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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. [6] 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.

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IEC 60065:1998, *Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus – Safety requirements*

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

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

IEC 60417-1:1998, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment – Part 1: Overview and application*

IEC 61000-4-17:1999, *Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-17: Testing and measurement techniques – Ripple on d.c. input power port immunity test – Basic EMC Publication*

IEC 61000-4-29, *Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-29: Testing and measurement techniques – Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations on d.c. input power ports, immunity tests – Basic EMC Publication* ²⁾

¹⁾ Numbers in square brackets refer to the bibliography.

²⁾ To be published.

IEC 61938:1996, *Audio, video and audiovisual systems – Interconnections and matching values – Preferred matching values of analogue signals*