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INTRODUCTION

The wireless power transmission systems described in the scope of this document require particularly developed procedures and protocols for the assessment of human exposure. Such systems are increasingly being implemented in a wide range of applications at different frequency ranges from consumer electronics (e.g. mobile phones, tablet PCs) to automotive (electric vehicles). Human exposure to electric and magnetic fields is limited to avoid established adverse health effects, including electrostimulation of nervous tissues and thermal effects, as well as contact currents. A published ITU-R report (ITU-R SM.2303-3 [1][1]) on WPT systems specifies RF exposure assessment methodologies, yet no definitive assessment method was introduced. An exposure assessment method of WPT for EV charging systems was specified in IEC 61980-3:2022 [2]; however, there are currently no other detailed product standards related to WPT systems. Because WPT systems will continue to become ubiquitous in a multitude of applications in the future, IEC and IEEE established a joint working group to address WPT system assessment methods related to human exposures to electric, magnetic, and electromagnetic fields.

In this document, the basic methods to assess both direct and indirect effects of exposure to WPT systems, case studies, and relevant research are specified. These methods mainly focus on frequencies between 3 kHz and 30 MHz and consider both electrostimulation and thermal effects. Future editions will consider extended guidance for assessments of exposure from capacitive WPT systems.

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1 Scope

The objective of this document is to specify methods to assess human exposure to electromagnetic fields generated by stationary wireless power transfer (WPT) in terms of specific absorption rate (SAR), internal electric fields[2] or current density, and contact currents. The frequency range covered by this document is from 3 kHz to 30 MHz. This document focuses on exposures from inductive WPT systems and specifies:

- general compliance assessment procedures;
- measurement methods;
- computational assessment methods;
- assessment combining measurement and computational methods.

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