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European foreword

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EN 50121-3-1:2016 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 50121-3-1:2015:

- clarification of scope (Clause 1);
- set dated normative references (Clause 2);
- clarification of definition (Clause 3);
- clarification of applicability (Clause 4);
- clarification of interference on outside party telecommunication lines (6.2), psophometric current (Annex A).
- moving emission values for radiated H-field in the frequency range 9 kHz to 150 kHz into new Annex C due to the fact that:
 - a) there are very few outside world victims (e.g. radio services);
 - b) the radiated emission measured at 10m is not representative to the compatibility with internal railway apparatus;
 - c) the EMC with other railway apparatus in this frequency range is covered in other procedures and standards like the EN 50238 series;
 - d) there is low reproduceability;
- editorial corrections in the European foreword, the Scope and Annex A.
- revision of Annex ZZ.

This European Standard is to be read in conjunction with EN 50121-1.

This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CENELEC by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive.

For the relationship with EU Directive see informative Annex ZZ, which is an integral part of this document.

EN 50121-3-1:2017 (E)

This standard forms Part 3-1 of the EN 50121 series published under the general title “Railway applications - Electromagnetic compatibility”. The series consists of:

- Part 1: *General*;
- Part 2: *Emission of the whole railway system to the outside world*;
- Part 3-1: *Rolling stock - Train and complete vehicle*;
- Part 3-2: *Rolling stock – Apparatus*;
- Part 4: *Emission and immunity of the signalling and telecommunications apparatus*;
- Part 5: *Emission and immunity of fixed power supply installations and apparatus*.

Introduction

High power electronic equipment, together with low power microcontrollers and other electronic devices, are being installed on trains in great numbers. Electromagnetic compatibility has therefore become a critical issue for the design of train-related apparatus as well as of the train as a whole.

This Product Standard for rolling stock sets limits for electromagnetic emission and immunity in order to ensure a well functioning system within its intended environment.

Immunity limits are not given for the complete vehicle. EN 50121-3-2 defines requirements for the apparatus installed in the rolling stock, since it is impractical to test the complete unit. An EMC plan includes equipment covered by this standard.

EN 50121-3-1:2017 (E)**1 Scope**

This European Standard specifies the emission and immunity requirements for all types of rolling stock. It covers traction stock, hauled stock and trainsets including urban vehicles for use in city streets. This European standard specifies the emission limits of the rolling stock to the outside world.

The scope of this part of the standard ends at the interface of the rolling stock with its respective energy inputs and outputs. In the case of locomotives, trainsets, trams etc., this is the current collector (pantograph, shoe gear). In the case of hauled stock, this is the AC or DC auxiliary power connector. However, since the current collector is part of the traction stock, it is not entirely possible to exclude the effects of this interface with the power supply line. The slow moving test has been designed to minimize these effects.

There may be additional compatibility requirements within the railway system identified in the EMC plan (e.g. as specified in EN 50238).

Basically, all apparatus to be integrated into a vehicle meet the requirements of EN 50121-3-2. In exceptional cases, where apparatus meets another EMC Standard, but full compliance with EN 50121-3-2 is not demonstrated, EMC is ensured by adequate integration measures of the apparatus into the vehicle system and/or by an appropriate EMC analysis and test which justifies deviating from EN 50121-3-2.

Electromagnetic interference concerning the railway system as a whole is dealt with in EN 50121-2.

These specific provisions are to be used in conjunction with the general provisions in EN 50121-1.

The frequency range considered is from 0 Hz (DC) to 400 GHz. No measurements need to be performed at frequencies where no requirement is specified.

