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1 Scope

~~This document specifies the electrical interface between phase-cut dimming equipment and lighting equipment, such as LED integrated lamps and light sources with external controlgear, with the intention of helping designers of both types of equipment to develop products that will work together properly.~~

~~This document describes both the dimming phase and the off phase. In addition to the specification of the interface, test procedures are given for testing the proper operation.~~

~~It may be expected that controlgear fulfilling the requirements of this document are also suited to be used with electronic switches that use a circuitry comparable with that of a phase-cut dimmer, but do not contain means for the adjustability of the phase-cut angle.~~

This document provides guidance to controlgear/integrated lamp designers for the development of products suitable to operate with future phase-cut dimmers. It describes the possible voltage signals and the expected response of the controlgear/integrated lamps.

This document describes the expected response of controlgear during all operation states of a phase-cut lighting system and provides a complete understanding of the requirements for phase-cut dimmers. The response of a phase-cut dimmer is described in IEC 60669-2-1:—, Annex EE.

This document specifies the system performance aspects and test procedures for the control by mains voltage phase-cut dimming of the brightness of mains operated electronic lighting equipment intended to be controlled by mains voltage phase-cut dimmers, such as LED integrated lamps and light sources with external controlgear.

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