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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) the scope of this document has been clarified to make a distinction between flicker testing without voltage fluctuations to measure the intrinsic performance of lighting equipment and flicker testing in which a specific set of voltage fluctuations are applied in order to measure the immunity of the lighting equipment to voltage fluctuations present on the mains;

b) the test procedure for flicker testing has been clarified.

The text of this Technical Report is based on the following documents:

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INTRODUCTION

The fast rate at which solid state light (SSL) sources can change their intensity is one of the main drivers behind the revolution in the lighting world and applications of lighting. Linked to the fast rate of the intensity change is a direct transfer of the modulation of the driving current, both intended and unintended, to a modulation of the luminous output. This light modulation can give rise to changes in the perception of the environment. While in some very specific entertainment, scientific or industrial applications a change of perception due to light modulation is desired, for most everyday applications and activities the change is detrimental and undesired. These changes in the perception of the environment are called "temporal light artefacts" (TLAs) and can have a large influence on the judgment of the light quality. Moreover, the visible modulation of light can lead to a decrease in performance, increased fatigue as well as health problems like epileptic seizures and migraine episodes [17][18][1].

Different terms exist to describe the different types of TLAs that may be perceived by humans. The term "flicker" refers to light variation that may be directly perceived by an observer. "Stroboscopic effect" is an effect which may become visible for an observer when a moving or rotating object is illuminated (CIE TN 006:2016 [26]).

Possible causes for light modulation of lighting equipment that may give rise to flicker or stroboscopic effect are:

– AC supply combined with light source technology and its driver topology;
– light regulation technology of externally applied light level regulators or internal light level regulators;
– mains voltage fluctuations caused by electrical apparatus connected to the mains (conducted electromagnetic disturbances) or intentionally applied for mains-signalling purposes.

Lighting products that show unacceptable flicker are considered as poor-quality lighting.

This document provides a description of an objective light flickermeter and a method for measuring the intrinsic flicker of lighting equipment as well as testing the immunity of lighting equipment against mains voltage fluctuations caused by electrical apparatus connected to the mains at levels that are allowed through IEC 61000-3-3.

Flicker perception, as well as IEC 61000-3-3 and IEC 61000-4-15, the associated standards for voltage fluctuations and the flickermeter, are based on the 60 W incandescent lamp. As a result of the phasing out of incandescent lamps and the widespread introduction of alternative lighting equipment technologies, a new reference lamp was considered. It has been demonstrated that new lighting technologies are in general less but sometimes also more sensitive to supply voltage fluctuations than the current 60 W incandescent lamp. A CIGRE working group has assessed the impact of new lighting technologies on the existing flicker standards [16]. For the moment, the present flicker sensitivity curve of IEC 61000-3-3 remains as the reference. However, because of the increased diversity of sensitivity of lighting equipment to voltage fluctuations, there is a future need for a voltage-fluctuation immunity test specifically for lighting equipment. In this way, the full EMC approach (Figure 1) is introduced for flicker, i.e. with a view to limiting voltage fluctuations caused by equipment connected to the grid, and in addition to establishing a minimum level of flicker immunity of lighting equipment against these voltage fluctuations.

This document will allow the lighting industry to gain experience in flicker immunity test methods. Results of actual tests will be reported in a separate IEC Technical Report. Based on the experience gained on this immunity test method, the adoption of a similar test to be applied for IEC 61547, the immunity standard for lighting equipment, will be considered.

[1] Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

EQUIPMENT FOR GENERAL LIGHTING PURPOSES – EMC IMMUNITY REQUIREMENTS –

Part 1: Objective light flickermeter and voltage fluctuation immunity test method

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61547 describes an objective light flickermeter, which can be applied for the following purposes:

- measuring the intrinsic performance of all lighting equipment without the application of voltage fluctuations in terms of illuminance flicker; during this measurement, the lighting equipment is supplied with a stable mains;
- testing the immunity performance of lighting equipment against (unintentional) voltage fluctuation disturbance on the AC mains in terms of illuminance flicker; during this test a set of defined voltage fluctuations are applied to the AC mains and the immunity of the lighting equipment to the disturbance is determined.

Apart from the above two purposes, the immunity performance of lighting equipment can also be tested against intentional voltage fluctuation on the AC mains arising for example from mains signalling. This is however not described in further detail in this document.

NOTE 1 IEC 61000-4-13:2015 [24] provides guidance regarding test levels and frequencies for mains signalling.

The object of this document is to establish a common and objective reference for evaluating the performance of lighting equipment in terms of illuminance flicker. Temporal changes in the colour of light (chromatic flicker) are not considered in this test.

This method can be applied to lighting equipment which is within the scope of IEC technical committee 34, such as lamps and luminaires, intended for connection to a low voltage electricity supply. Independent auxiliaries such as drivers can also be tested by application of a representative light source to that auxiliary.

The objective light flickermeter and voltage fluctuation immunity method described in this document are based on the IEC 61000-3-3 standard for voltage fluctuation limits and the flickermeter standard IEC 61000-4-15.

The objective light flickermeter described in this document can be applied to objectively assess flicker of lighting equipment that is powered from any type of source, AC mains, DC mains, battery fed or fed through an external light level regulator. The specific voltage fluctuation immunity test method described in this document applies to lighting equipment rated for 120 V AC and 230 V AC, 50 Hz and 60 Hz.

NOTE 2 The principle of the method can be applied for other nominal voltages and frequency ratings.

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 61000-3-3:2013, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-3: Limits – Limitation of voltage changes, voltage fluctuations and flicker in public low-voltage supply systems, for equipment with rated current ≤ 16 A per phase and not subject to conditional connection*

IEC 61000-4-15:2010, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-15: Testing and measurement techniques – Flickermeter – Functional and design specifications*

3 Terms, definitions, abbreviated terms and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 61000-3-3 and IEC 61000-4-15 and the following apply.

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3.1.1
flicker
perception of visual unsteadiness induced by a light stimulus the luminance or spectral distribution of which fluctuates with time, for a static observer in a static environment

Note 1 to entry: The fluctuations of the light stimulus with time include periodic and non-periodic fluctuations and can be induced by the source itself, the power source or other influencing factors.

[SOURCE: CIE TN 006:2016]

3.1.2
flickermeter
instrument designed to measure any quantity representative of flicker

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-614:2016, 614-01-30]

3.1.3
voltage flickermeter
instrument which is designed to measure any quantity representative of flicker resulting from mains voltage fluctuations

Note 1 to entry: Specifications of the voltage flickermeter can be found in IEC 61000-4-15.

3.1.4
illuminance
quotient of the luminous flux $\mathrm{d}\Phi_\mathrm{v}$ incident on an element of the surface containing the point, by the area $\mathrm{d}A$ of that element

Equivalent definition. Integral, taken over the hemisphere visible from the given point, of the expression $L_\mathrm{v}\cdot\cos\,\theta\cdot\mathrm{d}\Omega$ where L_v is the luminance at the given point in the various directions of the incident elementary beams of solid angle $\mathrm{d}\Omega$, and θ is the angle between any of these beams and the normal to the surface at the given point

$$E_\mathrm{v} = \frac{\mathrm{d}\Phi_v}{\mathrm{d}A} = \int_{2\pi\ \mathrm{sr}} L_\mathrm{v}\cdot\cos\theta\cdot\mathrm{d}\Omega$$

Note 1 to entry: Illuminance is expressed in lx or $\mathrm{lm}\cdot\mathrm{m}^{-2}$.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-845:1987, 845-01-38]

3.1.5
light flickermeter
instrument designed to measure flicker resulting from temporal changes in the intensity of the light in an objective way

Note 1 to entry: The light flickermeter is based on the IEC 61000-4-15 specifications.

3.1.6
threshold of flicker irritability
maximum value of a fluctuation of luminance or of spectral distribution which gives rise to a flicker tolerated without discomfort by a specified sample of the population

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-161:1990, 161-08-16]

3.1.7
short-term flicker indicator
P_{st}
measure of flicker evaluated over a specified time interval of a relatively short duration

Note 1 to entry: The duration is typically 10 min, in accordance with IEC 61000-4-15.

Note 2 to entry: The alternative term "short term flicker severity" is used in IEC 61000-3-3 and IEC 61000-4-15.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-161:1990, 161-08-18, modified – Note 2 has been added.]

3.2 Abbreviated terms

AC	alternating current
CFL	compact fluorescent lamp
CIE	Commission Internationale de l'Éclairage
cpm	changes per minute
DC	direct current
EUT	equipment under test
EMC	electromagnetic compatibility
Hz	hertz
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
kHz	kilohertz
LED	light emitting diode
ms	millisecond
RMS	root mean square
SSL	solid state lighting
V	volt
W	watt

3.3 Symbols

α	multiplication factor
C_A	gain of the light amplifier
d	relative voltage change
d_E	relative change of the rectangular modulation of the illuminance
d_r	relative change of the 100 Hz-illuminance ripple
ΔL	instantaneous total light variation after a voltage fluctuation
Δu	instantaneous total voltage variation after a voltage fluctuation
ΔU	total voltage variation of the half-period RMS value after a voltage fluctuation
f	mains frequency (50 Hz or 60 Hz)
f_m	modulation frequency
L	light
m	modulation index
%	percent
pp	percentage point
P_{inst}	instantaneous flicker sensation
P_{st}	short-term flicker indicator
P_{st}^{LM}	flicker metric of the illuminance of an EUT without the application of voltage fluctuations and measured with a light flickermeter
$P_{st}^{LM}(I)$	flicker metric of the illuminance of an EUT with the application of voltage fluctuations and measured with a light flickermeter
$P_{st}^{LM}(C)$	flicker metric of the illuminance of the combination of a light source and a dimmer measured with a light flickermeter
P_{st}^{V}	flicker metric of the supply voltage measured with a voltage flickermeter
$P_{st}^{V}(N)$	flicker metric of the noise level from an unmodulated supply voltage measured with a voltage flickermeter
s	complex Laplace variable
$\hat{u}$	amplitude of the mains voltage
$u(t)$	mains voltage signal
$u_E(t)$	output voltage of the light sensor amplifier
T_m	modulation period
T_{test}	period of time over which the illuminance is measured during application of the voltage fluctuation
U	half-period RMS-value

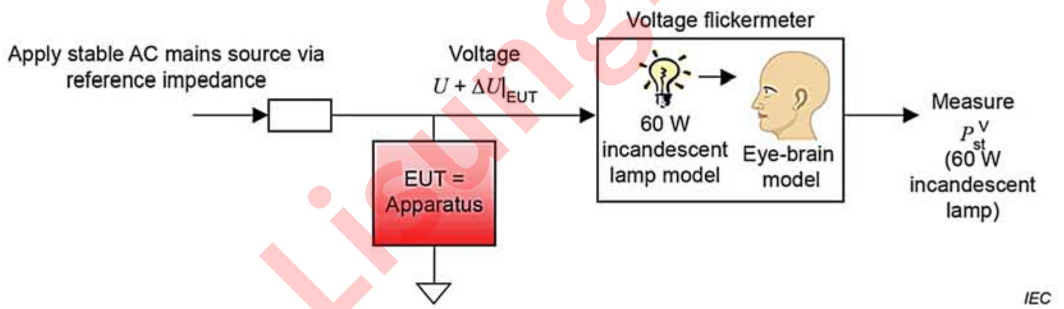
4 General

The immunity of lighting equipment to voltage fluctuations may be tested by applying specific types and levels of voltage fluctuations to the mains, in accordance with the short-term flicker indicator $P_{st} = 1$ curve for the reference incandescent lamp of 60 W specified in IEC 61000-3-3. In this way, the full EMC approach is applied for flicker, i.e. voltage fluctuations caused by equipment connected to the grid are limited by the voltage fluctuation emission test of IEC 61000-3-3, while the level of flicker immunity of lighting equipment against these P_{st}^{V} = 1 voltage fluctuations is tested using the method specified in this document (see Figure 1).

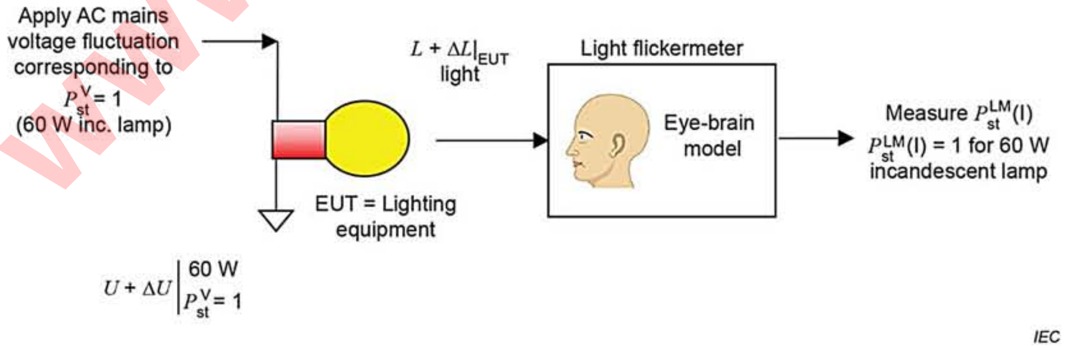
During the test, the supply voltage is modulated with a fluctuation of P_{st}^{V} = 1 which is extracted from the threshold of the flicker irritability curve. The luminous intensity variation of the lighting equipment is measured and recorded. A light flickermeter is applied to measure the value of the metric which is denoted by $P_{st}^{LM}(I)$, which indicates that the test is carried out with the application of voltage fluctuations and the letter I stands for immunity. Further details of the voltage fluctuations can be found in Table 1.