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

EN 50121-2:2017, *Railway applications - Electromagnetic compatibility - Part 2: Emission of the whole railway system to the outside world*

EN 55016-1-1:2010+A2:2014, *Specification for radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus and methods - Part 1-1: Radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus - Measuring apparatus (CISPR 16-1-1:2010)*

EN 50121-1:2017, *Railway applications - Electromagnetic compatibility - Part 1: General*

EN 50121-3-2:2016, *Railway applications - Electromagnetic compatibility - Part 3-2: Rolling stock - Apparatus*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations**3.1 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1.1**traction stock**

electric and diesel locomotive, high speed trainset, elementary fixed combination of traction stock and hauled stock, electric and diesel multiple unit (no locomotive, distributed traction equipment), Light Railway Vehicle (LRV) such as tram, trolley bus or any other electrical vehicle for urban mass transit, underground trainset

3.1.2**hailed stock**

independent passenger coaches and freight wagons (if they contain electric apparatus such as freezing equipment) which may be hauled in random combinations by different types of locomotives

3.1.3**main line vehicle**

vehicle such as high speed train, suburban train, freight train, mainly designed to operate between cities

3.1.4**urban vehicle**

vehicle such as underground trainset, tram, LRV (Light Rail Vehicle), trolleybus, mainly designed to operate within the boundary of a city

3.2 Abbreviations

AC	Alternating current
bw	Band width
DC	Direct current
E	Electric (field)
EMC	Electromagnetic compatibility
EUT	Equipment under test
H	Magnetic (field)
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network
ITU-T	International Telegraph Union – Telecommunication Standardization Sector
LRV	Light Rail Vehicle
PCM	Pulse – code modulation
QC	Quadrant converters
QP	Quasi-Peak
xDSL	all types of <i>digital subscriber lines</i>

4 Applicability

Generally, it is not possible to test electromagnetic compatibility invoking every function of the rolling stock. The tests shall be made at typical operating modes considered to produce the largest emission.

The typical operating mode shall require all systems to be energised which are normally in continuous operation during service. It is not necessary during the test to exercise systems which operate transiently such as for example operation of internal doors, although they should be energised. It is not necessary to test degraded modes of operation.

The configuration and mode of operation shall be specified in the test plan and the actual conditions during the tests shall be precisely noted in the test report.

5 Immunity requirements

No tests are applied to the complete vehicle. It is expected that the assembly of the apparatus into a complete vehicle will give adequate immunity, provided that an EMC plan has been prepared and implemented, taking into account the requirements in EN 50121-3-2.

EN 50121-3-1:2017 (E)**6 Emission tests and limits****6.1 General**

The emission tests and limits for rolling stock in this standard should ensure as far as possible that the rolling stock does not interfere with typical installations in the vicinity of the railway system.

Measurements shall be performed in well-defined and reproducible conditions. It is not possible to totally separate the effects of the railway system and the stock under test. For radiated emissions, the test conditions are defined in 6.3.1 and 6.3.2.

NOTE 1 Signalling and communication, train radio and other railway systems (axle counters, track circuits, train control systems, etc.) are different in every country in terms of operating frequencies and waveforms. Therefore, compatibility requirements are specified according to the type of signalling and communication systems used (see e.g. EN 50238 series).

NOTE 2 There may be cases in which radio or other railway external services with working frequencies below 150 kHz are in operation close to the railway. The EMC management plan covers these cases and an adequate level of emission from the railway on these working frequencies may be found in the values given in informative Annex C hence no guarantee can be given for an undisturbed operation.

6.2 Interference on outside party telecommunication lines**6.2.1 Digital telecommunication lines**

Interference with digital systems such as PCM, ISDN, xDSL are not covered in this European Standard.

NOTE It should be noted that these systems operate in a higher frequency range using multiple carriers and various automatic error correction protocols.

It is considered unlikely that rolling stock can produce sufficient interference in this frequency range.

6.2.2 Analogue telecommunication lines

No harmonized limits apply.

Information about interference on telecommunication lines can be found in Annex A.

