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- a) title is changed from *Identification and communication interoperability method for external power supplies used with portable computing devices*;
- b) Clause 4, *EPS interoperability based on USB technologies*, is added;
- c) Clause 5, *EPS specification*, adds hardware and protection requirements; overvoltage protection is changed from optional to normative;

- d) Annex B and Annex C are added, providing an explanation of the design features in USB Power Delivery that enhance reliability and an explanation of the concepts of charge rate and power.

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INTRODUCTION

The objective of this document is to enable common charging interoperability of external power supplies (EPSs) used with the increasing variety of computing and consumer electronics devices that implement IEC 62680-1-3 (USB Type-C¹ Cable and Connector Specification) and IEC 62680-1-2 (USB Power Delivery). Broad market adoption of this document is expected to make a significant contribution to the global goals of consumer convenience and re-usability of power supplies by expanding common charging interoperability across different product categories while preserving backwards compatibility with the installed base of billions of IEC 62680 compliant devices worldwide.

This document specifies the minimum technical requirements for interoperability and includes recommendations for EPS functionality when used with computing and electronics devices. The approach taken by this document, focused on enabling common charging interoperability, can allow manufacturers to innovate in aspects such as technical design, system performance, and energy efficiency. Furthermore, common charging interoperability enables manufacturers to design specific EPSs that match the requirements of target devices (functionality, cost, etc.) and use cases, while at the same time enabling consumers to use the EPS for charging other IEC 62680 compliant devices, across various product types.

IEC 62680-1-3 adoption is well underway in global markets for a wide range of devices using as much as 100 W, including notebook computers, tablets, smartphones, small form-factor desktop computers, and other consumer electronics devices. This document enables the reporting of the identity and power characteristics of power sources (EPSs and other Sources) supported by IEC 62680-1-3 (USB Type-C) and specifies interoperability guidelines when using IEC 62680-1-2 (USB Power Delivery). The method for identification of a specific power source can enable equipment manufacturers to ensure compliant operation using these specifications and promotes data communication that can be used by the device to predict and mitigate interoperability concerns when an unfamiliar or incompatible EPS is connected to the device. EPS power delivery applications can in the future extend beyond 100 W given updates to IEC 62680 that appropriately address the needs of higher-power products in the computing and consumer device market.

This document also provides important information regarding consumer safety, system reliability as well as relevant global standards and regulatory compliance.

Other international and regional standards, and government policies for "universal" or "common power adapters" that reference this document are expected to take into account open technical and regulatory compliance issues that are associated with untested or arbitrary combinations of EPSs and devices such as those identified in Annex A, as well as the limitations and issues with approaches to define "common chargers" in meeting market needs. For clarity, this document focuses on interoperability specifications in order to support global industry in developing safe, convenient, environmentally conscious, and end-to-end interoperable charging solutions that meet regulatory compliance and market requirements.

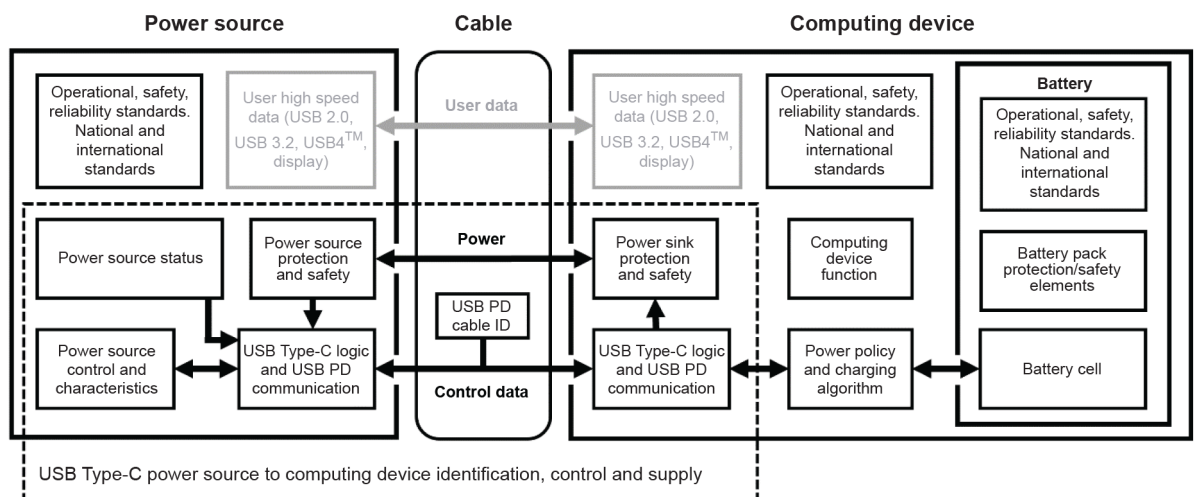
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1 Scope

This document defines common charging interoperability guidelines for power sources (external power supplies (EPSs) and other Sources) used with computing and consumer electronics devices that implement IEC 62680-1-3 (USB Type-C Cable and Connector Specification).

This document defines normative requirements for an EPS to ensure interoperability; in particular, it specifies the data communicated from a power source to a device (Figure 1) and certain safety elements of the EPS, cable, and device. While the requirements focus of this document is on the EPS and the behaviour at its USB Type-C connector interface, it is also important to comprehend cable assembly and device capabilities and behaviours in order to assure end-to-end charging interoperability. This document does not apply to all design aspects of an EPS. This document does not specify regulatory compliance requirements for aspects such as product safety, EMC or energy efficiency.



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Figure 1 – Scope of the identification, communication and control method

This document provides recommendations for the behaviour of a device when used with a power source compliant with this document. It specifies the minimum hardware specification for an EPS implementing IEC 62680-1-3. This document also specifies the data objects used by a charging system utilizing IEC 62680-1-2 to understand the identity, design and performance characteristics, and operating status of an external power supply. IEC 62680-1-2 focuses on power delivery applications ranging to 100 W for a variety of computing and consumer electronics devices including notebook computers, tablets, smartphones, small form-factor desktops, monitor displays and other related multimedia devices.

This document relies on established mechanical and electrical specifications, and communication protocols specified by IEC 62680-1-2 and IEC 62680-1-3. These specifications support methods for establishing the best performing interoperability between untested combinations of EPS and devices with the aim of improving consumer satisfaction.

Information describing the USB charging interoperability model, overview of USB Type-C and USB Power Delivery specifications, and factors for charging performance are also provided to support implementation of this document.

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 60950-1, *Information technology equipment – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60990, *Methods of measurement of touch current and protective conductor current*

IEC 62368-1:2018, *Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment – Part 1: Safety requirements*

IEC 62680-1-1, *Universal Serial Bus interfaces for data and power – Part 1-1: Common components – USB Battery Charging Specification, Revision 1.2*

IEC 62680-1-2:2021, *Universal Serial Bus interfaces for data and power – Part 1-2: Common components – USB Power Delivery specification*

IEC 62680-1-3, *Universal Serial Bus interfaces for data and power – Part 1-3: Common components – USB Type-C Cable and Connector Specification*