A HIGHER STANDARD

TESTING | INSPECTION | CERTIFICATION

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- Technology is embedded into nearly every aspect of our lives.
- Technological advancements in electronics have allowed us to perform tasks in new and innovative ways never before thought possible.
 - From simplifying mundane tasks, eliminating universal communication barriers, and providing hours of entertainment, to conducting highly complex, mission critical functions and processes.



 However, as the adaption of increases, so does the risk of electromagnetic interference of these function



- EMI regulatory test standards are developed to ensure that products will operate as intended, and not interfere with the operation of other products within their intended installation environment and platform.
- A platform is anywhere a product may be installed and operated.
- This can be anything from a plane, train, ship, or even your home, or office.





- Product compliance tests are developed to simulate real-world environments-
 - Immunity/Susceptibility tests

(Evaluates the ability to operate as intended when subjected to external EM environments)

- Radiated EM fields
- Conducted EM voltages/currents
- Surges, switching transients, lightning
- power quality (drop outs, sags, variations, etc...)

Emissions Tests

(Ensures that proper EMI controls have been implemented, minimizing the potential for operational interference of nearby equipment).

- Radiated EM emissions
- Conducted EM emissions



No single standard covers every market!

- Modern Industry test standards address similar EMI/EMC concerns.
 - In some instances this results in overlapping test conditions.
 - Some standards allow you to take credit for tests performed in accordance with other standards were conditions are aligned.
- However, the Electromagnetic Environment of each installation platform and its effects on locally installed equipment often times vary.
 - These variances result in changes to test conditions (limits, levels, frequencies, etc...) causing gaps.
 - Gaps are considered Risk Areas which usually require testing to ensure compliance.



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Commercial Off the Shelf (COTS)

- The integration of COTS equipment in the DoD has been increasing exponentially of the past decade.
 - More cost effective
 - Improved deployment time
- However, COTS equipment is generally not designed or intended for Combat EME's.
 - Equipment is commonly qualified to commercial industry standards not MIL-STD.
 - Occasionally, Risk Analysis Assessments and certain test requirements are waived in an effort to support rapid deployments (on a case-by-case basis).
 - In most cases, COTS equipment will require some modification to meet MIL-STD test criteria.





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MIL-STD-461	IEC/EN/CISPR
RE101 Magnetic Field Emissions 30 Hz – 100 kHz	No equivalent test required
RE102 Electric Field Emissions	CISPR 16 Electric Field Radiated Emissions
10 kHz – 18 GHz	30 MHz – 1 GHz
CE101 Conducted Emissions	IEC 61000-3-2 Current Harmonics <16Amps
(Current)	IEC 61000-3-12 Current Harmonics <75Amps
Power leads Only 30 Hz – 10 kHz	Fundamental to 50 th harmonic
CE102 Conducted Emissions	CISPR /IEC/EN Conducted Emissions
(Voltage)	Power 150 kHz – 30 MHz
Power leads Only 10 kHz – 10 MHz	Communications (I/O) 150 kHz – 30 MHz



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MIL-STD RE102 to CISPR32 Comparison

Major Differences

- Frequency Range
- Measurement Distance
- Resolution BW
- Peak Vs. Quasi-Peak & Average Measurements

Other Considerations:

- Near Field Vs. Far Field
- Maximization routine
- *Mode(s) of operation*
- Equipment Configuration





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Common Issues: CE101 Current Harmonic Control

 Current Harmonics Emissions produced by a commercial off the shelf UPS, and other power conversion technologies commonly have problems meeting MIL-STD-461's CE101 while previously complying with the IEC's 61000-3-2, or 3-12 harmonics control criteria.



- The CE101 ≥ 1kVA limit was derived from MIL-STD 1399 section 300A Shipboard and submarine power quality requirements.
 - Although the CE101 limit is relaxed based on the fundamental current draw but it regulates single harmonic currents to 3% from the 2nd to the 32nd.



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Common Issues: Harmonics Testing

- Commercial UPS equipment is typically tested at full load. It's Internal Inductive filtering "DC Link Choke" is sized to provide adequate harmonic control at the highest rating of the supply without causing significant voltage drop.
- Defense System integrators will generally oversize their UPS to allow for equipment expansion; resulting in a load size lower than the UPS full rating.
- The lower the current draw, lower the harmonic control provided by the UPS's internal filtering.
- It is common for COTS UPS at < 65% of it's maximum current rating, to exceed the CE101 Navy shipboard ≥ 1kVA test criteria.



