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IEC TS 62312-1, which is a technical specification, has been prepared by technical area 11: Quality for audio, video and multimedia systems, of IEC technical committee 100: Audio, video and multimedia systems and equipment.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2008. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) new Annex B informs of general measurement and test method of audio latency;
- b) comments from SMPTE (including small technical issues).

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

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100/3048/DTS	100/3105/RVDTS

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- transformed into an International standard,
- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

A bilingual version of this publication may be issued at a later date.

INTRODUCTION

Audio and video equipment processes or reproduces the input signals of audio and video, then outputs these signals in various forms. Audio and video equipment needs time to process or reproduce the input signal. This time depends on the signal format, the architecture of the equipment and the design of the equipment. Hence, audio and video equipment may have different output delays for audio and video signals, and this causes unsynchronised audio and video outputs.

This Technical Specification is the general part of the measurement method for that time difference between audio and video outputs. The other parts of IEC 62312-1 describe specific measurement methods for specific audio and video equipment.

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1 Scope

The IEC 62312 series gives guidelines for methods of synchronizing audio and video.

This part of IEC 62312-1 describes general measurement methods for the synchronization of audio and video equipment.

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 TS 62312-2:2018, *Guideline for synchronization of audio and video – Part 2: Methods for synchronization of audio and video systems*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.2 Abbreviated terms

EUT equipment under test

4 Measuring conditions

4.1 General conditions

4.1.1 Power supplies

4.1.1.1 Voltage

The supplied AC power voltage shall be the fixed value of the region where the equipment under test is used. The supplied DC power voltage shall be the fixed value specified by the manufacturer. The tolerance shall be within ± 1 % in both cases. If this tolerance does not affect the results of measurement, the tolerance can be within ± 5 %.