A flicker measurement can also be performed in order to determine the intrinsic flicker performance of the lighting equipment. During this test, a stable mains source (see 6.2) is used (i.e. no voltage fluctuations are applied). Similar to the above, the luminous intensity variation of the lighting equipment is measured and recorded. A light flickermeter is applied to measure the value of the metric which is denoted by P_{st}^{LM}.

NOTE In principle, flicker perfomance tests can be applied to an individual product as well as to test the flicker performance of installations in actual applications (in-situ). However, the latter in-situ testing is much more prone to measurement uncertainties due to various influence quantities such as ambient light, light modulations from other light sources or daylight or moving subjects and (undefined/irregular) voltage fluctuation on the network. Therefore, P_{st}^{LM} measurements are normally done at product level. The TLA performance of an actual application environment of multiple light sources is generally better than the TLA performance of a single light source due to the averaging out of the light modulation from the different light sources. Note that the flicker immunity test against voltage fluctuations ($P_{st}^{LM}(I)$) cannot be performed in-situ.



a) Voltage fluctuation emission test in IEC 61000-3-3, using the IEC voltage flickermeter in IEC 61000-4-15



b) Voltage fluctuation immunity test specified in this document

Figure 1 – Full EMC approach for mains voltage fluctuations

5 Light flickermeter

For an objective assessment of flicker due to low-frequency light modulation, the flickermeter specified in Annex A is used. Additional requirements for this light flickermeter are given in 7.3, 7.4, 7.5 and 7.6.

This light flickermeter can be applied to objectively assess the flicker of lighting equipment that is powered from any type of source, AC mains, DC mains, battery powered or powered through an external light level regulator. In this document, specific mains voltage disturbance signals are given in Clause 6 for 120 V AC and 230 V AC, 50 Hz and 60 Hz networks.

6 Voltage fluctuation disturbance signal

6.1 General

The immunity test against voltage fluctuations is carried out in accordance with the test method specified in Clause 7. The disturbances are rectangular amplitude modulations that are applied on the AC mains.

The mains signal is amplitude modulated with rectangular signals with frequencies between approximately 0,3 Hz and 40 Hz. For the rectangular modulated mains signal $u(t)$, the following Equation (1) applies:

$$u(t) = \hat{u} \cdot \sin(2\pi ft) \cdot \{1 + m \cdot \text{signum}\,(\sin(2\pi f_m t))\} \tag{1}$$

where

$\hat{u}$ is the amplitude of the mains voltage;

f is the mains frequency;

m is the modulation index;

signum(x) = the signum function, signum(x) = 1 for $x > 0$
signum(x) = 0 for $x = 0$
signum(x) = –1 for $x < 0$

f_m is the modulation frequency = $1/T_m$.

Furthermore, the half-period RMS value U of the unmodulated mains signal can be written as:

$$U = \hat{u} / \sqrt{2} \tag{2}$$

In IEC 61000-4-15, the relative voltage change d is applied:

$$d = \Delta u / \hat{u} = \Delta U / U \,, \tag{3}$$

for rectangular amplitude modulation with modulation frequencies $< f$

where

Δu is the instantaneous total voltage variation after a voltage fluctuation;

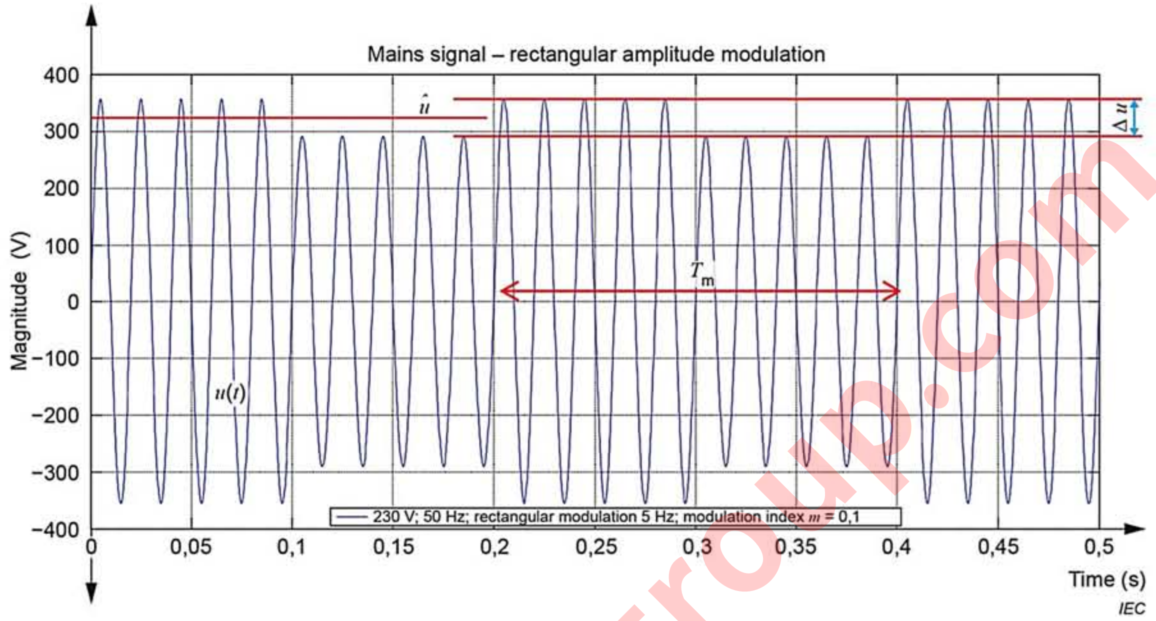
ΔU is the total voltage variation of the half-period RMS value after a voltage fluctuation.

For a rectangular modulated mains signal with modulation index m the relative voltage change d is:

$$d = 2m. \quad (4)$$

The relative voltage change (or voltage fluctuation) d is often expressed as a percentage.

An example of the parameters is shown in Figure 2.



EXAMPLE Amplitude modulated mains signal (230 V; 50 Hz). Rectangular modulation; frequency 5 Hz (600 cpm); T_m = 0,2 s; modulation index m = 0,1 (relative voltage change d = 20 %).

Figure 2 – Illustration of the mains test signal including a rectangular modulated voltage fluctuation (see Equation (1))

Voltage fluctuations frequencies are often expressed in terms of voltage changes per minute (cpm). The relation between the voltage fluctuation frequency f_m (in Hz) and the cpm (one cycle contains two changes) is:

$$f_m = \text{cpm} / 120. \quad (5)$$

6.2 Mains signal parameters

The unmodulated test voltage level U should be set and maintained at the nominal value of 120 V or 230 V, with a tolerance of ±0,5 %.

The mains frequency f should be set and maintained with a tolerance of ±0,5 % of the nominal value of 50 Hz or 60 Hz.

Residual fluctuations of the unmodulated test supply voltage during a test may give rise to a noise level $P_{st}^{V}(N)$ that is not exactly zero. It is recommended to keep this $P_{st}^{V}(N)$ level below 0,2. See Clause B.5 for the impact on the uncertainty of the test.

When the above mains signal parameters are achieved, it is referred to as a stable mains source in this document.

NOTE In IEC 61000-3-3, the $P_{st}^{V}(N)$ level is specified to be less than 0,4 which can induce an uncertainty of 8 % in the IEC 61000-4-15 measurement. However, in this test protocol there are many sources of uncertainty and that is the reason to set a more strict $P_{st}^{V}(N)$ level tolerance.

6.3 Disturbance signal parameters and test levels

Specific test frequencies and types of modulation are specified in the IEC flickermeter standard IEC 61000-4-15 for performance verification purposes. It is recommended to use the test frequencies and the rectangular modulation given in IEC 61000-4-15:2010, Table 5 also as test signals for voltage fluctuation immunity testing of lighting equipment.

The recommended specific levels of relative voltage changes and modulation frequencies to be applied are given in Table 1. The test levels in this table are partly taken from the flickermeter performance test specifications given in IEC 61000-4-15:2010, Table 5, and from the test level at 8,8 Hz given in IEC 61000-4-15:2010, Table 2b. The latter frequency is the most sensitive frequency over the frequency range of interest.

The voltage fluctuation test levels given in Table 1 (i.e. P_{st}^{V} = 1 levels) give $P_{st}^{LM}(I)$ = 1 if a typical 60 W incandescent lamp is used.

NOTE 1 Not all 60 W incandescent lamps have exactly the same response to P_{st}^{V} = 1 [15].

NOTE 2 For a 60 Hz voltage source a higher deviation in $P_{st}^{LM}(I)$ at a modulation frequency of 40 Hz is observed because of the cut-off frequency of the low pass filter (LPF) of the flickermeter. The tolerance for this specific point can be increased to ±10 %.

The rectangular modulation pattern should be applied with a duty cycle of 50 % ± 2 percentage point (pp), and the transition time from one voltage level to the next should be less than 0,5 ms. All test frequencies and level combinations will give a short-term flicker value of P_{st}^{V} = 1 corresponding to the threshold of the flicker irritability curve.

The duration of the voltage fluctuation applied to the EUT should be a minimum of 180 s (see footnote c of Table 1).

Table 1 – Voltage fluctuations – Test specification of voltage fluctuations applied at input AC mains 120/230 V and 50/60 Hz

Rectangular amplitude modulations with duty cycle of 50 % [a c d f]					
Voltage changes per minute cpm	Modulation frequency f_m Hz	Relative voltage fluctuation $d = \Delta U/U$ %			
		120 V 50 Hz	120 V 60 Hz	230 V 50 Hz	230 V 60 Hz
39	0,325 0	1,045	1,040	0,894	0,895
110	0,916 7	0,844	0,844	0,722	0,723
1 056	8,8	0,353 b	0,353 [b]	0,275 [b]	0,275 [b]
1 620	13,5	0,545	0,548	0,407	0,409
4 000	33 1/3 [e]	3,426	Test not required	2,343	Test not required
4 800	40,0 [e]	Test not required	4,837	Test not required	3,263

[a] See Table 5 of IEC 61000-4-15:2010 and Table D1 of IEC 61000-3-3:2013.

[b] See Tables 2a and 2b of IEC 61000-4-15:2010 for P_{inst} = 1; the values of d = 0,252 % and d = 0,196 % are increased to respectively 0,353 % and 0,275 % to give $P_{st}^{LM}(1)$ = 1.

[c] The duration of the voltage fluctuation and recording of the illuminance is recommended to be a minimum of 180 s (60 s for the transient response of the flickermeter's filters and 120 s for the duration of the statistical evaluation of the flicker level in block d, see A.2.5). First of all, the transient response of the light flickermeter's filters should be considered, which is dominated by the illuminance adapter (block a, see A.2.2). The time constant of this filter is set at 10 s, reaching the 90 % of the value corresponding to the steady state response at approximately 50 s. In addition, the evaluation period should contain an integer number of voltage fluctuation periods. For the set of test modulation frequencies given in this table, the minimum duration to achieve an integer number of voltage fluctuation periods in all the test cases is 120 s.

[d] Recommended absolute tolerance for the duty cycle is ±2 pp, for the modulation frequency the recommended tolerance is ±1 % and for the relative voltage fluctuation the recommended tolerance is ±5 %.

[e] The 33 1/3 Hz and 40 Hz modulation frequencies should be synchronous with the supply frequency of respectively 50 Hz and 60 Hz with a fixed phase angle as defined by Equation (1).

[f] The light flicker specifications in this document are expanded such that it is aligned with the voltage flicker specifications given in IEC 61000-4-15, which is limited to 120 V and 230 V, 50 Hz and 60 Hz. No voltage fluctuation tests are available yet for 100 V, 200 V and 277 V. However, in practice the test specifications given in this table for 120 V and 230 V can be applied for 100 V and 200/277 V respectively for indicative purposes.

7 Test setup and equipment

7.1 General

The block diagram of the test setup is shown in Figure 3. One can distinguish three parts in the setup:

a) generation of the test voltage,

b) application of the test voltage to the EUT, photometric measurement of the EUT in an optically shielded environment,

c) measurement and control equipment.

Note that the same setup is used to measure the intrinsic flicker performance of a lighting equipment, P_{st}^{LM}, with the omittance of the application of the modulation.

More details of the equipment properties are described below.

