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**Part 1: Measurement and characterization of medical ultrasonic fields ~~up to 40 MHz~~**

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- d) Procedures for spatial averaging correction have been amended.
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## INTRODUCTION

The main purpose of this document is to define various acoustic parameters that can be used to specify and characterize ultrasonic fields propagating in liquids, and, in particular, water, using hydrophones. Measurement procedures are outlined that may be used to determine these parameters. Specific device related measurement standards, for example IEC 61689, IEC 61157, IEC 61847 or IEC 62359, can refer to this document for appropriate acoustic parameters. In IEC 62359, some additional measurement methods for attenuated parameters and indices are described addressing the specific needs of acoustic output characterization of ultrasonic diagnostic equipment in accordance with IEC 60601-2-37.

The philosophy behind this document is the specification of the acoustic field in terms of acoustic pressure parameters, acoustic pressure being the primary measurement quantity when hydrophones are used to characterize the field.

Intensity parameters are specified in this document, but these are regarded as derived quantities that are meaningful only under certain assumptions related to the ultrasonic field being measured.



## ULTRASONICS – HYDROPHONES –

### Part 1: Measurement and characterization of medical ultrasonic fields ~~up to 40 MHz~~

#### 1 ~~Scope and object~~

This part of IEC 62127 specifies methods of use of calibrated **hydrophones** for the measurement in liquids of acoustic fields generated by ultrasonic medical equipment ~~operating in the frequency range up to 40 MHz~~ including **bandwidth** criteria and calibration frequency range requirements in dependence on the spectral content of the fields to be characterized.

This document:

- defines a group of acoustic parameters that can be measured on a physically sound basis;
- defines a second group of parameters that can be derived under certain assumptions from these measurements, and called derived intensity parameters;
- defines a measurement procedure that ~~may~~ can be used for the determination of acoustic pressure parameters;
- defines the conditions under which the measurements of acoustic parameters can be made ~~in the frequency range up to 40 MHz~~ using calibrated **hydrophones**;
- defines procedures for correcting for limitations caused by the use of **hydrophones** with finite **bandwidth** and finite active element size, and for **estimating the corresponding uncertainties**.

NOTE 1 Throughout this document, SI units are used. In the specification of certain parameters, such as **beam areas** and intensities, it ~~may~~ can be convenient to use decimal multiples or submultiples. For example, **beam area** ~~may~~ is likely to be specified in cm<sup>2</sup> and intensities in W/cm<sup>2</sup> or mW/cm<sup>2</sup>.

NOTE 2 The **hydrophone** as defined ~~may~~ can be of a piezoelectric or an optic type.

#### 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 60050-801:1994, International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 801: Acoustics and electroacoustics~~

~~IEC 60565, Underwater acoustics – Hydrophones – Calibration in the frequency range 0,01 Hz to 1 MHz~~

IEC 60565-1, Underwater acoustics – Hydrophones – Calibration of hydrophones – Part 1: Procedures for free-field calibration of hydrophones

~~IEC/TR 60854:1986, Methods of measuring the performance of ultrasonic pulse-echo diagnostic equipment~~

IEC 61689, Ultrasonics – Physiotherapy systems – ~~Performance requirements~~ Field specifications and methods of measurement in the frequency range 0,5 MHz to 5 MHz

~~IEC 61828, Ultrasonics — Focusing transducers — Definitions and measurement methods for the transmitted fields~~

~~IEC 61846, Ultrasonics — Pressure pulse lithotripters — Characteristics of fields~~

~~IEC 61847, Ultrasonics — Surgical systems — Measurement and declaration of the basic output characteristics~~

IEC 62127-2, Ultrasonics – Hydrophones – Part 2: Calibration for ultrasonic fields up to 40 MHz

IEC 62127-3, Ultrasonics – Hydrophones – Part 3: Properties of hydrophones for ultrasonic fields up to 40 MHz

IEC 63009, Ultrasonics – Physiotherapy systems – Field specifications and methods of measurement in the frequency range 20 kHz to 500 kHz

ISO 16269-6:2005, Statistical interpretation of data – Part 6: Determination of statistical tolerance intervals

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008, Uncertainty of measurement – Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)

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~~IEC 61157, Standard means for the reporting of the acoustic output of medical diagnostic ultrasonic equipment~~

~~IEC 62359, Ultrasonics — Field characterization — Test methods for the determination of thermal and mechanical indices related to medical diagnostic ultrasonic fields~~

~~IEC 61847, Ultrasonics — Surgical systems — Measurement and declaration of the basic output characteristics.~~

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## INTRODUCTION

The main purpose of this document is to define various acoustic parameters that can be used to specify and characterize ultrasonic fields propagating in liquids, and, in particular, water, using hydrophones. Measurement procedures are outlined that may be used to determine these parameters. Specific device related measurement standards, for example IEC 61689, IEC 61157, IEC 61847 or IEC 62359, can refer to this document for appropriate acoustic parameters. In IEC 62359, some additional measurement methods for attenuated parameters and indices are described addressing the specific needs of acoustic output characterization of ultrasonic diagnostic equipment in accordance with IEC 60601-2-37.

The philosophy behind this document is the specification of the acoustic field in terms of acoustic pressure parameters, acoustic pressure being the primary measurement quantity when hydrophones are used to characterize the field.

Intensity parameters are specified in this document, but these are regarded as derived quantities that are meaningful only under certain assumptions related to the ultrasonic field being measured.

## ULTRASONICS – HYDROPHONES –

### Part 1: Measurement and characterization of medical ultrasonic fields

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62127 specifies methods of use of calibrated **hydrophones** for the measurement in liquids of acoustic fields generated by ultrasonic medical equipment including **bandwidth** criteria and calibration frequency range requirements in dependence on the spectral content of the fields to be characterized.

