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## Part 1: General

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60958 describes a serial, uni-directional, self-clocking interface for the interconnection of digital audio equipment for consumer and professional applications.

It provides the basic structure of the interface. Separate documents define items specific to particular applications.

The interface is primarily intended to carry monophonic or stereophonic programmes, encoded using linear PCM and with a resolution of up to 24 bits per sample.

When used for other purposes, the interface is able to carry audio data coded other than as linear PCM coded audio samples. Provision is also made to allow the interface to carry data related to computer software, [multimedia technologies](#), or signals coded using non-linear PCM. The format specification for these applications is not part of this document.

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## Partie 1: Généralités

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La présente partie de l'IEC 60958 décrit une interface série unidirectionnelle et autosynchronisante pour l'interconnexion des appareils audionumériques destinés aux applications grand public et professionnelles.

Elle fournit la structure de base de l'interface. Les points spécifiques à des applications particulières sont définis dans des documents distincts.

Cette interface est essentiellement destinée à acheminer des programmes monophoniques ou stéréophoniques, qui utilisent un codage MIC linéaire et une résolution jusqu'à 24 bits par échantillon.

Lorsqu'elle est utilisée à d'autres fins, cette interface est capable d'acheminer des données audio codées autres que des échantillons audio à codage MIC linéaire. Des dispositions ont également été prises pour permettre à l'interface d'acheminer des données relatives à des logiciels, des technologies multimédias ou des signaux à codage MIC non linéaire. La spécification du format de ces applications ne relève pas du présent document.

L'interface est destinée à fonctionner à des fréquences d'échantillonnage audio supérieures ou égales à 32 kHz. Des informations auxiliaires sont transmises avec le programme.

### 2 Références normatives

Les documents suivants sont cités dans le texte de sorte qu'ils constituent, pour tout ou partie de leur contenu, des exigences du présent document. Pour les références datées, seule l'édition citée s'applique. Pour les références non datées, la dernière édition du document de référence s'applique (y compris les éventuels amendements).

IEC 60268-11:1987, *Equipements pour systèmes électroacoustiques – Onzième partie: Application des connecteurs pour l'interconnexion des éléments de systèmes électroacoustiques*

IEC 60958-3, *Interface audionumérique – Partie 3: Applications grand public*

IEC 60958-4 (toutes les parties), *Interface audionumérique – Partie 4: Applications professionnelles*

IEC 60958-5, *Interface audionumérique – Partie 5: Amélioration de l'application grand public*