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## INTRODUCTION

Developments in the field of diagnostic hearing measurement have resulted in a number of instruments designed to evaluate the auditory evoked potentials of the human hearing system which can be evoked by acoustic or vibratory signals having different spectral and temporal characteristics.

The practical use of such instruments concerns the measurement of these electric potentials and their separation from electric signals emerging from other physiological or artificial sources.

Conformance to the performance specification in this document is demonstrated when a measured deviation from a design goal equals or does not exceed the corresponding acceptance limit(s), and the laboratory has demonstrated that the associated uncertainty of measurement equals or does not exceed the maximum permitted uncertainty specified in this document.

## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60645 applies to instruments designed for the measurement of auditory evoked potentials from the inner ear, the auditory nerve, and the brainstem, evoked by either acoustic or vibratory stimuli of short duration. This document defines the characteristics to be specified by the manufacturer, specifies performance requirements for two types of instruments (screening and diagnostic/clinical), and specifies the functions to be provided on these types. It also specifies a means of describing the physical characteristics, in terms of electrical waveforms, of audiometric reference and test signals of short duration used with auditory evoked potential equipment and other equipment (e.g. otoacoustic emission instruments), and methods for their measurement.

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IEC 60318-3, *Electroacoustics - Simulators of human head and ear - Part 3: Acoustic coupler for the calibration of supra-aural earphones used in audiometry*

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IEC 60318-5, *Electroacoustics - Simulators of human head and ear - Part 5: 2 cm<sup>3</sup> coupler for the measurement of hearing aids and earphones coupled to the ear by means of ear inserts*

IEC 60318-6, *Electroacoustics - Simulators of human head and ear - Part 6: Mechanical coupler for the measurement on bone vibrators*

IEC 60645-1:2001/2017, ~~Electroacoustics - Audiological equipment - Part 1: Pure-tone audiometers~~ *Electroacoustics - Audiometric equipment - Part 1: Equipment for pure-tone and speech audiometry*

~~IEC 60645-3:2007, Electroacoustics - Audiometric equipment - Part 3: Test signals of short duration~~

IEC 61260-1, *Electroacoustics - Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters - Part 1: Specifications*

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## INTRODUCTION

Developments in the field of diagnostic hearing measurement have resulted in a number of instruments designed to evaluate the auditory evoked potentials of the human hearing system which can be evoked by acoustic or vibratory signals having different spectral and temporal characteristics.

The practical use of such instruments concerns the measurement of these electric potentials and their separation from electric signals emerging from other physiological or artificial sources.

Conformance to the performance specification in this document is demonstrated when a measured deviation from a design goal equals or does not exceed the corresponding acceptance limit(s), and the laboratory has demonstrated that the associated uncertainty of measurement equals or does not exceed the maximum permitted uncertainty specified in this document.

## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60645 applies to instruments designed for the measurement of auditory evoked potentials from the inner ear, the auditory nerve, and the brainstem, evoked by either acoustic or vibratory stimuli of short duration. This document defines the characteristics to be specified by the manufacturer, specifies performance requirements for two types of instruments (screening and diagnostic/clinical), and specifies the functions to be provided on these types. It also specifies a means of describing the physical characteristics, in terms of electrical waveforms, of audiometric reference and test signals of short duration used with auditory evoked potential equipment and other equipment (e.g. otoacoustic emission instruments), and methods for their measurement.

The purpose of this document is to ensure that measurements made under comparable test conditions with different instruments complying with this document will be consistent. This document is not intended to restrict development or incorporation of new features, nor to discourage innovative approaches.

Evoked response measurement using the application of electric stimuli to a subject is beyond the scope of this document.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60601-1, *Medical electrical equipment - Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*

IEC 60318-1, *Electroacoustics - Simulators of human head and ear - Part 1: Ear simulator for the measurement of supra-aural and circumaural earphones*

IEC 60318-3, *Electroacoustics - Simulators of human head and ear - Part 3: Acoustic coupler for the calibration of supra-aural earphones used in audiometry*

IEC 60318-4, *Electroacoustics - Simulators of human head and ear - Part 4: Occluded-ear simulator for the measurement of earphones coupled to the ear by means of ear inserts*

IEC 60318-5, *Electroacoustics - Simulators of human head and ear - Part 5: 2 cm<sup>3</sup> coupler for the measurement of hearing aids and earphones coupled to the ear by means of ear inserts*

IEC 60318-6, *Electroacoustics - Simulators of human head and ear - Part 6: Mechanical coupler for the measurement on bone vibrators*

IEC 60645-1:2017, *Electroacoustics - Audiometric equipment - Part 1: Equipment for pure-tone and speech audiometry*

IEC 61260-1, *Electroacoustics - Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters - Part 1: Specifications*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement – Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

ISO 389-6, *Acoustics – Reference zero for the calibration of audiometric equipment – Part 6: Reference threshold of hearing for test signals of short duration*