This document:

- defines a group of acoustic parameters that can be measured on a physically sound basis;
- defines a second group of parameters that can be derived under certain assumptions from these measurements, and called derived intensity parameters;
- defines a measurement procedure that can be used for the determination of acoustic pressure parameters;
- defines the conditions under which the measurements of acoustic parameters can be made using calibrated **hydrophones**;
- defines procedures for correcting for limitations caused by the use of **hydrophones** with finite **bandwidth** and finite active element size, and for estimating the corresponding **uncertainties**.

NOTE 1 Throughout this document, SI units are used. In the specification of certain parameters, such as **beam areas** and intensities, it can be convenient to use decimal multiples or submultiples. For example, **beam area** is likely to be specified in  $\text{cm}^2$  and intensities in  $\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$  or  $\text{mW}/\text{cm}^2$ .

NOTE 2 The **hydrophone** as defined can be of a piezoelectric or an optic type.

#### 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 60565-1, *Underwater acoustics – Hydrophones – Calibration of hydrophones – Part 1: Procedures for free-field calibration of hydrophones*

IEC 61689, *Ultrasonics – Physiotherapy systems – Field specifications and methods of measurement in the frequency range 0,5 MHz to 5 MHz*

IEC 62127-2, *Ultrasonics – Hydrophones – Part 2: Calibration for ultrasonic fields up to 40 MHz*

IEC 62127-3, *Ultrasonics – Hydrophones – Part 3: Properties of hydrophones for ultrasonic fields up to 40 MHz*

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#### Partie 1: Mesurage et caractérisation des champs ultrasoniques médicaux

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- a) La limite supérieure de fréquence de 40 MHz a été supprimée.
- b) Les définitions de la sensibilité des hydrophones ont été modifiées pour considérer les sensibilités comme des grandeurs à valeurs complexes.

- c) Les modes opératoires et les exigences concernant l'approximation à bande étroite et les mesurages à large bande ont été modifiés; des informations détaillées sur la déconvolution des formes d'onde ont été ajoutés.
- d) Les modes opératoires de correction de la moyenne spatiale ont été modifiés.
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## INTRODUCTION

Le présent document a pour principal objet de définir différents paramètres acoustiques qui peuvent être utilisés pour préciser et caractériser les champs ultrasoniques qui se propagent dans les liquides et, en particulier, dans l'eau, à l'aide d'hydrophones. Les modes opératoires de mesure présentés peuvent être utilisés pour déterminer ces paramètres. Les normes de mesure liées à des appareils spécifiques (IEC 61689, IEC 61157, IEC 61847 ou IEC 62359, par exemple) peuvent se rapporter au présent document pour des paramètres acoustiques appropriés. Quelques méthodes de mesure supplémentaires des paramètres et indices atténués sont décrites dans l'IEC 62359 pour répondre aux besoins spécifiques de caractérisation des émissions acoustiques des appareils de diagnostic à ultrasons conformément à l'IEC 60601-2-37.

La philosophie sur laquelle repose le présent document porte sur la spécification du champ acoustique en matière de paramètres de pression acoustique, cette dernière étant la principale grandeur de mesure lorsque des hydrophones sont utilisés pour caractériser le champ.

Les paramètres d'intensité sont spécifiés dans le présent document. Cependant, ils sont considérés comme des grandeurs dérivées qui sont significatives uniquement dans le cadre de certaines hypothèses liées au champ ultrasonique mesuré.

## ULTRASONS – HYDROPHONES –

### Partie 1: Mesurage et caractérisation des champs ultrasoniques médicaux

#### 1 Domaine d'application

La présente partie de l'IEC 62127 spécifie les méthodes d'utilisation des **hydrophones** étalonnés qui permettent de mesurer, dans des liquides, les champs acoustiques générés par des appareils médicaux à ultrasons, y compris les critères de **largeur de bande** et les exigences de plage de fréquences d'étalonnage en fonction du contenu spectral des champs à caractériser.

Le présent document:

- définit un groupe de paramètres acoustiques qui peuvent être mesurés sur une base physiquement sonore;
- définit un second groupe de paramètres qui peuvent être déduits, dans le cadre de certaines hypothèses, de ces mesurages et appelés paramètres d'intensité dérivés;
- définit un mode opératoire de mesure qui peut être utilisé pour déterminer les paramètres de pression acoustique;
- définit les conditions dans lesquelles les mesurages des paramètres acoustiques peuvent être réalisés à l'aide d'**hydrophones** étalonnés;
- définit les modes opératoires de correction, dans le cas de limitations provoquées par l'utilisation d'**hydrophones** à **largeur de bande** finie et de taille d'élément actif, ainsi que les modes opératoires d'estimation des **incertitudes** correspondantes.

NOTE 1 Tout au long du présent document, le système international d'unités (SI) est utilisé. Dans la spécification de certains paramètres (les **surfaces du faisceau** ou les intensités, par exemple), il peut être utile d'utiliser des multiples ou sous-multiples décimaux. Par exemple, la **surface du faisceau** est susceptible d'être exprimée en  $\text{cm}^2$  et les intensités en  $\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$  ou  $\text{mW}/\text{cm}^2$ .

NOTE 2 L'**hydrophone**, tel qu'il est défini, peut être de type piézoélectrique ou optique.

#### 2 Références normatives

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IEC 60565-1, *Acoustique sous-marine – Hydrophones – Étalonnage des hydrophones – Partie 1: Procédures d'étalonnage en champ libre des hydrophones*

IEC 61689, *Ultrasons – Systèmes de physiothérapie – Spécifications des champs et méthodes de mesure dans la gamme de fréquences de 0,5 MHz à 5 MHz*

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