIS	Report on voting
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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 Directive, Part 2.

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### **Part 1: General**

General considerations (introduction, fundamental principles)

Definitions, terminology

### **Part 2: Environment**

Description of the environment

Classification of the environment

Compatibility levels

### **Part 3: Limits**

Emission limits

Immunity limits (insofar as they do not fall under the responsibility of the product committees)

### **Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques**

Measurement techniques

Testing techniques

### **Part 5: Installation and mitigation guidelines**

Installation guidelines

Mitigation methods and devices

### **Part 6: Generic standards**

### **Part 9: Miscellaneous**

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## ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) –

### Part 6-1: Generic standards – Immunity standard for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61000 for EMC immunity requirements applies to electrical and electronic equipment intended for use in residential, commercial, public and light-industrial locations. Immunity requirements in the frequency range 0 Hz to 400 GHz are covered. No tests need to be performed at frequencies where no requirements are specified.

This generic EMC immunity standard is applicable if no relevant dedicated product or product-family EMC immunity standard exists.

This standard applies to electrical and electronic equipment intended to be operated in

- residential locations, as defined in 3.8, both indoor and outdoor,
- commercial, public and light industrial locations, as defined in 3.9, both indoor and outdoor.

This standard applies also to equipment which is battery operated or is powered by a non-public, but non-industrial, low voltage power distribution system if this equipment is intended to be used in the locations defined in 3.8 or 3.9.

This standard defines the immunity test requirements for equipment specified in the scope in relation to continuous and transient conducted and radiated disturbances, including electrostatic discharges.

The immunity requirements have been selected to ensure an adequate level of immunity for equipment operating within residential, commercial, public and light-industrial locations. The levels do not, however, cover extreme cases, which may occur at any location, but with an extremely low probability of occurrence. Not all disturbance phenomena have been included for testing purposes in this standard, but only those considered as relevant for the equipment covered by this standard. These test requirements represent essential electromagnetic compatibility immunity requirements. They are specified for each port considered.

NOTE 1 Information on other disturbance phenomena is given in IEC TR 61000-4-1.

NOTE 2 Safety considerations are not covered by this standard.

NOTE 3 In special cases, situations will arise where the levels of disturbances may exceed the test levels specified in this standard, for example where a hand-held transmitter is used in proximity to equipment. In these instances, special mitigation measures may have to be employed.

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