Common Solutions: Harmonics Testing

- It is most likely that the COTS UPS Manufacturer will not modify their equipment for free.
- The cheapest solution is to establish a load rating that works for the application and is compliance with the standard.
- External filtering can be big, heavy, expensive, and can generate heat! This approach is not favorable, but if it's the only option then a design review is needed.
- Adding harmonic control filtering also cause other EMI/EMC test issues (RE101, High Temp Testing, etc...). Retesting may be required.







Defense V.s. Commercial Common Issues: Conducted Emissions Testing

- Conducted Emissions compliance issues are common for COTS variable frequency drives, and motor controllers.
- Carrier frequencies generally found between 4 kHz & 22 kHz.
- In some cases, COTS inverts will come with their own EMI filter to meet the standard FCC or CE Mark commissions requirements.
 - FCC & CE Mark conducted emissions testing starts at 150 kHz, whereas MIL-STD-461 starts at 10 kHz.
 - Input filtering loss pass cutoff is usually tuned for 150 kHz allowing carrier frequency to freely conduct back onto the utility.
 - Filter modifications or replacements typically occur







Defense V.s. Commercial Common Issues: Conducted Emissions Testing

- The FCC & CE Mark conducted emissions test starts at 150 kHz, whereas MIL-STD-461 starts at 10 kHz.
- COTS input power filtering is designed to meet the commercial standards with a low pass cutoff frequency usually tuned for 150 kHz.
- In this case, the Inverter's carrier frequency and other internal RF noise below 150 kHz may freely conduct back power system which can result in CE102 non- compliance issues.
- Modifications or replacement of the filter is typically required during qualification testing.





Defense V.s. Commercial Common Issues: Conducted Emissions Testing

- Additional COTS compliance gaps to consider:
- The CISPR 32 Quasi-Peak limit exceeds the CE102 115V limits by 21 dBμV.
- The CISPR 32 Average limit exceeds the CE102 115V limits by 8 dBµV.
- Since CE102 limit is based on peak detection measurements, the levels are not directly comparable. However, it's safe to say the CE102 Limit is far more stringent.





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MIL-STD-461	IEC/EN/CISPR
RS101 Magnetic Field Susceptibility	IEC 61000-4-8 Power frequency Magnetic Field
30 Hz – 100 kHz	50 Hz & 60Hz
RS103 Electric Field Susceptibility	IEC 61000-4-3 Electric Field Radiated Immunity
2 MHz – 18 GHz up to (40 GHz)	80 MHz – 2.7 GHz
CS101 Conducted Susceptibility (Voltage Ripple) Power leads Only 30 Hz – 150 kHz	IEC 61000-4-13 16 Hz – 2.4 kHz IEC 61000-4-16 15 Hz – 150 kHz
CS114 Conducted Susceptibility	IEC 61000-4-6 Conducted Immunity
Power (4 kHz) 10 kHz – 200 MHz	Power 150 kHz – 80 MHz
Communications(I/O)10 kHz – 200 MHz	Communications (I/O) 150 kHz – 80 MHz



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MIL-STD-461	IEC/EN/CISPR
CS106 Transient Susceptibility	IEC 61000-4-5 Electrical Surges
Power lines only	All Lines
CS115 Impulse excitation	IEC 61000-4-4 Electrical Fast Transients
All Lines	All Lines
CS116 Damped sinusoidal Transients	IEC 61000-4-12 Damped sinusoidal Transient
All Lines 10 kHz – 100 MHz	All Lines 100 kHz Ring wave
RS101 Radiated Susceptibility Magnetic field 30 Hz – 100 kHz	IEC 61000-4-9 Magnetic Pulse 50/60Hz to 50 kHz IEC 61000-4-10 Damped Sinusoidal Mag. Pulse 100kHz & 1 MHz
CS117 Lightning Induced Transients	EUROCAE ED-14 Environmental conditions and test procedures for airborne equipment
CS118 Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)	IEC 61000-4-2 Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)
Harmonized	Harmonized
RS105 Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) 50 kV 2/50ns	IEC 61000-4-23 Test methods for protective devices for HEMP and other radiated disturbances

Nuclear Industry

- NRC REGULATORY GUIDE 1.180
 - Guidelines for Evaluating Electromagnetic and Radio-Frequency Interference in Safety Related Instrumentations and Control Systems.
- EPRI TR-102323 Rev 5
 - Guidelines for Electromagnetic Interference Testing of Power Plant Equipment .