6.3 Radiated electromagnetic disturbances**6.3.1 Test site**

It can be assumed, that measurements will not take place in laboratory conditions. Trees, walls, bridges, tunnels or other conductive objects in the vicinity of the measurement antenna could have an impact on the measurement. Other railway vehicles operating in the same feeding section or nearby the measuring point may affect the measurement result. Overhead/third rail discontinuities as well as substations, power lines, buried lines, transformers, neutral sections, section insulators etc. close to the measuring point may cause additional variations.

These influences shall be reduced as far as practical but in any case no obstacles above rail level which may influence the measurements shall be located between antenna and EUT.

The overhead/third rail should be a continuous line as far as practical on both sides of the measurement point (typically at least 200 m).

Since it is impossible to avoid the support masts of the overhead, the measurement point shall be at the midpoint between masts, on the opposite side of the track (in case of a double track, on the side of the track which is being used). If the railway system is powered by a third rail, the antenna shall be on the same side of the track (worst case).

Since resonances may occur in the overhead line at radio-frequencies, it may be necessary to change the test site. The exact location of the test site and features of both the site and the overhead system layout shall be noted.

The contribution of the substation may be considered when assessing the emissions from the vehicle. Note that the contribution of a DC substation depends on its load current and will not be measured properly in a no-load condition.

At the beginning and at the end of the test series the ambient noise shall be recorded. This measurement shall be done without any influence of the vehicle.

If at specific frequencies or in specific frequency ranges the ambient noise is higher than the limit values less 6 dB, the measurements at these frequencies need not be considered. These frequencies shall be noted in the test report.

NOTE It may be helpful to perform this ambient noise measurement also with the vehicle completely powered down in front of the antenna.

6.3.2 Test conditions

The tests shall cover the operation of all systems onboard the rolling stock which may produce radiated emissions.

Hauled stock (a representative version) shall be tested while stationary in an energised mode (auxiliary converters, battery chargers, etc. in operation). The antenna should be sited opposite the equipment expected to produce the greatest emissions at the frequencies under measurement.

Tests for identical coaches or wagons are performed only once.

Traction stock shall be tested while stationary and at slow moving speed. During the stationary test, the auxiliary converters shall operate (it is not inevitably under maximum load conditions that the maximum emission level is produced) and the traction converters shall be under voltage but not operating. The antenna shall be in front of the middle of each vehicle unless an alternative location is expected to produce higher emission levels.

For the slow moving test, the speed shall be low enough to avoid arcing at or bouncing of the sliding contact and high enough to allow for electric braking. The recommended speed range is (20 ± 5) km/h for urban vehicles and (50 ± 10) km/h for main line vehicles. When passing the antenna, the vehicle shall accelerate or decelerate with approximately 1/3 of its maximum tractive effort within the given speed range.

The slow moving test may be replaced by a stationary test with the vehicle operating at 1/3 of its maximum tractive effort against the mechanical brakes, if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- the traction equipment can be operated while the vehicle is stationary;
- tests of electric braking are not required, if no different circuits are used in braking.

If the slow moving test is replaced by a stationary test with tractive effort, then the slow moving limits shall be applied.

Any vehicles using onboard energy storage for traction shall use the test procedure and limits for slow moving test for the charging process.

NOTE Slow moving test procedure and limits are used for the charging process (for traction energy storing devices) because it has a short duration with high energy transfer.

