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## Foreword

This document (EN 50121-4:2015) has been prepared by CLC/TC 9X: "Electrical and electronic applications for railways".

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EN 50121-4:2015 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 50121-4:2006:

- clarification of scope (Clause 1);
- set dated normative references (Clause 2);
- new definition (Clause 3);
- emission requirement extended in the frequency range 1 GHz to 6 GHz following EN 61000-6-4;
- immunity requirement extended in the frequency range 5,1 GHz to 6 GHz.

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

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

This standard forms Part 4 of the European Standard series EN 50121, 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**

This European Standard has been prepared in the form of a Product Standard.

It defines the immunity and emission test requirements for apparatus defined in the scope in relation to the electromagnetic disturbances likely to be experienced in the railway. In particular, the test requirements represent the essential electromagnetic immunity requirements and have been selected to ensure an adequate level of immunity for apparatus installed on the railway locations.

Test requirements are specified for each port considered.

Safety considerations are not covered by this standard.

In specific situations, where the level of disturbances may exceed the levels considered in this standard, e.g. at a special location or where a hand-held transmitter is used in very close proximity to an apparatus, special mitigation measures may have to be employed.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard applies to signalling and telecommunication apparatus that is installed inside the railway environment. Signalling and telecommunication apparatus mounted in vehicles is covered by EN 50121-3-2:2015, signalling and telecommunication apparatus installed inside the substation and connected to substation equipment is covered by EN 50121-5:2015.

This European Standard specifies limits for emission and immunity and provides performance criteria for signalling and telecommunications (S&T) apparatus (including power supply systems belonging to S&T) which may interfere with other apparatus inside the railway environment, or increase the total emissions for the railway environment and so risk causing Electro-Magnetic Interference (EMI) to apparatus outside the railway system.

Apparatus which complies with the emission levels of EN 61000-6-4 will meet the emission requirements of this standard provided that emissions from any DC power port are within the emissions limits specified for AC power ports.

The immunity levels given in this standard apply for

- vital equipment such as interlocking or command and control,
- apparatus inside the 3 m zone,
- ports of apparatus inside the 10 m zone with connection inside the 3 m zone,
- ports of apparatus inside the 10 m zone with cable length > 30 m.

Other apparatus not covered by at least one of these given cases should be in compliance with EN 61000-6-2.

The immunity levels given for the apparatus will in most cases allow the apparatus to perform as intended inside the railway environment. The immunity level establishes a common reference for evaluating the performance of the apparatus when subject to interference resulting from direct exposure of the apparatus and associated cables to a radio frequency field, or by coupling of the interference from a remote source.

If a port is intended to transmit or receive for the purpose of radio communication (intentional radiators, e.g. transponder systems), then the radiated emission requirement in this standard are not intended to be applicable to the intentional transmission from a radio-transmitter as defined by the ITU.

Immunity limits do not apply in the exclusion bands as defined in the corresponding EMC related standard for radio equipment.

The standard does not specify basic personal safety requirements for apparatus such as protection against electric shock, unsafe operation, insulation co-ordination and related dielectric tests. The requirements were developed for and are applicable to this set of apparatus when operating under normal conditions. Fault conditions of the apparatus have not been taken into account.

Test requirements are specified for each port considered.

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

For products in the scope of EN 61000-3-2, EN 61000-3-3, EN 61000-3-11 or EN 61000-3-12 the requirements of those standards also apply.

Testing methods are given in the basic standards listed in Clause 2, Normative references.

These specific provisions are to be used in conjunction with the general provisions in EN 50121-1:2015.

The immunity and emission levels do not of themselves guarantee that the integration of apparatus will necessarily be satisfactory. The standard cannot cover all the possible configurations of the apparatus, but the test levels are sufficient to achieve satisfactory EMC in the majority of cases.

## 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 50121-1:2015, *Railway applications - Electromagnetic compatibility - Part 1: General*

EN 61000-4-2:2009, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques - Electrostatic discharge immunity test (IEC 61000-4-2:2008)*

EN 61000-4-3:2006, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques - Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test (IEC 61000-4-3:2006)*

EN 61000-4-4:2004, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques - Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test (IEC 61000-4-4:2004)*

EN 61000-4-5:2006, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques - Surge immunity test (IEC 61000-4-5:2005)*

EN 61000-4-6:2009, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-6: Testing and measurement techniques - Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields (IEC 61000-4-6:2008)*

EN 61000-4-8:2010, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-8: Testing and measurement techniques - Power frequency magnetic field immunity test (IEC 61000-4-8:2009)*

EN 61000-6-2:2005, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-2: Generic standards - Immunity for industrial environments (IEC 61000-6-2:2005)*

EN 61000-6-4:2007, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-4: Generic standards - Emission standard for industrial environments (IEC 61000-6-4:2006)*

## 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

##### **port**

particular interface of the specified apparatus with the external environment e.g. AC power port, DC power port, I/O (input/output) port, earth port

#### 3.1.2

##### **enclosure port**

physical boundary of the apparatus through which electromagnetic fields may radiate or impinge



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