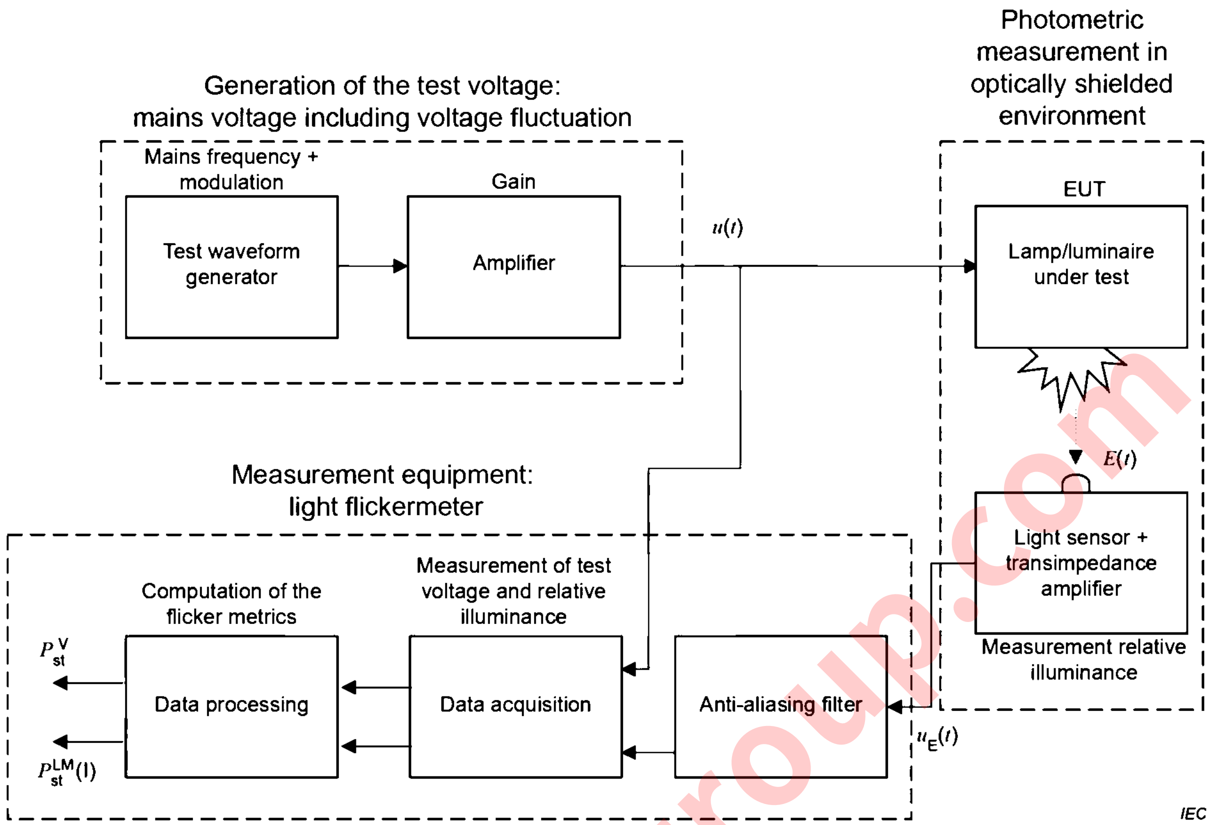


Figure 3 – Block diagram voltage-fluctuation immunity test

NOTE The same block diagram can be used to measure the intrinsic flicker metric of a light source. In this case the voltage fluctuation is not applied, and the outputs of the data processing block are P_{st}^{LM} and $P_{st}^{V}(N)$.

7.2 Test voltage

The test voltage, which consists of the mains voltage with a rectangular amplitude modulation, can be synthesized using a waveform generator and an amplifier. This may be implemented also by using a separate waveform generator for the modulating signal that is applied to a generator that makes the 50/60 Hz mains signal.

It is important that the equipment for generating the amplitude modulation is capable of generating voltage fluctuations well below the lowest test level of d = 0,275 % at 8,8 Hz (see Table 1).

Care should be taken that no other disturbing signals than the amplitude modulation are present (see 6.2 and 8.4 for the verification).

The characteristics of the test voltage should be verified by either measurement through an oscilloscope (see 8.3) or by direct application of a flickermeter specified in IEC 61000-4-15.

7.3 Optical test environment

The illuminance of the EUT is measured for processing by the light flickermeter. There is no need for measuring the absolute value. Only the relative illuminance is determined.

The EUT and the light sensor are located in an optically shielded environment to avoid disturbances from light sources other than the EUT.

The test environment should also be mechanically robust to avoid vibrations of the EUT and light sensor that may give rise to unwanted variations in the illuminance.

It is recommended that the light output of the EUT is measured indirectly via a reflecting surface. This is especially true for lighting equipment with a spatial distribution of light sources (e.g. TL, TLED, 2D LED matrix).

An integrating sphere, such as an Ulbricht sphere, may be applied. This can be convenient because then the orientation and alignment of the EUT with respect to the light sensor is less critical.

7.4 Light sensor and amplifier

A photodiode with a filter and an appropriate amplifier is applied for measuring the illuminance (or more specifically: the relative illuminance) of the EUT.

The photodiode, optical filter and amplifier combination should satisfy the following characteristics:

a) the optical filter should match the photodiode to the eye sensitivity curve of CIE 1931 which is the CIE 1931 standard observer function specified in ISO/CIE 11664-1:2019 [2];
b) the cut-off frequency of the amplifier should enable measurement of all flicker-relevant frequencies. A cut-off frequency of 2 kHz is recommended;
c) the output voltage of the amplifier should vary linearly with the illuminance and no offset-voltage should be present.

Care should be taken that no clipping of the measured waveform takes place due to a wrong amplifier gain.

7.5 Signals to be measured

The output voltage $u_E(t)$ of the light sensor amplifier is measured as a function of time over a period T_{test}. The output voltage $u_E(t)$ varies linearly with the illuminance $E(t)$:

$$u_E(t) = C_A \cdot E(t) \text{ is measured between } 0 < t < T_{test} \tag{6}$$

where C_A is the constant including the gain of the amplifier and which relates the output voltage of the light sensor amplifier to the illuminance.

In addition, the mains voltage including the voltage variation $u(t)$ is measured over the same time period.

The signals can be measured with an oscilloscope. It is recommended to apply an appropriate low-pass filter in the oscilloscope to limit the noise.

The measured signals are recorded for further processing.

7.6 Signal processing

7.6.1 Anti-aliasing filter

The light output of some types of lamps may contain spectral components at frequencies well above 100 Hz (kHz-range) that are not producing visible flicker. Depending on the sampling frequency (see 7.6.2) these higher frequency components may be undersampled and this may lead to aliasing which gives artefacts in the light sensor signal. It is recommended to avoid such aliasing effects by application of a low-pass filter between the amplifier output of the light sensor and the measurement system.

EXAMPLE A 1st order low-pass filter with 3 dB cut-off frequency of 1 kHz will attenuate a factor 10 at 3 kHz. For 3 kHz, the sampling frequency is then at least 6 kHz.

7.6.2 Sampling frequency

For processing of the signals, in accordance with the Nyquist criterion, the sampling frequency should be at least twice the bandwidth of the signal, which is approximately twice the highest frequency within the signal to be measured.

The mains voltage signal of 50/60 Hz with amplitude modulation ranging from 0,3 Hz up to 40 Hz has a spectrum of interest up to the sum of the mains and the modulation frequency. Hence, the frequency range of interest of the mains voltage signal extends roughly up to 100 Hz.

The illuminance signal has a spectrum of interest that is at least twice the spectrum of the mains signal for incandescent lamps. For non-incandescent types of lighting equipment, much higher frequencies may be present depending on the driver technology applied. As these much higher frequencies are not of interest for flicker, these should be filtered before sampling (see 7.6.1).

Interharmonics may also cause beat frequencies that may produce light flicker.

Still for calculating flicker, the highest frequency of interest is determined by the highest modulation frequency, the mains frequency and the possible interharmonics. The flickermeter, and also the light flickermeter contain a bandpass filter (0,05 Hz to 35 Hz), see Annex A.

Although the highest frequency of interest in the illuminance signal is limited to approximately 200 Hz, the way the various digital filters are implemented usually requires oversampling and therefore much higher sampling rates (see [8][11]).

For the MATLAB®[2] implementation of the IEC 61000-4-15 flickermeter given in [13], a sampling rate of at least 2 kHz is recommended. Therefore, for the light flickermeter, a sampling rate of at least 4 kHz is recommended as the bandwidth of the illuminance signal resulting from the mains voltage and its fluctuations is approximately twice the bandwidth of the mains signal. As explained in 7.6.1, the sampling frequency should be selected also in conjunction with the cut-off frequency of the anti-aliasing filter applied. For practical low-pass filters with a cut-off frequency around 1 kHz, a sample rate of at least 10 kHz is recommended.

An example of a recorded illuminance signal over a period of 1 s is given in Figure 4. The 100 Hz ripple, which is typical for an incandescent lamp, and the additional modulation resulting from the amplitude modulation of the mains voltage at 8,8 Hz (d = 0,275 %) are clearly visible.

7.6.3 Signal resolution

As a result of the recommended $P_{\mathrm{st}}^{\mathrm{V}}(\mathrm{N})$ level of 0,2 (see 6.2), the uncertainty of the relative voltage fluctuation should be 0,2 times the lowest level of the relative voltage fluctuation, which is 0,275 % at 8,8 Hz amplitude modulation. Hence the uncertainty of the relative voltage fluctuation should be less than 0,055 % (−65 dB). This means that in case of application of an AD (analogue to digital) convertor, more than 10 bits is required (signal-to-quantization-noise ratio for 11 bits = −66 dB).

