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EN 60268-3:2013 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 60268-3:2000:

– rated condition of multi-channel amplifier is expanded;

– arrangement for the D-class amplifier is added;

– method of measurement for output power (distortion-limited) is expanded;

– Annex B is newly added.

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Publication	Year	Title	EN/HD	Year
IEC 60065 (mod) + corr. August + A1 (mod) + A2 (mod)	2001 2002 2005 2010	Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus - Safety requirements	EN 60065 + corr. August + A1 + A2 + A11 + A12	2002 2007 2006 2010 2008 2011
IEC 60268-1 + A1 + A2	1985 1988 1988	Sound system equipment - Part 1: General	HD 483.1 S2	1989
IEC 60268-2 + A1	1987 1991	Sound system equipment - Part 2: Explanation of general terms and calculation methods	HD 483.2 S2	1993
IEC 60417	Data-base	Graphical symbols for use on equipment	-	-
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IEC 61000-4-17 + A1 + A2	1999 2001 2008	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-17: Testing and measurement techniques - Ripple on d.c. input power port immunity test	EN 61000-4-17 + A1 + A2	1999 2004 2009
IEC 61000-4-29	2000	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-29: Testing and measurement techniques - Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations on d.c. input power port immunity tests	EN 61000-4-29	2000
IEC 61938	1996	Audio, video and audiovisual systems - Interconnections and matching values - Preferred matching values of analogue signals	EN 61938 + corr. February	1997 1997

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

– rated condition of multi-channel amplifier is expanded;
– arrangement for the D-class amplifier is added;
– method of measurement for output power (distortion-limited) is expanded;
– Annex B is newly added.

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 Directives, Part 2.

A list of all parts in the IEC 60268 series, published under the general title *Sound system equipment*, can be found on the IEC website.

This part of IEC 60268 shall be used in conjunction with IEC 60268-1:1985 and IEC 60268-2:1987.

SOUND SYSTEM EQUIPMENT –

Part 3: Amplifiers

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60268 applies to analogue amplifiers, and the analogue parts of analogue/digital amplifiers, which form part of a sound system for professional or household applications. It specifies the characteristics which should be included in specifications of amplifiers and the corresponding methods of measurement.

NOTE The methods of measurement for digital amplifiers and similar equipment are given in IEC 61606 [4][1].

In general, the specified methods of measurement are those which are seen to be most directly related to the characteristics. This does not exclude the use of other methods which give equivalent results.

In general, the methods are based on the simplest measuring equipment which can provide useful results. This does not exclude the use of more complex equipment which can give higher accuracy and/or allow automatic measurement and recording of results.

Rated conditions and standard measuring conditions are specified in order to allow measurements to be reliably repeated.

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.

IEC 60065:2001, *Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus – Safety requirements*
Amendment 1:2005
Amendment 2:2010

IEC 60268-1:1985, *Sound system equipment – Part 1: General*
Amendment 1:1988
Amendment 2:1988

IEC 60268-2:1987, *Sound system equipment – Part 2: Explanation of general terms and calculation methods*
Amendment 1:1991

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment.* Available from: http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment

IEC 61000-4-13:2002, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-13: Testing and measurement techniques – Harmonics and interharmonics including mains signalling at a.c. power port, low frequency immunity tests*
Amendment 1:2009

[1] Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.