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IEC 61025	2006	Fault Tree Analysis (FTA)	EN 61025	2007

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## INTRODUCTION

This International Standard defines the basic principles and procedures for the dependability technique known as Event Tree Analysis (ETA).

IEC 60300-3-1 explicitly lists ETA as an applicable method for general dependability assessment. It is also used in risk and safety analysis studies. ETA is also briefly described in the IEC 60300-3-9.

The basic principles of this methodology have not changed since the conception of the technique in the 1960's. ETA was first successfully used in the nuclear industry in a study by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the so-called WASH 1400 report in the year 1975 [31]<sup>1</sup>.

Over the following years, ETA has gained widespread acceptance as a mature methodology for dependability and risk analysis and is applied in diverse industry branches ranging from the aviation industry, nuclear installations, the automotive industry, chemical processing, offshore oil and gas production, to defence industry and transportation systems.

In contrast to some other dependability techniques such as Markov modelling, ETA is based on relatively elementary mathematical principles. However, as mentioned in IEC 60300-3-1, the implementation of ETA requires a high degree of expertise in the application of the technique. This is due in part to the fact that particular care has to be taken when dealing with dependent events. Furthermore, one can utilize the close relationship between Fault Tree Analysis (FTA) and the qualitative and quantitative analysis of event trees.

This standard aims at defining the consolidated basic principles of the ETA and the current usage of the technique as a means for assessing the dependability and risk related measures of a system.

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<sup>1</sup> Figures in square brackets refer to the bibliography.



## ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES FOR DEPENDABILITY – EVENT TREE ANALYSIS (ETA)

### 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the consolidated basic principles of Event Tree Analysis (ETA) and provides guidance on modelling the consequences of an initiating event as well as analysing these consequences qualitatively and quantitatively in the context of dependability and risk related measures.

More specifically, this standard deals with the following topics in relation to event trees:

- a) defining the essential terms and describing the usage of symbols and ways of graphical representation;
- b) specifying the procedural steps involved in the construction of the event tree;
- c) elaborating on the assumptions, limitations and benefits of performing the analysis;
- d) identifying relationships with other dependability and risk-related techniques and elucidating suitable fields of applications;
- e) giving guidelines for the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the evaluation;
- f) providing practical examples.

This standard is applicable to all industries where the dependability and risk-related measures for the consequences of an initiating event have to be assessed.

### 2 Normative references

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