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- the main title was changed to: Multimedia systems - Guide to the recommended characteristics of analogue interfaces to achieve interoperability;
- the scope was adapted to the title;
- a new introduction has been added. The necessity of the above revisions is mentioned in this introduction;
- the values in each table were chosen with respect to the state of the art and representative of best practice in industry;
- plug-in power systems and soundcard power systems are added;
- a new Subclause 12.3 has been created: Interoperability of portable audio headphones /earphones and portable audio equipment;
- a new Annex A describing pairing and screening of conductors is added;
- a new Annex B describing phantom power variants for specialized applications is also added.

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<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60038 (mod)	2009	IEC standard voltages	EN 60038	2011
IEC 60094-2 + corr. March	1994 1995	Magnetic tape sound recording and reproducing systems - Part 2: Calibration tapes	EN 60094-2	1995
IEC 60107-6	1989	Recommended methods of measurement on receivers for television broadcast transmissions - Part 6: Measurements under conditions different from broadcast signal standards	HD 567.6 S1	1990
IEC 60130-9	2011	Connectors for frequencies below 3 MHz - Part 9: Circular connectors for radio and associated sound equipment	EN 60130-9	2011
IEC 60268-1 + A1 + A2	1985 1988 1988	Sound system equipment - Part 1: General	HD 483.1 S2 - ¹⁾ -	1989 - -
IEC 60268-3	2000	Sound system equipment - Part 3: Amplifiers	EN 60268-3 + corr. January ²⁾	2000 2002
IEC 60268-5 + A1	2003 2007	Sound system equipment - Part 5: Loudspeakers	EN 60268-5 + A1	2003 2009
IEC 60268-7	2010	Sound system equipment - Part 7: Headphones and earphones	EN 60268-7	2011
IEC 60268-11 + A1 + A2	1987 1989 1991	Sound system equipment - Part 11: Application of connectors for the interconnection of sound system components	HD 483.11 S3 - - ³⁾	1993 - -
IEC 60268-12 + A1 + A2	1987 1991 1994	Sound system equipment - Part 12: Application of connectors for broadcast and similar use	EN 60268-12 - ⁴⁾ + A2	1995 - 1995
IEC 60603-11	1992	Connectors for frequencies below 3 MHz for use with printed boards - Part 11: Detail specification for concentric connectors (dimensions for free connectors and fixed connectors)	-	-

¹⁾ HD 483.1 S2 includes A1 to IEC 60268-1.

²⁾ EN 60268-3 is superseded by EN 60268-3:2013, which is based on IEC 60268-3:2013.

³⁾ HD 483.11 S3 includes A1 + A2 to IEC 60268-11.

⁴⁾ EN 60268-12 includes A1 to IEC 60268-12.

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IEC 60958	Series	Digital audio interface	EN 60958	Series
ITU-R BT.1700	2005	Characteristics of composite video signals for conventional analogue television systems	-	-

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INTRODUCTION

The first edition of IEC 61938 was derived from IEC 60268-15, IEC 60574-4 and IEC 60933-1 and also from related proposals which had been submitted up until the date of this revision. IEC 60268-15 was the first standard to address 'interoperability' – the ability of equipment from different manufacturers to be assembled into a system with full compatibility at every 'interface'. However, the purpose, terminology and implications of IEC 61938 are now widely misunderstood because the words 'matching' and 'preferred' used in IEC 61938, are frequently misinterpreted, resulting in IEC 61938 being regarded as a performance standard, which was never its intention. The aim of this revision is to make the intention of this standard easily comprehensible by using widely used terminology in the title and text of the standard.

The features of the revision are the following.

- a) Unification and arrangement of existing related standards, including effective proposals which have been submitted.
- b) The concept of "general purpose input/output".

NOTE The standard numbers mentioned above correspond to the revised numbers, if applicable.