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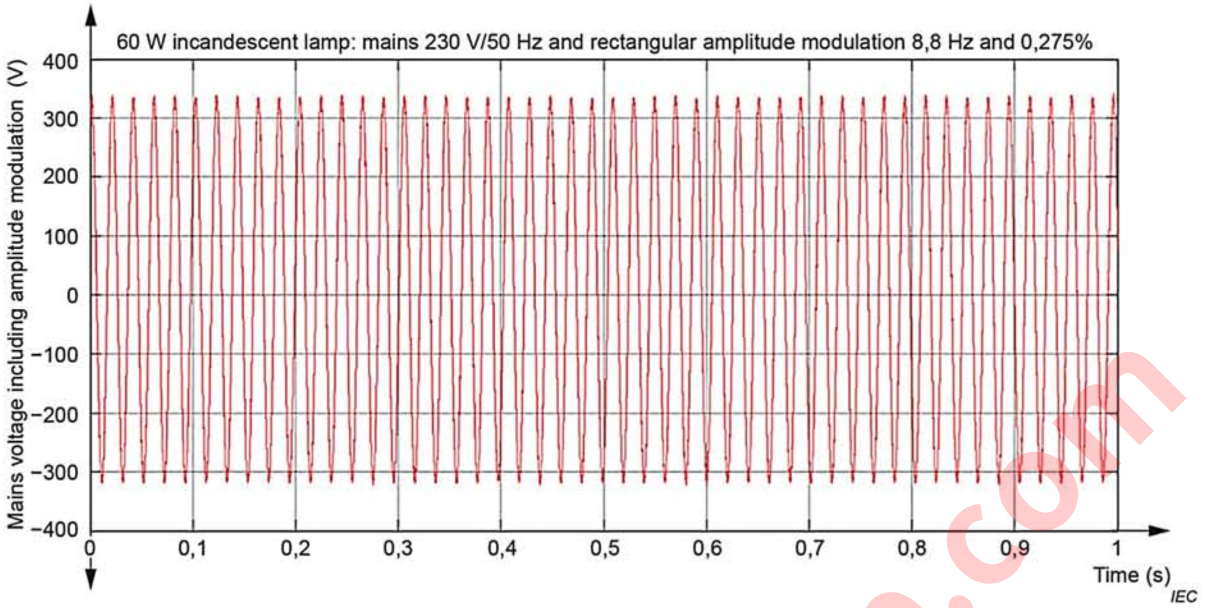
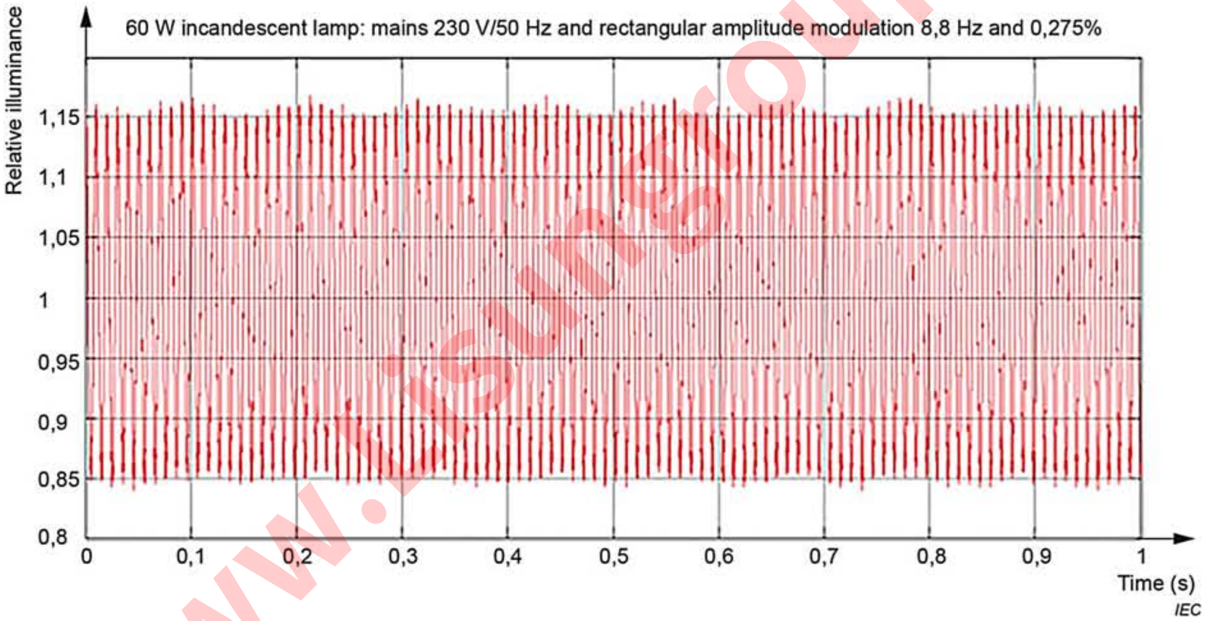
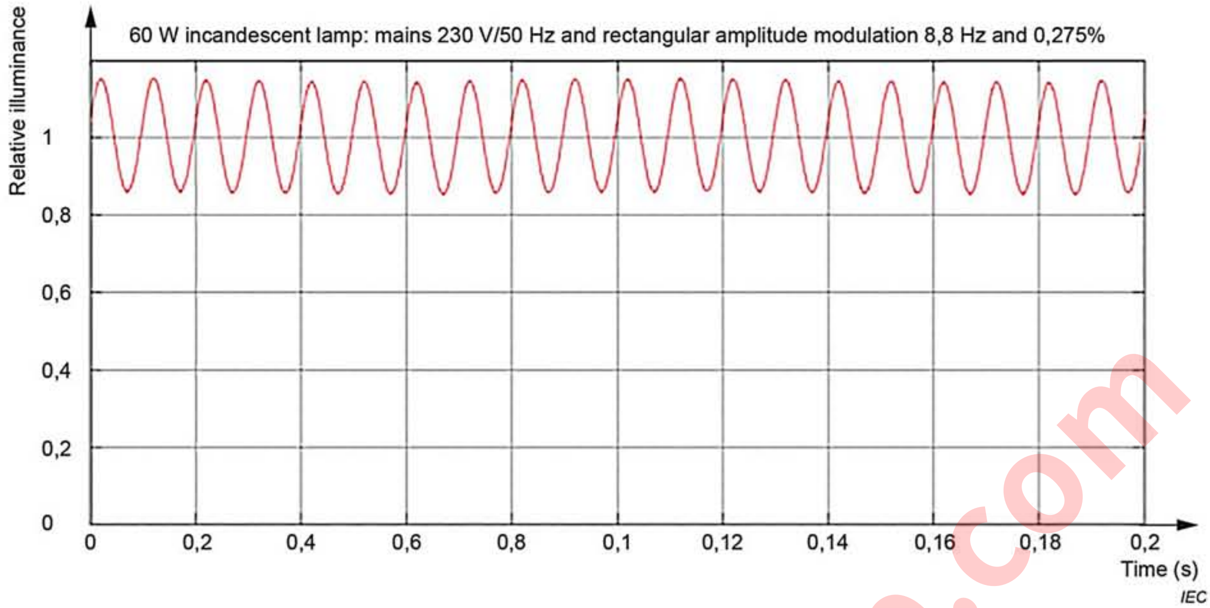


a) Mains voltage fluctuation with rectangular modulation of 8,8 Hz and *d* = 0,275 %



b) Illuminance signal of a 60 W incandescent lamp including a 100 Hz ripple and an additional modulation due to the modulated mains voltage fluctuation (a)



c) Same as b) zoomed over 0,2 s and vertical range from 0 to 1,2

Figure 4 – Example of a recorded mains voltage fluctuation and illuminance signal of a 60 W incandescent lamp

8 Verification procedure

8.1 General

The test is subject to uncertainties. Annex B gives an overview of the main influence quantities for the uncertainty.

In order to limit uncertainties of the test, it is recommended to perform a number of verification tests at regular intervals.

The verification tests are described in the following Subclauses 8.2 to 8.7.

8.2 Light flickermeter

Verification of the light flickermeter may be performed using the procedure given in Clause A.3.

It is recommended that the outcome of the verification satisfies the following for all test frequencies given in Table A.1:

$$\frac{\left|P_{\text{st}}^{\text{LM}}(E) - P_{\text{st}}^{\text{LM}}\right|}{P_{\text{st}}^{\text{LM}}(E)} \text{x}100\% < 5\% \qquad (7)$$

where

$P_{\text{st}}^{\text{LM}}(E)$ is the flicker severity value of the standardized illuminance waveform $E(t)$ applied; see Equation (A.7), and

$P_{\text{st}}^{\text{LM}}$ is the value measured at the output of the light flickermeter using

$$P_{st}^{LM}(E) = \alpha , \tag{8}$$

for α = ¼, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

where α is the fixed multiplication factor with which all the d_E values given in Table A.1 are multiplied.

8.3 Mains voltage parameters without modulation

8.3.1 Nominal voltage level

The RMS-level of the mains signal should be measured when no modulation is applied.

It is recommended that the RMS-value satisfies:

$$U\,[\text{RMS}] = (120 \pm 0{,}5\ \%)\ \text{V or } (230 \pm 0{,}5\ \%)\ \text{V}. \tag{9}$$

8.3.2 Mains frequency

Verify that the mains frequency f satisfies the following:

$$f = (50 \pm 0{,}5\ \%)\ \text{Hz or } (60 \pm 0{,}5\ \%)\ \text{Hz}. \tag{10}$$

8.4 Voltage fluctuation level

8.4.1 General

It is important to verify the level of the voltage fluctuation when a certain modulation is applied. Two options can be used for this verification.

8.4.2 Option 1: measure the actual modulation frequencies and voltage levels

Verify that the modulation frequencies f_m given in Table 1 satisfy the following:

f_m is within ±1 % of the nominal values given in Table 1.

Apply a 1 % rectangular modulation at a frequency of 2 Hz. Measure the overall change of the peak value of the mains voltage at a transition. This voltage change should be:

$$\Delta u = (120 \times 1\ \%)\ \text{V} \times \sqrt{2} = (1{,}70 \pm 2\ \%)\ \text{V or} \tag{11}$$

$$\Delta u = (230 \times 1\ \%)\ \text{V} \times \sqrt{2} = (3{,}25 \pm 2\ \%)\ \text{V}.$$

8.4.3 Option 2: measure P_{st}^{V} values using a flickermeter

A flickermeter can be applied for verification of the voltage fluctuation levels as follows.

Measure the flicker noise level of the mains ($P_{st}^{V}(\text{N})$) using the flickermeter, when no modulation is applied. Verify that (see 6.2)

$$P_{st}^{V}(\text{N}) < 0{,}2. \tag{12}$$

Apply rectangular amplitude modulations to the mains in accordance with the specified test levels given in Table 1. Measure the actual flicker level using the flickermeter (P_{st}^{V}) and verify whether the mains signal including the voltage variation satisfies the following (see Table 1):

$$P_{st}^{V} = 1 \pm 0{,}05. \quad (13)$$

8.5 Light sensor and amplifier

Verify the absence of an offset voltage by covering the light sensor such that no light can enter the photodiode. Verify that voltage at the output of the amplifier is less than 0,1 % of the maximum voltage level of the amplifier (within its operating range).

Verify the linearity of the sensor by positioning the photodiode at different distances, r, from a stable small light source in an optical chamber. The voltage should vary linearly with $1/r^2$.

NOTE Measurements of photodiode voltage are made at distances such that the inverse square law applies within practical limits. In general, the test distance is preferably not less than 15 times the maximum dimension of the light emitting area of the light source (Ref CIE 121: 1996, Clause 6.2.1.4).

Verify the clipping level of the voltage output of the amplifier, and make sure that tests are executed below this level.

8.6 Test environment

Install the light sensor in the test environment where no EUT is present or in operation. Close the optical test environment and put all (other than the EUT) test equipment into operation.

Verify the absence of electromagnetic disturbances and/or unwanted light ingress in the optical test environment by checking the voltage signal at the output of the amplifier.

Electrical shielding of light sensor and amplifier is highly recommended.

8.7 Light flicker noise

In theory, if the illuminance from the EUT were constant, then $P_{st}^{LM} = 0$. In practice however, the light sensor and its amplifier and the light flickermeter may give a non-zero result if the illuminance is constant. This is called the light flicker noise level $P_{st}^{LM}(\mathrm{N})$. It should be noted that this noise level differs from the noise $P_{st}^{V}(\mathrm{N})$ due to residual voltage variations of the test signal (see 6.2 and 8.4.3).

The light flicker noise level $P_{st}^{LM}(\mathrm{N})$ can be verified as follows.

Install a suitable AC-fed light source, either an incandescent or halogen lamp. Power the lamp with a constant voltage without modulation.

Measure the illuminance and determine the P_{st}^{LM} using the light flickermeter and verify whether the actual level satisfies the following:

$$P_{st}^{LM}(\mathrm{N}) < 0{,}1. \quad (14)$$

9 Test procedure

9.1 General

Several quantities, such as mains voltage fluctuations, light regulation, colour setting and load have an influence on the P_{st}^{LM} of lighting equipment. A minimum set of test conditions is specified in Table 2. Annex D gives guidance on the tests that need to be performed per EUT type when a certain test type is required to be measured.

The following procedure for execution of a test is recommended:

a) mount the EUT in the optically shielded enclosure;

b) switch on the EUT and apply sufficient stabilization time;

c) depending on the type of lighting equipment, choose the test conditions from Table 2;

d) apply the recommended settings for the data acquisition (duration test, sample rate, filtering), see 7.6;

e) if applicable, set the test voltage in accordance with the recommended values of Table 1 (P_{st}^{V} = 1) in order to determine the P_{st}^{LM} (I) of the EUT; for guidance see Table 2;

f) measure the P_{st}^{LM} levels of relative illuminance waveform.

Table 2 – Guidance for P_{st}^{LM} testing

EUT [cd]	Light regulation test condition	Mains	
		Stable	With voltage fluctuations $P_{st}^{V} = 1$
Non-dimmable	Not applicable	P_{st}^{LM} (9.2)	P_{st}^{LM} (I) (9.3)
Dimmable with external light regulation[e]	External light regulation is not connected (100 % light output)	P_{st}^{LM} (9.2)	P_{st}^{LM} (I) (9.3)
	External light regulation is connected (100 % light output)	P_{st}^{LM} (C) [a] (9.4)	N.A.
	External light regulation is connected (50 % light output)	P_{st}^{LM} (C) [a] (9.4)	N.A.
Dimmable with integrated light regulation [b,f]	Internal light regulation is set to 100 % light output	P_{st}^{LM} (9.2)	P_{st}^{LM} (I) (9.3)
	Internal light regulation is set to 50 % light output	P_{st}^{LM} (9.2)	P_{st}^{LM} (I) (9.3)

[a] The test should be performed to give information regarding the compatibility between the light source and the external lighting regulation equipment.

[b] Controlgear should be connected with the maximum load (maximum power – as a combination of voltage and current).

[c] If applicable, colour settings are fixed at white or default.

[d] If other test conditions are applied (e.g. in the case of battery-operated equipment or the application of voltage fluctuations that represent mains signalling) then this should be indicated in parentheses. It should also be explicitly mentioned in the test report.

[e] Lamps connected with external phase-cut dimmer.

[f] Controlgear with interface to control the lighting, e.g. IEC 62386 (all parts).

An example of a test of a 7 W LED lamp is given in Annex C.

9.2 Measuring the intrinsic flicker performance

The light flicker measurement when carried out with a stable mains (and thus, without the application of voltage fluctuations) gives the intrinsic flicker performance of the EUT. The EUT can be a non-dimmable lighting equipment, an externally dimmed lighting equipment in which the external light regulation is not connected, or a lighting equipment with intrinsic light regulation at 50 % and 100 % light output (see Table 2).

The block diagram of the measurement setup is given in Figure 5.