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6.3.3 Emission limits

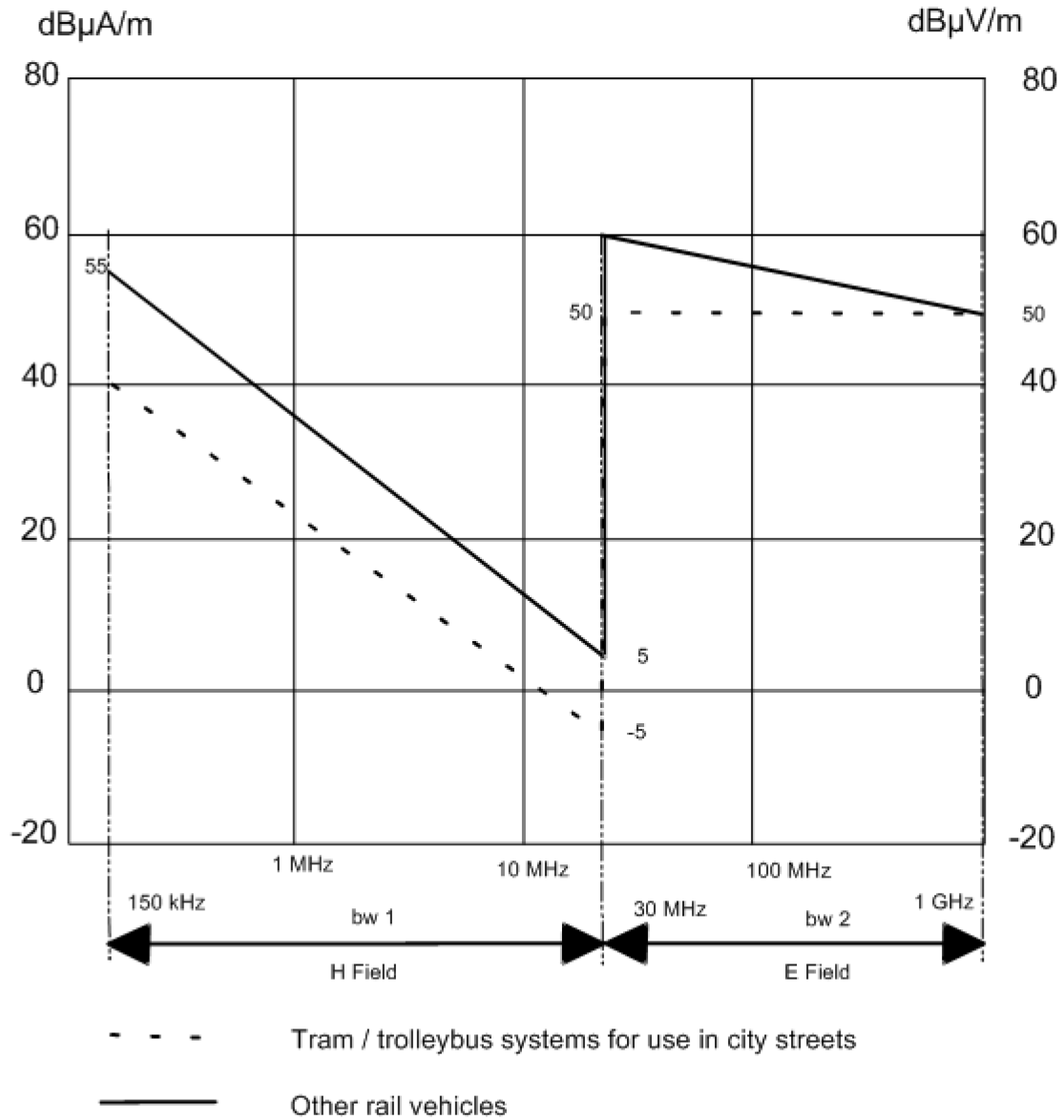


Figure 1 — Limits for stationary test (QP, 10 m)

The limits are defined as quasi-peak values and the bandwidths are those used in EN 55016-1-1:

Frequencies	Bandwidth
Frequencies from 150 kHz to 30 MHz	9 kHz (bw 1)
Frequencies from 30 MHz to 1 GHz	120 kHz (bw 2)

All values are measured at a distance of 10 m from the centre of the track.

The emission limits are specified up to 1 GHz due to the fact that there are no significant sources of interference above 1GHz and that emissions from microprocessor controlled equipment which may give rise to emissions at frequencies greater than 1 GHz are addressed by compliance with EN 50121-3-2.

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