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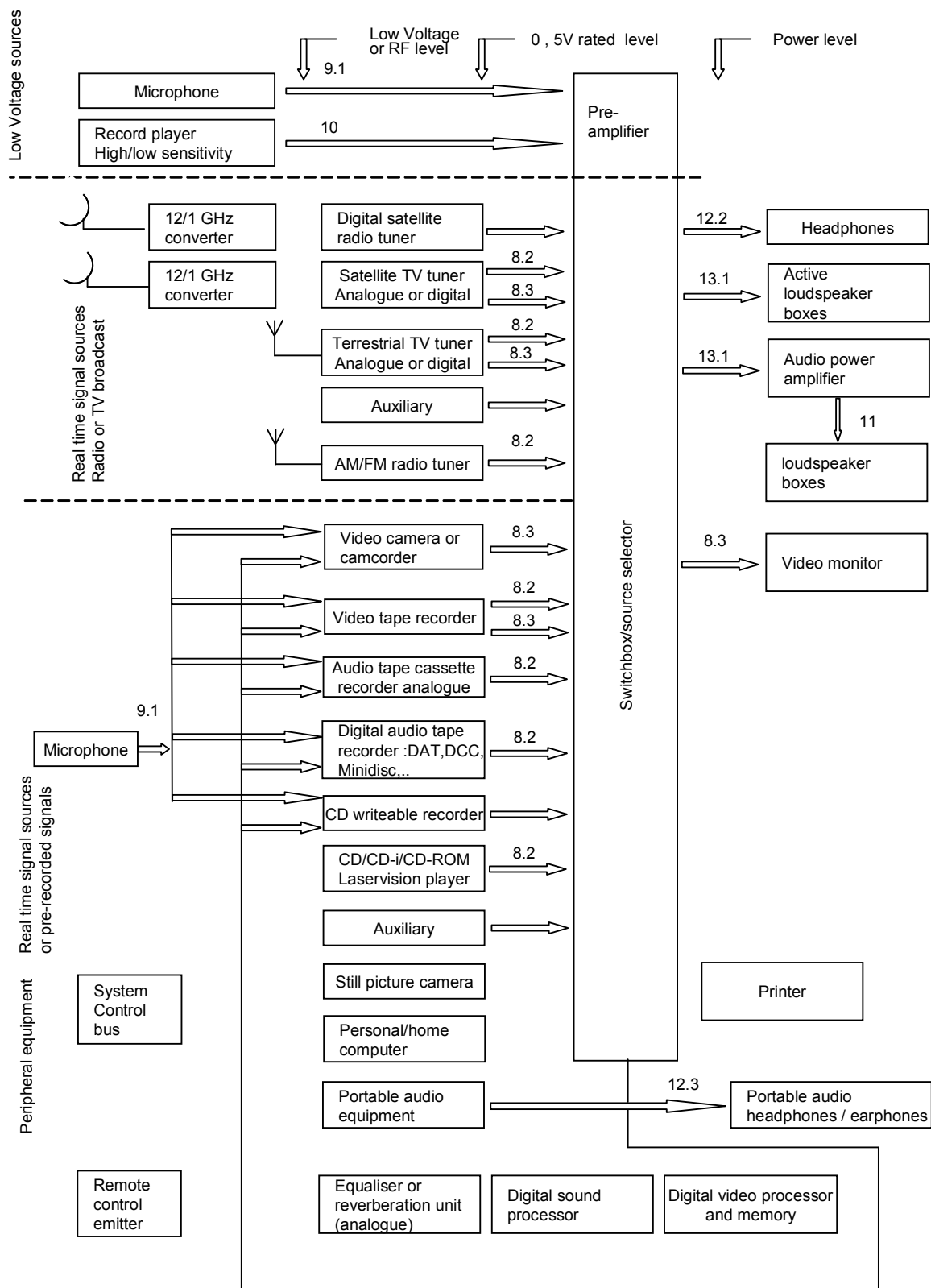
1 Scope

This International Standard gives guidance on current practice for the characteristics of multimedia analogue interfaces to achieve interoperability between equipment from different manufacturers. It is not a performance standard.

Recommendations for interfaces for equipment used in vehicles, and for analogue video interfaces for broadcast and similar equipment, are not given.

Refer to IEC 60958 for the interconnection of digital signals.

Figure 1 shows in a diagram the possible interfaces of the audio and video sources and destinations.



IEC 1298/13

NOTE The numbers indicated above the arrows refer to the appropriate clause or subclauses of this standard.

Figure 1 – Audio and video sources and destinations

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IEC 60107-6:1989, *Recommended methods of measurement on receivers for television broadcast transmissions – Part 6: Measurements under conditions different from broadcast signal standards*

IEC 60130-9:2011, *Connectors for frequencies below 3 MHz – Part 9: Circular connectors for radio and associated sound equipment*

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

IEC 60268-3:2000, *Sound system equipment – Part 3: Amplifiers*

IEC 60268-5:2003, *Sound system equipment – Part 5: Loudspeakers*
Amendment 1:2007

IEC 60268-7:2010, *Sound system equipment – Part 7: Headphones and earphones*

IEC 60268-11:1987, *Sound system equipment – Part 11: Application of connectors for the interconnection of sound system components*
Amendment 1:1989
Amendment 2:1991

IEC 60268-12:1987, *Sound system equipment – Part 12: Application of connectors for broadcast and similar use*
Amendment 1:1991
Amendment 2:1994

IEC 60603-11:1992, *Connectors for frequencies below 3 MHz for use with printed boards – Part 11: Detail specification for concentric connectors (dimensions for free connectors and fixed connectors)*

IEC 60958 (all parts), *Digital audio interface*

ITU-R BT.1700:2005, *Characteristics of composite video signals for conventional analogue television systems*

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