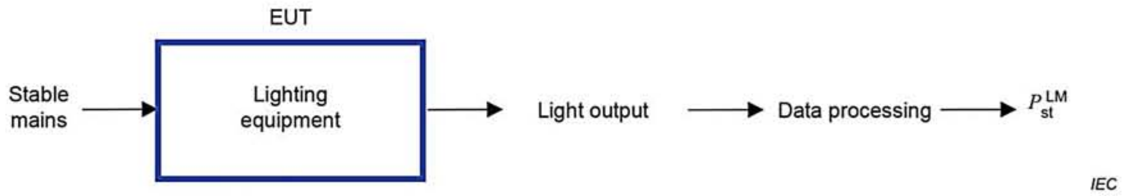


Figure 5 – Measuring P_{st}^{LM}

9.3 Testing the flicker immunity against voltage fluctuations

The flicker immunity of an EUT against voltage fluctuations can be tested with the application of a specific set of defined voltage fluctuations to the stable mains (see Table 1).

The block diagram of the measurement setup is given in Figure 6.

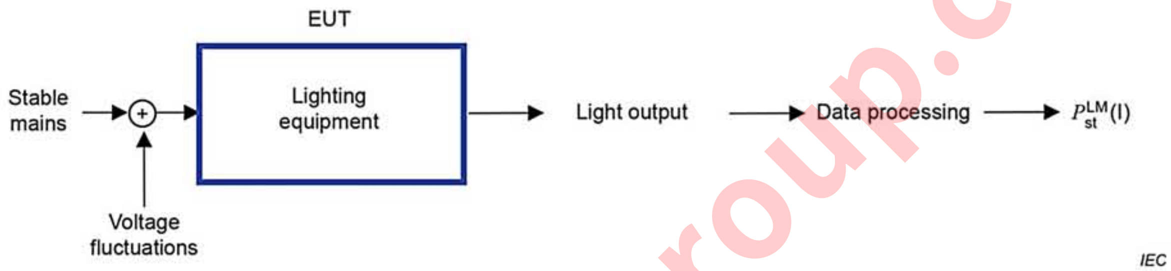


Figure 6 – Measuring P_{st}^{LM} (I)

NOTE 1 For dimmable lighting equipment for which an external light regulating device is required, this test is only performed without physically connecting the light regulating device and at 100 % light output level. This test is not performed when external light regulation is used for dimming purposes since it is not possible to distinguish which part (light regulation or lighting equipment) is susceptible to the voltage fluctuations.

NOTE 2 For dimmable lighting equipment with integrated light regulation, this test is performed at 50 % and 100 % light level.

9.4 Dimmer compatibility testing

This test gives an indication regarding the compatibility of the lighting equipment and the external light regulation applied.

Testing is done at 100 % and 50 % light output level as described in Table 2.

The block diagram of the test setup is given in Figure 7.

The specifications of the type of external light regulation used should be mentioned in the test report.

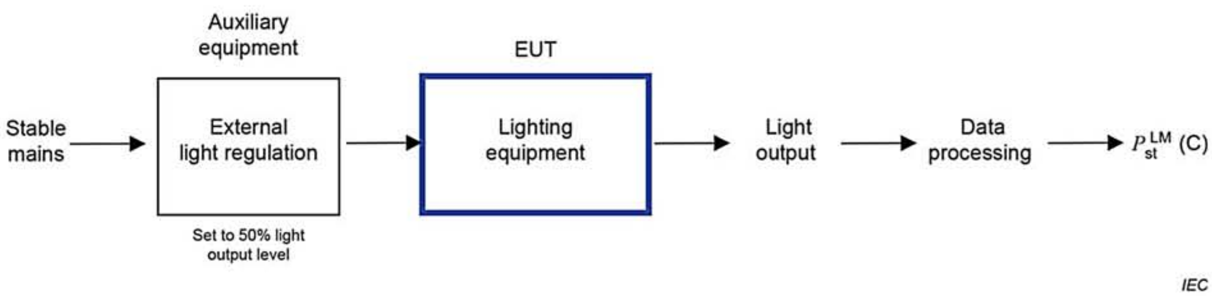


Figure 7 – Dimmer compatibility testing

9.5 Controlgear testing

The flicker performance, P_{st}^{LM} of a controlgear can also be determined using the same method by connecting a typical light source (maximum load). Note has to be taken that the choice of the light source is crucial since its electrical properties (e.g. capacitance) will have an effect on magnitude and shape of the measured light waveform. Furthermore, it is recommended to select a number of points within the specified operating window of the controlgear. The combination of the controlgear and the light source is considered as a system under test (SUT), see Figure 8, and treated as an EUT for testing according to Table 2.

NOTE Generally, controlgear are either non-dimmable or have an integrated dimmer. The situation in which an external light regulating device is applied in front of the controlgear generally does not occur and hence need not be tested.

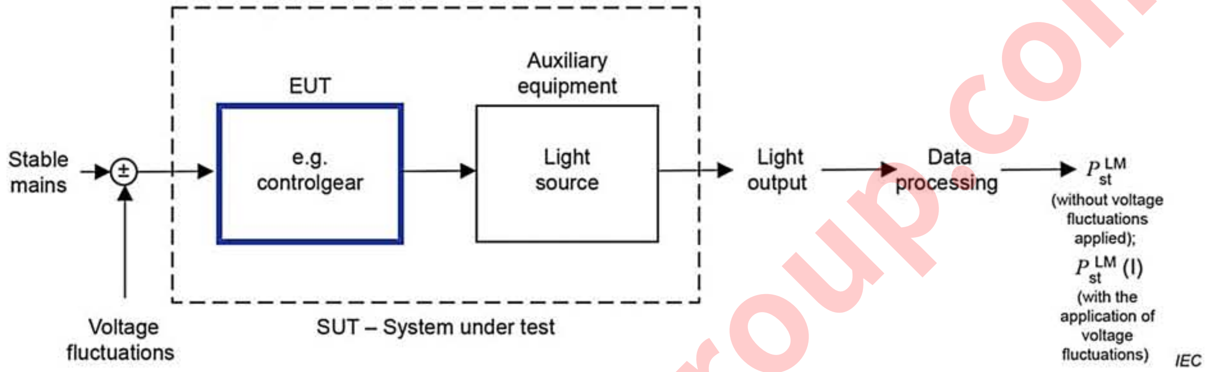


Figure 8 – Controlgear testing

10 Conditions during testing

The EUT should be tested within its intended operating and climatic conditions.

An appropriate stabilization time should be applied for the EUT before execution of the test. The specification of the EUT or the type of technology may indicate the typical stabilization time required.

The EUT should be operated as follows.

- The test should be applied while the EUT is operated as intended under normal operating conditions as laid down in the relevant product standard at stabilized luminous flux and at normal laboratory conditions.
- Testing is recommended at one combination of supply voltage and frequency, as specified by the manufacturer.
- An EUT that includes a light-regulating control should be tested at a light output level of 50 % ± 10 % of the maximum light output. If a light output level of 50 % is not available for the EUT that includes a light regulation function (in case of discrete steps), the test should be done at the level which is closest to 50 %. If two steps equally distant to 50 % are available, the lower level (< 50 %) should be used for the test (see IEC 61547:2020[1]).
- Luminaires and independent auxiliaries should be tested with light sources for which they are intended. Where such equipment can operate with light sources of different power, a light source of maximum wattage is recommended.
- If light sources can operate at different colours, select white or default.

11 Evaluation of the test result

When the measured P_{st}^{LM}-level is equal to 1, it means that in 50 % of the cases flicker is experienced and in 50 % of the cases no flicker is experienced by an average observer.

In the case where voltage fluctuations are applied (P_{st}^{V} = 1), the results can be interpreted as follows.

P_{st}^{LM} (I) = 1, the flicker produced by the EUT and experienced by an average observer is equal to that of a 60 W incandescent lamp.

P_{st}^{LM} (I) < 1, the flicker produced by the EUT and experienced by an average observer is a better flicker than that of a 60 W incandescent lamp.

P_{st}^{LM} (I) >1, the flicker produced by the EUT and experienced by an average observer is a worse flicker than that of a 60 W incandescent lamp.

12 Test report

The test report should contain all the information necessary to reproduce the test. In particular, it is advised to record the following information:

a) identification of the EUT and any associated equipment, for example brand name, product type, serial number;

b) the relevant operating conditions of the EUT (light output level);

c) the specifications of the type of external light regulation used, when applied;

d) the types of interconnecting cables, including their length, and the interface port of the EUT to which they were connected;

e) any specific conditions for use, for example cable length or type, shielding or grounding, or EUT operating conditions, which are essential for voltage-fluctuation immunity performance;

f) the warming-up time of the EUT if applicable;

g) identification of the test equipment, for example brand name, product type, serial number;

h) any specific conditions necessary to enable the test to be performed;

i) the nominal mains test frequency and voltage applied;

j) the applied disturbance signals (modulation frequencies, relative modulation levels) or explicitly state the absence of disturbance signal;

k) the duration of the test for each disturbance signal;

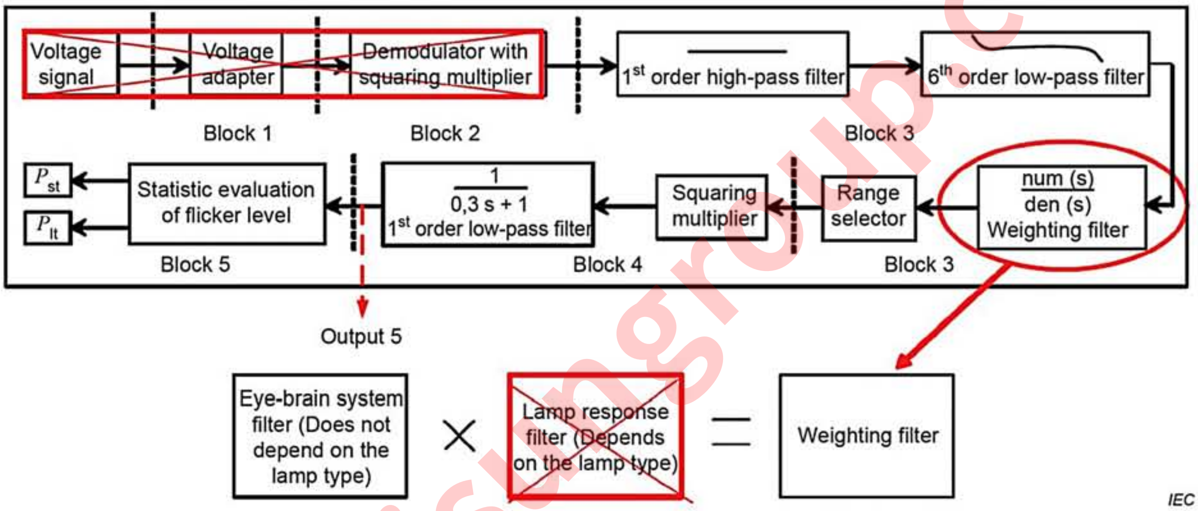
l) the measured P_{st}^{LM}, P_{st}^{LM} (I) and P_{st}^{LM} (C) level(s) for each performed test.

Annex A
(informative)

Specification of the light flickermeter

A.1 Voltage flickermeter modifications

The voltage fluctuation immunity test of the EUT during the test is done in an objective way by using the same P_{st} flicker metric of the voltage-based flickermeter specified in IEC 61000-4-15. This is done by measuring the illuminance variation of the EUT and applying it to an adapted flickermeter which uses illuminance as input instead of the voltage (see Figure A.1). Illuminance flickermeters or light flickermeters are described in various papers [3][5][6]. The modification can be implemented by skipping the parts of the incandescent lamp model inside the flickermeter (Figure A.1) [20].



Red blocks indicate the incandescent-lamp specific blocks.

Figure A.1 –Structure of the IEC 61000-4-15 flickermeter that uses voltage as input

This means that the first two blocks of the standardized flickermeter are not applied and part of the third block is also omitted (see Figure A.1). The papers [3][5][6] describe in detail how to 'delete' the lamp response properties from the flickermeter.

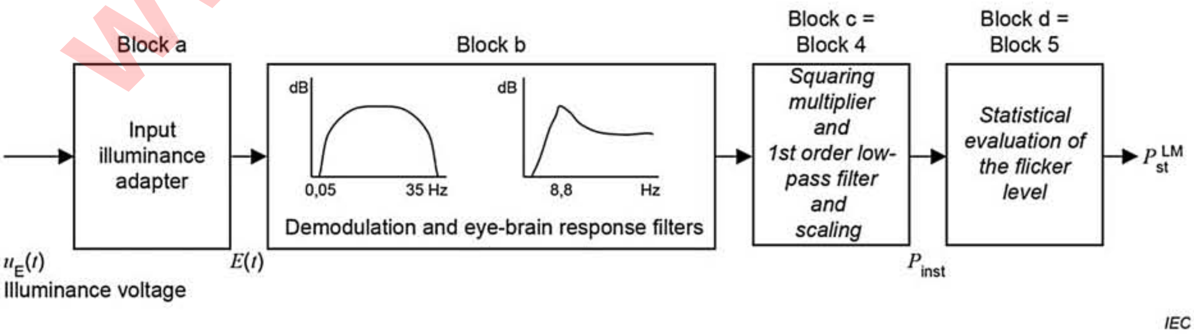


Figure A.2 – Structure of the light flickermeter based on a modified voltage flickermeter

A.2 Specification of the light flickermeter

A.2.1 General

The various blocks of the light flickermeter depicted in Figure A.2 are specified in detail in Section 2.2 of [6]. More details on the functions of blocks a to d are given in A.2.2 to A.2.4.

