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This edition included the following significant technical changes with respect to IEC 60169-16:

Clauses 7 and 8 have been totally re-written and Clause 9 has been removed Clause 7 currently include test schedules and Clause 8 gives indications to fill a Blank Detail Specification (BDS).

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61169, which is a Sectional Specification (SS), provides information and rules for the preparation of Detail Specifications (DS) for pin and socket R.F. coaxial connectors, with screw coupling mechanism, for low to medium power applications. The connector is commonly known as the "type N".

Three versions of the 50 Ω characteristic impedance type N connector are included, each version being mateable with each of the others.

The general purpose connector (grade 2) derived from the specifications MIL-C17B and MIL-C-39012 may preferably be used with R.F. cable 60096 IEC 50-7 up to about 12 GHz maximum frequency.

The high performance connector (grade 1) is particularly suitable for microwave applications when lower reflection factors than are offered by the general purpose connector are required. The connectors may also be suitable for microwave components. The tolerances of the interface dimensions lie between those for grade 0 and grade 2, and are chosen to give the performance required. Some grade 1 connectors conforming to this specification may be used up to 18 GHz maximum frequency.

The standard test connector (grade 0) has a closely controlled interface to provide a reference for the measurement of connectors, cable assemblies, components and equipment with the above two interfaces. It may also be used as a microwave connector in situations when the most precise interface for use up to 18 GHz maximum frequency is required.

A 75 Ω characteristic impedance connector is given in Annex A even though the use of 75 Ω type N connectors is strongly deprecated.

Accidental cross-coupling of 75 Ω with 50 Ω connectors can destructively damage the 75 Ω version, but in view of the extensive use of a number of marginally different 75 Ω versions, the interface now given provides common design guidance. 75 Ω connectors should be clearly identified.

This specification indicates the recommended performance characteristics to be considered when writing a DS and covers test schedules and inspection requirements.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60068-1:1988, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*
Amendment 1 (1992)

IEC 60096-2:1988, *Radio-frequency cables – Part 2: Relevant cable specifications*

IEC 61169-1:1992, *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 1: Generic specification – General requirements and measuring methods*
Amendment 1 (1996)
Amendment 2 (1997)

ISO 263:1973, *ISO inch screw threads – General plan and selection for screws, bolts and nuts – Diameter range 0.06 to 6 in*