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Egenskaper hos digitala röntgenbildgivande anordningar –
Del 1-3: Bestämning av effektivitet vid detektering av
röntgenkvanta (DQE) –
Detektorer för dynamisk bildgivning**

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Detectors used in dynamic imaging*

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IEC 61262-5	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 61262-5:1994 (not modified).

Annex ZA

(normative)

Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

NOTE When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60336	- ¹⁾	Medical electrical equipment - X-ray tube assemblies for medical diagnosis - Characteristics of focal spots	EN 60336	2005 ²⁾
IEC/TR 60788	2004	Medical electrical equipment - Glossary of defined terms	-	-
IEC 61267	1994	Medical diagnostic X-ray equipment - Radiation conditions for use in the determination of characteristics	EN 61267 ³⁾	1994
ISO 12232	1998	Photography - Electronic still-picture cameras - Determination of ISO speed	-	-

¹⁾ Undated reference.

²⁾ Valid edition at date of issue.

³⁾ IEC 61267:2005 is harmonised as EN 61267:2006 (not modified).

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INTRODUCTION

DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES are increasingly used in medical diagnosis and will widely replace conventional (analogue) imaging devices such as screen-film systems or analogue X-RAY IMAGE INTENSIFIER television systems in the future. It is necessary, therefore, to define parameters that describe the specific imaging properties of these DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES and to standardize the measurement procedures employed.

There is growing consensus in the scientific world that the DETECTIVE QUANTUM EFFICIENCY (DQE) is the most suitable parameter for describing the imaging performance of an X-ray imaging device. The DQE describes the ability of the imaging device to preserve the signal-to-NOISE ratio from the radiation field to the resulting digital image data. Since in X-ray imaging, the NOISE in the radiation field is intimately coupled to the AIR KERMA level, DQE values can also be considered to describe the dose efficiency of a given DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICE.

NOTE 1 In spite of the fact that the DQE is widely used to describe the performance of imaging devices, the connection between this physical parameter and the decision performance of a human observer is not yet completely understood [1], [3].¹⁾

NOTE 2 IEC 61262-5 specifies a method to determine the DQE of X-RAY IMAGE INTENSIFIERS at nearly zero SPATIAL FREQUENCY. It focuses only on the electro-optical components of X-RAY IMAGE INTENSIFIERS, not on the imaging properties as this standard does. As a consequence, the output is measured as an optical quantity (luminance), and not as digital data. Moreover, IEC 61262-5 prescribes the use of a RADIATION SOURCE ASSEMBLY, whereas this standard prescribes the use of an X-RAY TUBE. The scope of IEC 61262-5 is limited to X-RAY IMAGE INTENSIFIERS and does not interfere with the scope of this standard.

The DQE is already widely used by manufacturers to describe the performance of their DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICE. The specification of the DQE is also required by regulatory agencies (such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)) for admission procedures. However, there is presently no standard governing either the measurement conditions or the measurement procedure, with the consequence that values from different sources may not be comparable.

This standard has therefore been developed in order to specify the measurement procedure together with the format of the conformance statement for the DETECTIVE QUANTUM EFFICIENCY of DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES.

In the DQE calculations proposed in this standard, it is assumed that system response is measured for objects that attenuate all energies equally (task-independent) [5].

This standard will be beneficial for manufacturers, users, distributors and regulatory agencies. It is the third document out of a series of three related standards:

- Part 1, which is intended to be used in RADIOGRAPHY, excluding MAMMOGRAPHY and RADIOSCOPY.
- Part 1-2, which is intended to be used for MAMMOGRAPHY.
- the present Part 1-3, which is intended to be used for dynamic imaging detectors.

These standards can be regarded as the first part of the family of IEC 62220 standards describing the relevant parameters of DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES.

¹⁾ Figures in square brackets refer to the bibliography.

MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT – CHARACTERISTICS OF DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES –

Part 1-3: Determination of the detective quantum efficiency – Detectors used in dynamic imaging

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62220 specifies the method for the determination of the DETECTIVE QUANTUM EFFICIENCY (DQE) of DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES as a function of AIR KERMA and of SPATIAL FREQUENCY for the working conditions in the range of the medical application as specified by the MANUFACTURER. The intended users of this part of IEC 62220 are manufacturers and well equipped test laboratories.

This Part 1-3 is restricted to DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES that are used for dynamic imaging such as, but not exclusively, direct and indirect flat panel-detector based systems.

It is not recommended to use this part of IEC 62220 for digital X-RAY IMAGE INTENSIFIER-based systems.

NOTE 1 This negative recommendation is based on the low frequency drop, vignetting and geometrical distortion present in these devices which may put severe limitations on the applicability of the measurement methods described in this standard.

This part of IEC 62220 is not applicable to:

- DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES intended to be used in mammography or in dental radiography;
- COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY; and
- systems in which the X-ray field is scanned across the patient.

NOTE 2 The devices noted above are excluded because they contain many parameters (for instance, beam qualities, geometry, time dependence, etc.) which differ from those important for dynamic imaging. Some of these techniques are treated in separate standards (IEC 62220-1 and IEC 62220-1-2).

2 Normative references

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IEC 60336, *Medical electrical equipment – X-ray tube assemblies for medical diagnosis – Characteristics of focal spots*

IEC TR 60788:2004, *Medical electrical equipment – Glossary of defined terms*

IEC 61267:1994,²⁾ *Medical diagnostic X-ray equipment – Radiation conditions for use in the determination of characteristics*

ISO 12232:1998, *Photography – Electronic still-picture cameras – Determination of ISO speed*

²⁾ Although a second edition (2005) of IEC 61267 exists, reference to the first edition (IEC 61267:1994) is expressly retained throughout this standard for reasons of harmonization within the IEC62220 family. (See 4.3, Note 1.)