A.2.2 Block a: illuminance adapter

This block contains an illuminance adapting circuit that scales the voltage $u_{\mathrm{E}}(t)$ that is proportional to the illuminance to the DC value:

$$E(t) = \frac{u_{\mathrm{E}}(t)}{\mathrm{mean}(u_{\mathrm{E}}(t))} \tag{A.1}$$

The DC value can be obtained using a 1st order low-pass filter transfer function with frequency response as follows:

$$F_{\mathrm{LPSC}}(s) = \frac{1}{\tau_{\mathrm{LPSC}} \cdot s + 1} \tag{A.2}$$

where

s is the complex Laplace variable, and

τ_{LPSC} is the filter time constant set at 10 s.

The corresponding filter cut-off frequency is 0,016 Hz.

Applying the signal normalization makes the flicker perception independent of the illuminance level.

A.2.3 Block b: weighting filters

The first part of block b is identical to the first part of block 3 of the flickermeter. This first part includes a 1st order high-pass filter with a 3 dB cut-off frequency of 0,05 Hz and a 6th order low-pass (Butterworth) filter with a 3 dB cut-off frequency of 35 Hz for 230 V/50 Hz systems. See IEC 61000-4-15:2010, 5.4.

The second part of block b is an eye-brain response weighting filter $F_{\mathrm{WF}}^{\mathrm{LM}}(s)$. It can be obtained by applying the weighting filter $F_{\mathrm{WF}}^{\mathrm{V}}(s)$ of the voltage flickermeter, compensated for the analog frequency response $F_{\mathrm{RL}}(s)$ of the reference 60 W incandescent lamp (see Figure A.1):

$$F_{\mathrm{WF}}^{\mathrm{LM}}(s) = \frac{F_{\mathrm{WF}}^{\mathrm{V}}(s)}{F_{\mathrm{RL}}(s)} \tag{A.3}$$

The transfer function $F_{\mathrm{WF}}^{\mathrm{V}}(s)$ of the standard voltage flickermeter is specified in IEC 61000-4-15:2010, 5.5.

For the analog frequency response $F_{\mathrm{RL}}(s)$ of the reference 60 W incandescent lamp, the following 2nd order low-pass filter transfer function is used (see [6]):

$$F_{RL}(s) = \frac{K}{\tau_{L1} \cdot s^2 + \tau_{L2} \cdot s + 1} \quad \text{(A.4)}$$

where

K = 3,57,

τ_{L1} = 0,02 ms^2, and

τ_{L2} = 21,2 ms.

After substitution of Equation (A.4) into Equation (A.3) the weighting function $F_{WF}^{LM}(s)$ of the second part of block b can be written for a 230 V/50 Hz system as follows:

$$F_{WF}^{LM}(s) = \frac{0{,}041\,661 \cdot s^4 + 44{,}758 \cdot s^3 + 2\,715{,}6 \cdot s^2 + 29\,839 \cdot s}{s^4 + 196{,}32 \cdot s^3 + 11\,781 \cdot s^2 + 534\,820 \cdot s + 3\,505\,380} \quad \text{(A.5)}$$

A.2.4 Block c: squaring multiplier, sliding mean filter and scaling

Block c has the same function as block 4 of the flickermeter specified in IEC 61000-4-15:2010, 5.6.

The output of block c represents the instantaneous flicker sensation P_{inst}. In the IEC 61000-4-15 flickermeter, the output of block 4 is normalized using a scaling factor to give a value of P_{inst} = 1 during a 10 min flicker test, when a sine wave modulated 50 Hz input signal, with a modulation frequency of 8,8 Hz and a modulation depth of 0,25 % is applied (see [10] for more details). The scaling factor S accounts for the magnitudes of the frequency responses of all the filters applied.

Also for the light flickermeter such a scaling factor should be applied. To obtain the S value for the light flickermeter, the illuminance waveform of an incandescent lamp subjected to the same voltage signal used in the adjustment of the IEC 61000-4-15 flickermeter, should be applied:

$$E(t) = \{1 + (d_E / 2) \cdot \sin(2\pi f_m t)\} \quad \text{(A.6)}$$

where

$E(t)$ is the relative illuminance that produces P_{inst} = 1 at the output of block c, see Equation (A.1),

f_m = 8,8 Hz and is the modulation frequency = 1/T_m,

d_E= 0,630 % and is the relative change of the sinusoidal modulation of the illuminance in percentage.

NOTE The value of the illuminance relative amplitude (d_E = 0,630 %) was obtained from the average results of a sample of ten different 60 W incandescent lamps.

A.2.5 Block d: statistical analysis

Block d has the same function as block 5 of the flickermeter specified in IEC 61000-4-15:2010, 5.7.

The output of block d represents the short-term flicker severity P_{st}^{LM}.

In order to ensure that the calculation of the short-term flicker severity P_{st}^{LM} is performed during the steady-state of the flickermeter's filters, the first 60 s of the instantaneous flicker sensation P_{inst}, mainly corresponding to the transient response, should be discarded (see footnote c of Table 1).

A.3 Verification of the light flickermeter

The light flickermeter can be verified by applying standardized illuminance waveforms of which it has been demonstrated that it gives P_{st}^{LM}-levels exactly equal to 1. This is done by applying a test voltage $u_E(t)$ that consists of a DC component plus a 100 Hz-ripple that is rectangular modulated, as described in Equation (A.6), with the modulation parameters as given in Table A.1.

$$E(t) = \{1 - (d_r / 2) \cdot \cos(2\pi f_r t)\} \cdot \{1 + (d_E / 2) \cdot \text{signum}(\sin(2\pi f_m t))\} \quad (A.7)$$

where

$E(t)$ is the relative illuminance; see Equation (A.1),

f_r equals 100 Hz and is the frequency of an illuminance ripple added to the DC value,

f_m is the modulation frequency = $1/T_m$,

d_r equals 22 % and is the relative change of the 100 Hz-illuminance ripple in percent,

d_E is the relative change of the rectangular modulation of the illuminance in percent,

signum(x) = the signum function, signum(x) = 1 for $x > 0$

signum(x) = 0 for $x = 0$

signum(x) = -1 for $x < 0$.

All test frequency and relative illuminance level combinations should give a short-term flicker value of exactly P_{st}^{LM} = 1 when applied to the light flickermeter.

Table A.1 – Test specification of illuminance fluctuations for lightmeter classifier

Rectangular amplitude modulations with duty cycle of 50 %; see Equation (A.7)		
Changes per minute cpm	**Modulation frequency** f_m Hz	**Relative illuminance change** d_E %
39	0,325 0	2,538 6
110	0,916 7	2,047 3
1 056	8,8	0,683 2
1 620	13,5	0,778 0
4 000	33,3	2,002 7

The values given in Table A.1 specifically apply to a rectangular waveshape. Note that the response of the flickermeter depends on the type (waveshape) of modulation in which the modulation depth (in percent) is half of the voltage fluctuation (d_E), see Equation (4) and Figure A.3.

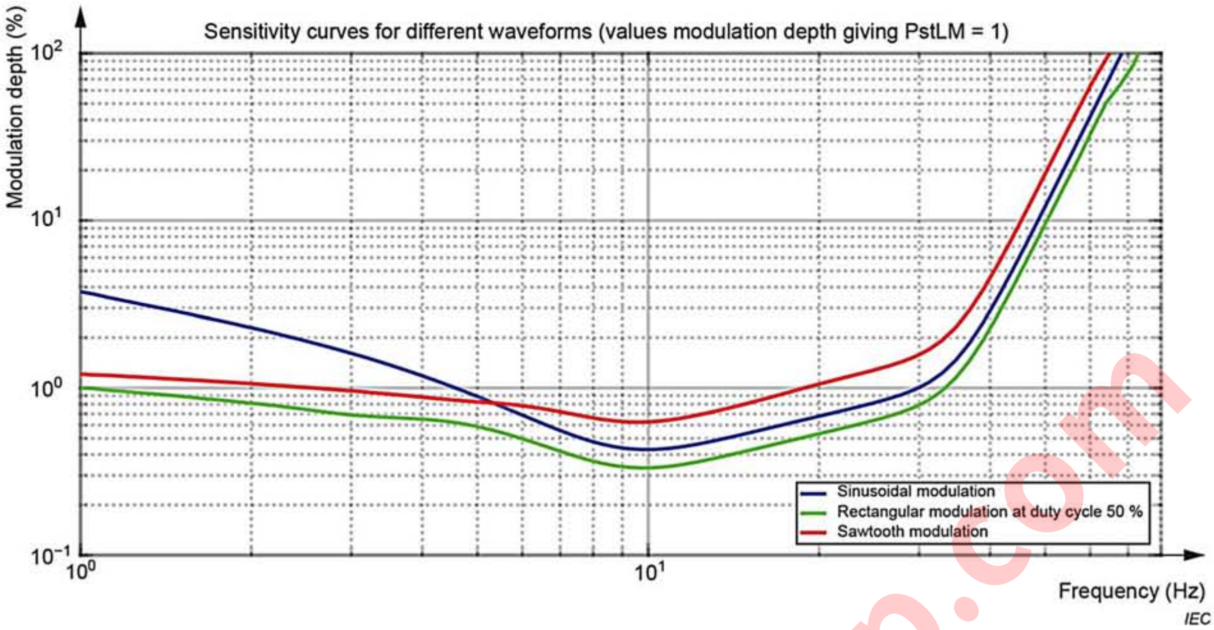


Figure A.3 – Flickermeter response to different waveshapes

A.4 Example of P_{st}^{LM} implementation in MATLAB®

An example of P_{st}^{LM} implementation is given on MATLAB® Central [21].

Annex B
(informative)

Uncertainty considerations

B.1 General

Annex B gives information related to uncertainty of the P_{st}^{LM} result of a voltage fluctuation immunity test. General information on uncertainty considerations of immunity tests can be found in IEC TR 61000-1-6 (see Clause B.4).

B.2 General symbols

X_i	influence quantity
x_i	estimate of influence quantity X_i
δX_i	correction for influence quantity
$u(x_i)$	standard uncertainty of x_i
c_i	sensitivity coefficient
y	result of a measurement (the estimate of the measurand), corrected for all recognized significant systematic effects
$u_c(y)$	combined standard uncertainty of y
$U(y) = k \cdot u_c(y)$	expanded uncertainty of y
k	coverage factor = 2

B.3 Measurand

The measurand associated with the voltage fluctuation immunity test is P_{st}^{LM}, the short-term flicker metric.

B.4 Influence quantities

Table B.1 gives the list of influence quantities that should be considered to derive the overall uncertainty of P_{st}^{LM}.

All the influence quantities of the mains supply and the disturbance may be integrated into one uncertainty value of the P_{st}^{V} level associated with the test voltage.

The EUT is an important, but also a difficult source of uncertainty, because the correction can vary significantly as a function of EUT technology. Generally, the correction factor for SSL types of EUTs is much less than 1. This means that uncertainty contribution from the EUT is damped. For an incandescent lamp, the correction factor is 1. This means that the uncertainties of the mains supply voltage and its voltage fluctuation disturbance is transferred to the outcome of the test with a gain of 1.

For the sake of simplicity, in the remainder of Annex B the uncertainty budget will be considered only for the reference 60 W incandescent lamp.

