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### Part 3: Measurement of passive intermodulation in coaxial connectors

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This part of IEC 62037 defines the impact test on coaxial connectors to evaluate their robustness against weak connections and particles inside the connector, as independently as possible from the effects of cable PIM (passive intermodulation).

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### **DISPOSITIFS RF ET À MICRO-ONDES PASSIFS, MESURE DU NIVEAU D'INTERMODULATION –**

#### **Partie 3: Mesure de l'intermodulation passive dans les connecteurs coaxiaux**

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- b) ajout de l'énergie de choc exigée pour soumettre à l'essai chaque type de connecteur;

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### **Partie 3: Mesure de l'intermodulation passive dans les connecteurs coaxiaux**

#### **1 Domaine d'application**

La présente partie de l'IEC 62037 définit l'essai de choc sur des connecteurs coaxiaux pour évaluer leur robustesse dans le cas de connexions faibles et de particules à l'intérieur des connecteurs, aussi indépendamment que possible des effets de l'intermodulation passive des câbles.

Pour les autres connecteurs (par exemple les connecteurs montés sur panneaux), le câble peut être remplacé par une ligne de transmission adéquate (par exemple une ligne à air, une ligne à ruban). Afin d'évaluer les effets des contraintes mécaniques sur les connecteurs, une série de chocs est appliquée aux connecteurs, tout en mesurant l'intermodulation passive.

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