- The NRC and EPRI leverage test methodologies from MIL-STD-461 and IEC to ensure equipment EM compatibility in Nuclear Power plants.
 - Test criteria has been tailored to best represent the nuclear power plant EM environment.
- Manufacturers may select either industry to show compliance, but generally test a combination of the two in an effort to minimize risk due to compliance gaps.



Aerospace

- RTCA DO160 provides test procedures and criteria for evaluating airborne equipment for all types of commercial aircraft ranging from general aviation aircraft and helicopters to "jumbo jets".
- It is comprised of 26 test procedure sections and three appendices, 9 of which are classified as electrical/EMI type test methods.
- Most test methods, and criteria are based on DoD requirements, but tailored to best represent the Airframe EM environment.















Defense	DO160
RE101 Magnetic Field Radiated Emissions 30 Hz – 100 kHz	Section 15 DC Magnetic Field
RE102 Electric Field Radiated Emissions 10 kHz – 18 GHz	Section 21 Electric Field Radiated Emissions 100 MHz – 6 GHz
CE101 Conducted Emissions (Current) Power leads Only 30 Hz – 10 kHz	Section 16 Power Input Harmonic Content
CE102 Conducted Emissions (Voltage) Power leads Only 30 Hz – 10 kHz	Section 21 Conducted Emissions (current) Power 150 kHz – 152 MHz Communications (I/O) 150 kHz – 152 MHz



Defense Vs. Aerospace

MIL-STD-461	DO160
RS101 Magnetic Field Susceptibility 30 Hz – 100 kHz	Section 19 Induced Signal Susceptibility Equipment 350 Hz & 800 Hz 20 Arms Cabling 350 Hz up to 32 kHz
RS103 Electric Field Susceptibility 2 MHz – 18 GHz up to (40 GHz)	Section 20 Radiated Susceptibility 100 MHz – 18 GHz Includes CW, SW, and PM (HIRF)
CS101 Conducted Susceptibility (Voltage Ripple) Power leads Only 30 Hz – 150 kHz	Section 18 Audio Signal Susceptibility (Voltage Ripple) Power Leads Only 10 Hz to 150 kHz
CS114 Conducted Susceptibility Power (4 kHz) 10 kHz – 200 MHz Communications(I/O)10 kHz – 200 MHz	Section 20 Conducted Susceptibility Power 10 kHz – 400 MHz Communications (I/O) 10 kHz – 400 MHz



MIL-STD-461	RTCA DO160
CS106 Transient Susceptibility Power lines only 2usec/10usec	Section 17 Voltage Spike Power Lines Only 2usec/10usec
CS115 Impulse excitation All Lines	Section 19 induced signal susceptibility All Lines
CS116 Damped sinusoidal Transients All Lines 10 kHz – 100 MHz	Section 22 Lightning Induced Transients All Lines 1 MHz & 10 MHz
RS105 Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) 50 kV 2/50ns	Not Covered
Not Covered	Section 23 Lightning Direct Effects Magnetic Component
Not Covered	Section 16 Power Input Characteristics AC & DC
Not Covered	Sections 25 Electrostatic Discharge



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Radiated Susceptibility Comparison

- Frequency Range
- Step Size
- Modulation
- HIRF

Other Considerations: DoD generally adresses the Electromagnetic Environment at the system level (MIL-STD-464).





Summary

- Differences in test methodology and Test Criteria may exist between standards which usually requires additional qualification testing to enter a product into new markets.
- A Risk analysis should be performed prior to testing to determine if design modifications are needed.
- Combine the most severe test criteria when qualifying a product for deployment into multiple platforms under the same market to save time and money.

Examples:

- Combining Ships above decks and below decks criteria
- Combining fixed wing aircraft, and helicopter criteria



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