Table B.1 – Influence quantities and their recommended tolerances

Main category	Subcategory	Importance	Nominal value	Recommended tolerance/value
Mains supply	Nominal voltage	Minor	230 V	±0,5 %
	Frequency	Minor	50 Hz	±0,5 %
Voltage fluctuation	Waveshape (transition time)	Minor		< 0,5 ms
	Modulation frequency	Minor	See Table 1	±1 %
	Relative voltage fluctuation	Relatively important	See Table 1	±5 %
	Duty cycle	Minor	50 %	±2 pp
	Noise level of the relative voltage fluctuation	Minor if $d <$ 0,027 5 % (0,1 times lowest value of d)	n.a.	< 0,055
P_{st}^{V} **of the voltage fluctuation**	Replaces all above given influence quantities for the voltage fluctuation	Relatively important	1	±5 %
	Noise level	Relatively important	n.a.	< 0,2
EUT	Technology	For a 60 W-incandescent lamp, the voltage fluctuation is linearly transferred	n.a.	n.a.
	Warming-up time	Can be made negligible, but may be important, if ignored	Technology dependent	n.a.
	Dimming level	Important	50 % of max. light output	±10 %
Light sensor, filter and amplifier	Sensitivity	Minor if nominal levels are well above noise level		
	Linearity/offset	Generally minor		
	Optical filter	Minor if compliant with CIE sensitivity curve		
	Bandwidth	Minor if > recommended value	2 kHz	n.a.
Test environment	Optical noise	Can be made negligible	0	n.a.
	EM disturbances	Can be made negligible	0	n.a.
Test procedure	Duration test	Minor if larger than both the transient of the lightmeter filter and the time period T_m corresponding to the modulation frequency	In relation to modulation frequency	
	Sampling rate	Minor, if the rate satisfies the recommended value in conjunction with a suitable anti-aliasing filter		
Light flickermeter	Noise level		0	< 0,1
	Implementation uncertainty	To be determined by verification test	P_{st}= ¼, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	±5 %

B.5 Uncertainty budget

The second step in assessing uncertainty is to specify a mathematical model that combines the aggregate effect of the major influence quantities on the overall uncertainty to estimate the combined standard uncertainty u_c. A simple multiplicative model will suffice for most scenarios:

$$P_{st} = P_{st}^{0}.G_1.G_2 \cdots G_N. \tag{B.1}$$

where:

P_{st}^{0}	is the true value;
P_{st}	is the measured value;
$G_1.G_2 \cdots G_N$	are multiplicative corrections (with associated uncertainties) due to the major influence quantities.

When testing an incandescent lamp, the major uncertainty contributions are

- the uncertainty resulting from the test voltage (TV): δP_{st}^{TV} ;
- the uncertainty of the light flickermeter (LFM): δP_{st}^{LFM} ;
- the uncertainty due to the noise (N) of the test voltage: δP_{st}^{N} .

The overall uncertainty, can then be expressed as:

$$P_{st} = P_{st}^{LFM}.(1 \pm \delta P_{st}^{TV}) \cdot (1 \pm \delta P_{st}^{LFM}) \cdot (1 + \delta P_{st}^{N}) \tag{B.2}$$

Subsequently, the expanded uncertainty is calculated in the logarithmic domain (see IEC 61000-1-6 for details).

The tolerances of the light flickermeter and the test voltage, respectively ±0,05 and ±0,02, can be applied directly in the uncertainty budget with the same magnitude (normal distribution).

The uncertainty contribution from the test voltage fluctuation noise level (0,2) can be estimated as follows. The combination of two illuminance fluctuations having different fluctuation frequencies follow the quadratic addition law (Aileret), see Equation (3) in [9]. Hence, for an incandescent lamp the combination of two voltage fluctuations also follow the quadratic summation law. So, the uncertainty resulting from adding a residual (noise) voltage fluctuation to a wanted voltage fluctuation level can be calculated from

$$\delta P_{st}^{N} = \sqrt{(0{,}2)^2 + 1^2} - 1 \approx 0{,}02$$

When filling out the three major contributions to the uncertainty, the uncertainty budget given in Table B.2 is obtained.

Hence, the expanded uncertainty for P_{st} is U_c = ±0,07. The two major contributors to the uncertainty are the light flickermeter and the test voltage.

Table B.2 – Uncertainty budget of the voltage fluctuation immunity test

Input quantity	x_i	**Uncertainty of** x_i	**Uncertainty of** x_i				$c_i\ u(x_i)$	$c_i\ u(x_i)$
		(plus/ minus)	(minus)	(plus)			(minus)	(plus)
		linear	dB	dB	Probability distribution function	divisor k	dB	dB
Uncertainty light flickermeter	δP_{st}^{LFM}	0,05	–0,5	0,42	normal	2	–0,22	0,21
Uncertainty from the test voltage	δP_{st}^{TV}	0,05	–0,45	0,42	normal	2	–0,22	0,21
Uncertainty test voltage noise	δP_{st}^{N}	0,02	0,00	0,17	normal	2	0,00	0,09
Combined standard uncertainty (SCU)	u_c						0,32	0,31
Expanded uncertainty	U_c	0,07					0,63	0,62
All sensitivity coefficients c_i are assumed to be equal to 1.								

Annex C
(informative)

Examples of test results of lighting equipment

C.1 Test without voltage fluctuations (P_{st}^{LM})

P_{st}^{LM} measurement results of three types of lighting equipment are given in Table C.1. No voltage modulation is present on the mains i.e. measurements have been performed with a stable source.

Table C.1 – Numerical results P_{st}^{LM} calculations for three EUTs without voltage modulation

EUT	Type	P_{st}^{LM}
1	60 W incandescent lamp	0,025
2	9 W self-ballasted CFL lamp	0,023
3	7 W self-ballasted LED lamp	0,028

C.2 Test with (intentional) voltage fluctuations P_{st}^{LM} (I)

P_{st}^{LM} (I) measurement results of three types of lighting equipment are given in Table C.2. Voltage modulations in accordance with Table 1 have been applied to the mains.

Table C.2 – Numerical results P_{st}^{LM} (I) calculations for three EUTs with voltage modulation

EUT	Modulation frequency Hz	Relative voltage fluctuation %	P_{st}^{LM} (I)
1 60 W incandescent lamp	0,325 0	0,894	1,005
	0,916 7	0,722	1,005
	8,8	0,275	1,009
	13,5	0,407	1,013
	33,3	2,343	1,042
2 9 W self-ballasted CFL lamp	0,325 0	0,894	0,217
	0,916 7	0,722	0,208
	8,8	0,275	0,234
	13,5	0,407	0,284
	33,3	2,343	0,536
3 7 W self-ballasted LED lamp	0,325 0	0,894	0,167
	0,916 7	0,722	0,166
	8,8	0,275	0,188
	13,5	0,407	0,239
	33,3	2,343	0,466

From the results for these specific EUTs one may conclude that EUT2 and EUT3 (respectively CFL and LED lamps) are more immune to voltage fluctuations than the reference incandescent lamp EUT1.

The results of Table C.2 are also depicted in Figure C.1.

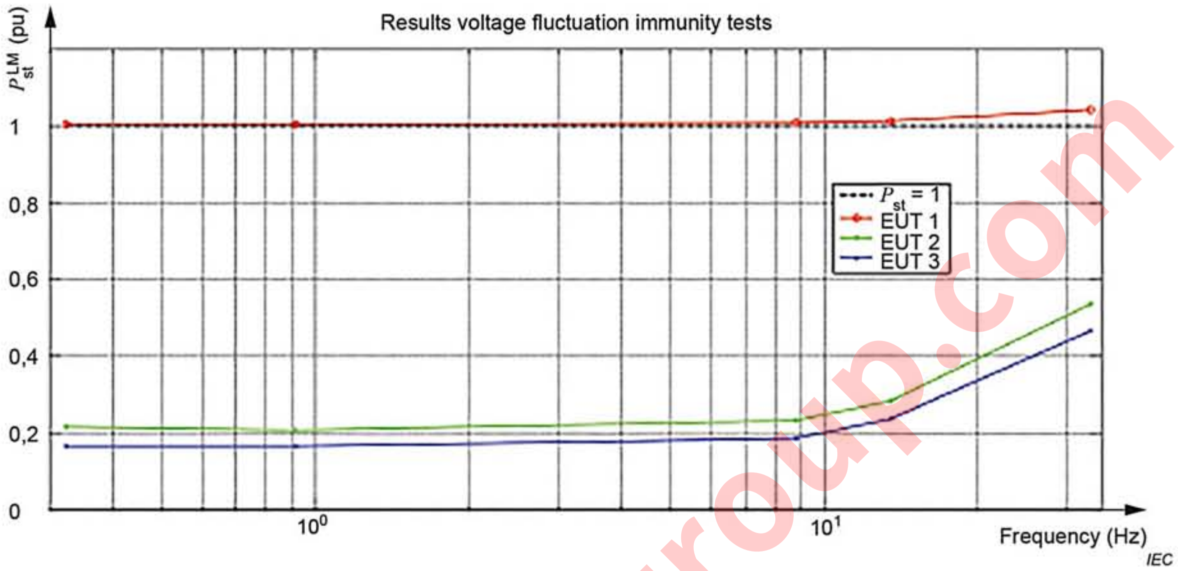
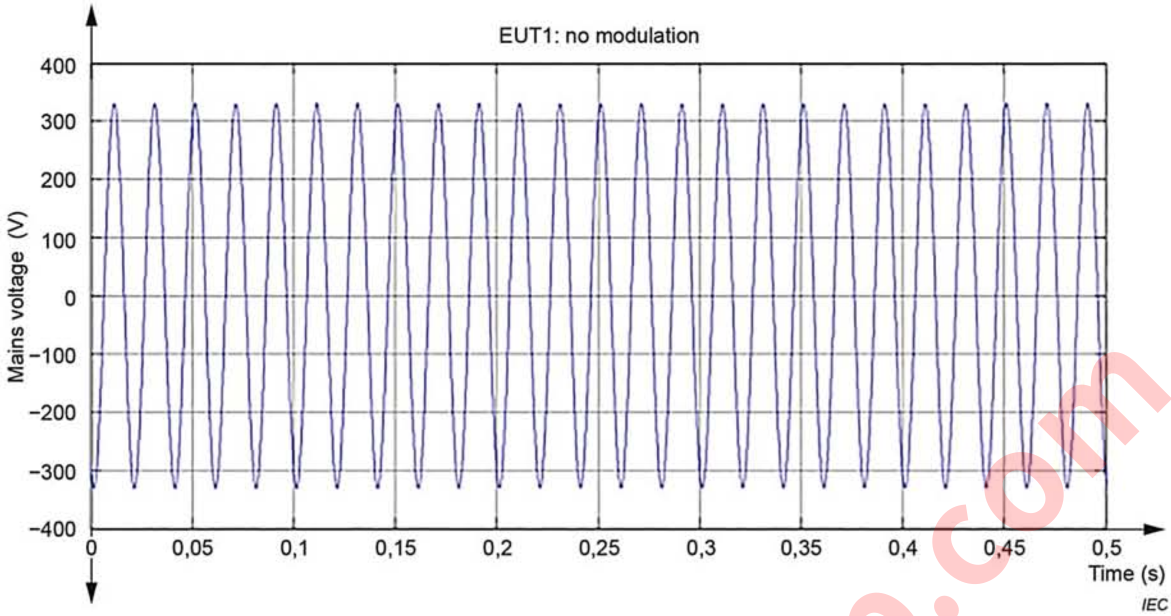
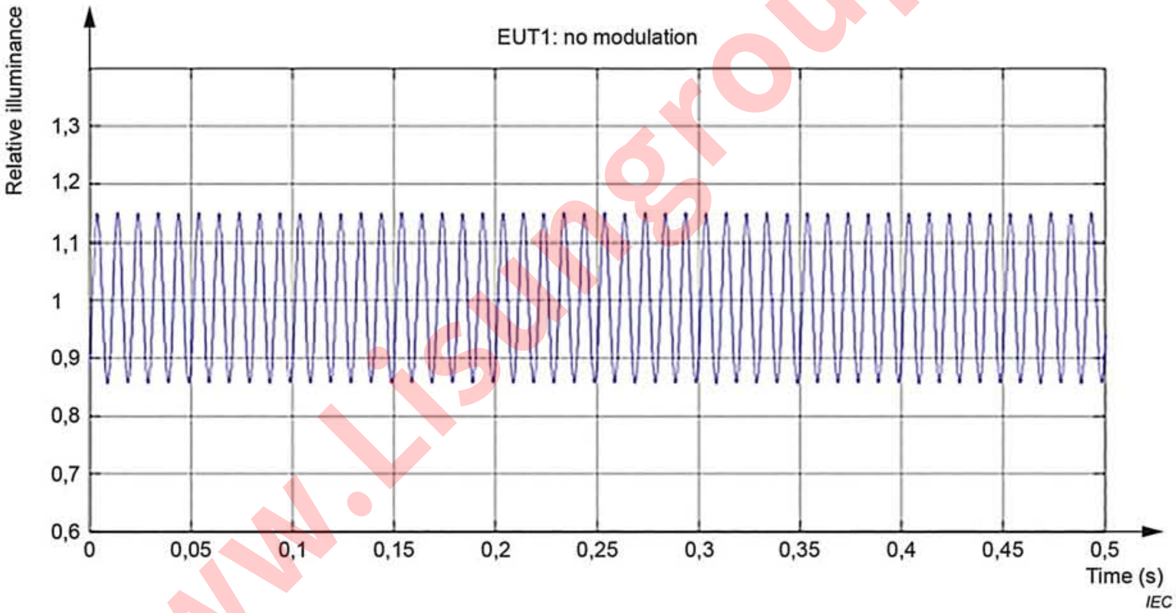


Figure C.1 – Graphical $P_{st}^{LM}(l)$ results for three EUTs with rectangular modulation at five frequencies ($P_{st}^{V} = 1$)

Records have been made for 60 s with a sampling rate of 10 kHz. Snapshots of the recorded signals of EUT1 without mains voltage modulation and with modulation are given respectively in Figure C.2 and Figure C.3. Results of recorded illuminance signals of EUT2 and EUT3 with mains voltage modulation are given in Figure C.4 and Figure C.5.

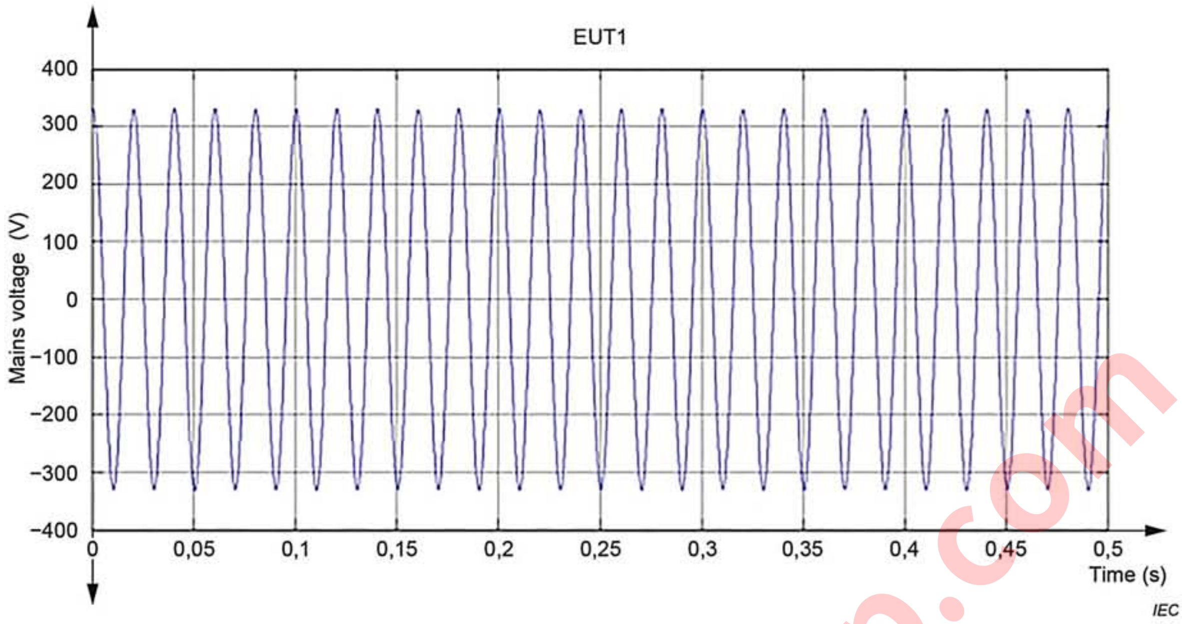


a) Mains signal

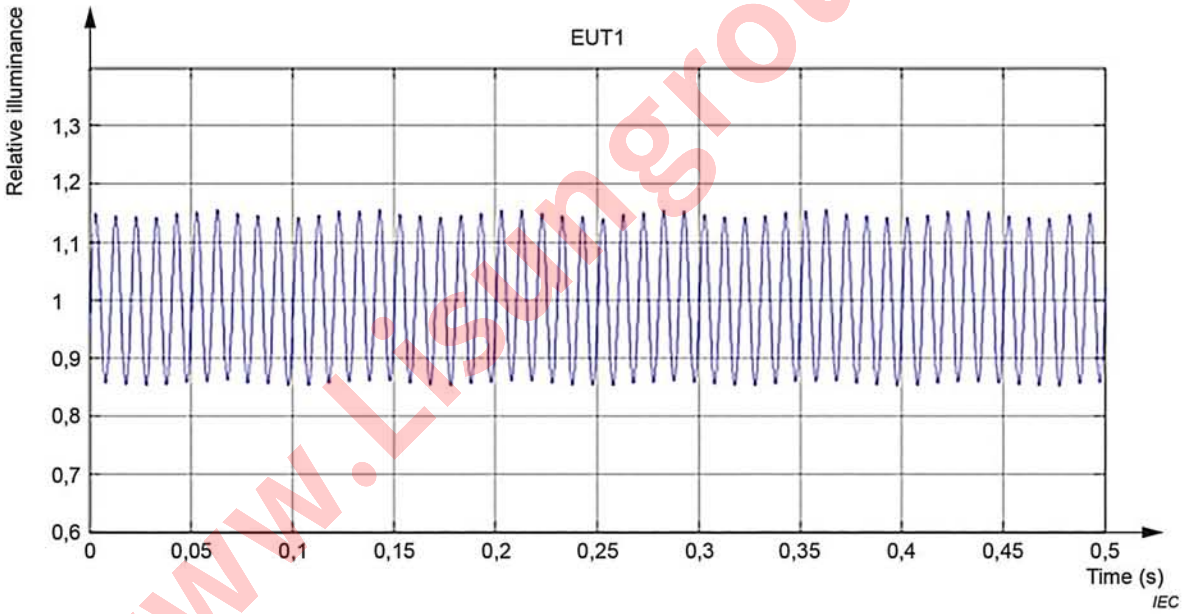


b) Relative illuminance

Figure C.2 – EUT1: recorded signals (no mains voltage modulation)



a) Mains signal with modulation d = 0,407 % at 13,5 Hz ($P_{st}^{V} = 1$)



b) Relative illuminance

Figure C.3 – EUT1: recorded signals (with modulation)

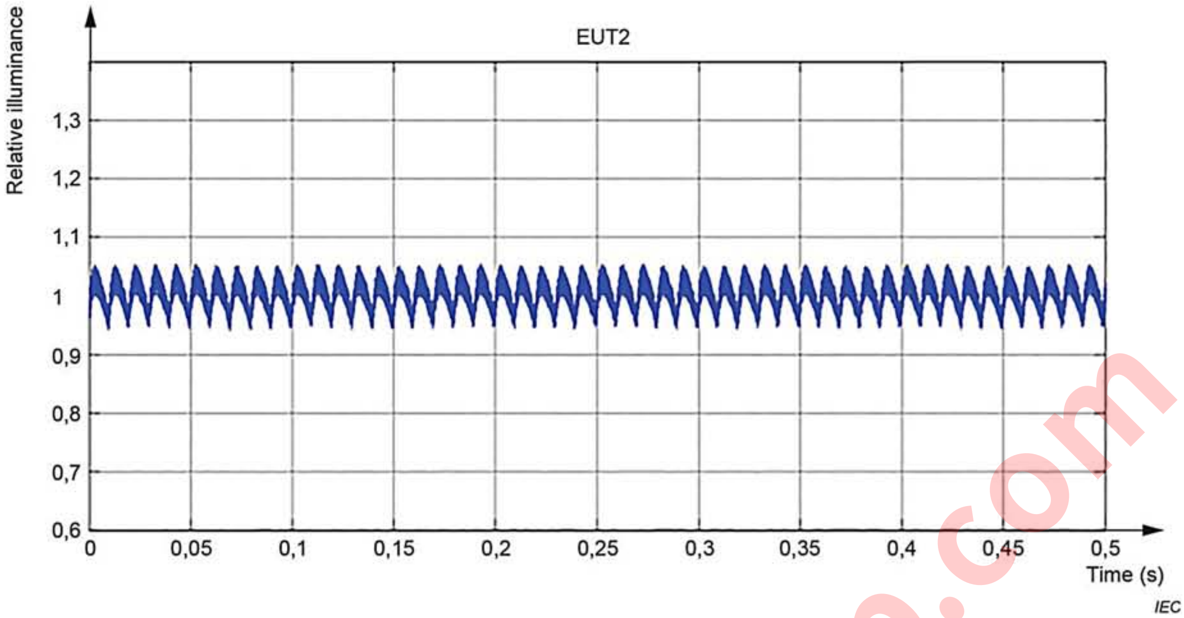


Figure C.4 – EUT2: relative illuminance – Mains voltage modulation d = 0,407 % at 13,5 Hz ($P_{st}^{V} = 1$)

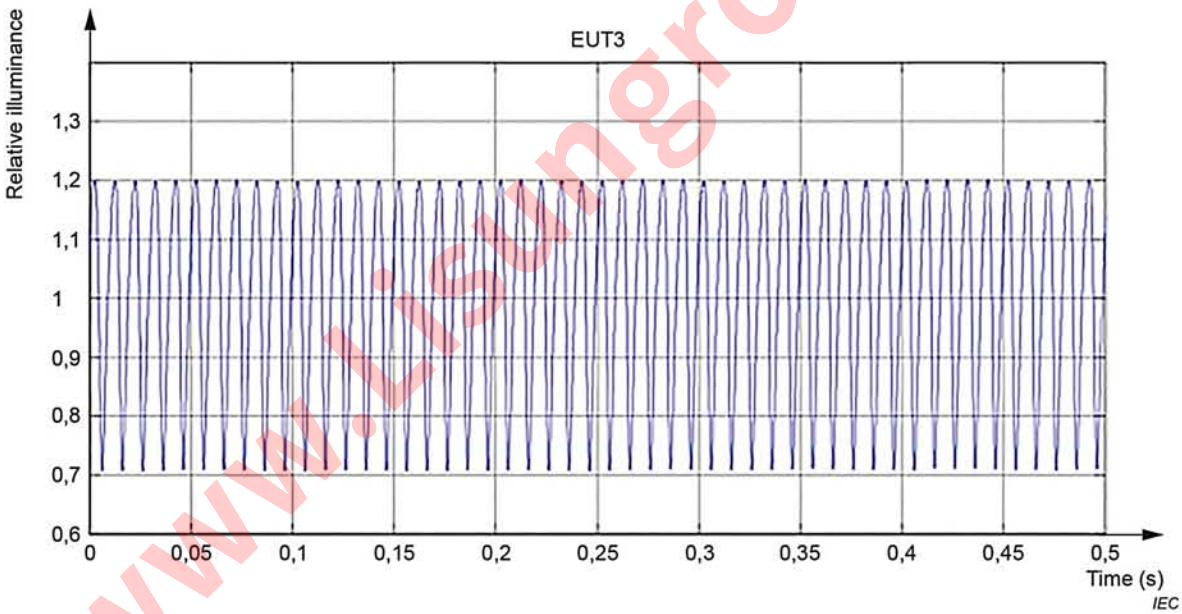


Figure C.5 – EUT3: relative illuminance – Mains voltage modulation d = 0,407 % at 13,5 Hz ($P_{st}^{V} = 1$)

C.3 Test under dimming conditions

$P_{st}^{LM}(C)$ measurement results for four types of lighting equipment under dimming conditions are given in Table C.3. Dimming level 1 indicates maximum dimming (thus minimum light output), whereas dimming level 4 indicates minimum dimming (thus maximum light output). These dimming levels were chosen to gain experience in the response of different lighting equipment under dimming conditions with an external light regulation device. The EUT should however be measured at 50 % dimming level as described in 9.1.

Table C.3 – Numerical results P_{st}^{LM} (C) calculations for four EUTs under dimming conditions

	P_{st}^{LM} (C)			
Dimming	**60 W incandescent lamp**	**20 W self-ballasted CFL lamp**	**12 W self-ballasted LED lamp**	**10 W self-ballasted LED lamp**
Level 1	0,270	0,359	0,675	0,539
Level 2	0,132	0,084	0,251	0,165
Level 3	0,081	0,037	0,050	0,086
Level 4	0,024	0,005	0,038	0,043

The values of P_{st}^{LM} given in Table C.3 are depicted graphically in Figure C.6.

Figure C.6 – Graphical P_{st}^{LM} (C) results for four EUTs under dimming conditions

From the results for these specific EUTs one may conclude that increasing the dimming level causes an increase in the measured P_{st}^{LM} (C) level. Note that the tests have been performed under stable mains voltage conditions i.e. there are no voltage fluctuations applied on the mains.

Annex D
(informative)

Guidance for P_{st}^{LM} testing based on test type

Table D.1 gives guidance on the tests that need to be performed per EUT type when a certain test type (intrinsic, immunity, dimmer compatibility) is required to be measured.

Table D.1 – Guidance for P_{st}^{LM} testing based on test conditions

Test type	EUT type [a]	Apply test with		
		Light level	Voltage fluctuations (Table 1)	External light regulation device
Intrinsic, P_{st}^{LM} (see 9.2)	Non-dimmable	100 %, √	-	-
	Dimmable with external light regulation [b]	100 %, √	-	-
	Dimmable with intrinsic light regulation	100 %, √ 50 %, √	-	-
Immunity against voltage fluctuations P_{st}^{LM} (I) (see 9.3)	Non-dimmable	100 %, √	√	-
	Dimmable with external light regulation [b]	100 %, √	√	-
	Dimmable with intrinsic light regulation	100 %, √ 50 %, √	√	-
Dimmer compatibility P_{st}^{LM} (C) (see 9.4)	Dimmable with external light regulation	100 %, √ 50 %, √	-	√

Key

√ is applied

\- is not applied

[a] Includes controlgear testing with typical light source load, see 9.5.

[b] External light regulation is physically not connected.

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