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INTRODUCTION

This Technical Specification describes primarily how to measure temperature elevation generated by an ultrasound transducer by using an infrared (IR) camera system aimed at insonified tissue-mimicking material located in still air.

Split TMM (tissue-mimicking material) is configured as a phantom to observe temperature elevation and distribution for assessing fields generated by diagnostic ultrasound equipment and by physiotherapy and high intensity therapeutic ultrasound (HITU) equipment.

Temperature measurement of the radiating surface of an ultrasound transducer under the still-air condition is also considered for the evaluation of extensive temperature distributions as required in IEC 60601-2-37:2007 and IEC 60601-2-37:2007/AMD1:2015.

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1 Scope

This document is applicable to ultrasonic equipment designed for the medical field of application. It covers both diagnostic and therapeutic (physiotherapy and HITU) equipment.

This document describes transducer evaluation by the infrared imaging technique using a split TMM-phantom for qualitative and quantitative estimation of temperature distributions in tissue-mimicking material, resulting from absorption of ultrasound and from heating of the transducer itself.

This document also describes a method to measure transducer-surface temperature, while the transducer is driven under the still-air condition.

NOTE 1 When the transducer is in contact with tissue-mimicking material, the heating of the transducer itself depends on the actual efficiency of the transducer, on the specific conditions for thermal transfer to or from the tissue-mimicking material, and on the transmitting/receiving electronic circuits, such as a switching circuit or pre-amplifier in some cases.

NOTE 2 The test objects specified in this document are for the measurement of temperature rise and not for the determination of thermal index, which is, by definition in IEC 62359:2010 and IEC 62359:2010/AMD1:2017, an algebraic combination of acoustical field quantities and therefore is not a physically measurable quantity.

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 60601-2-5:2009, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-5: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of ultrasonic physiotherapy equipment*

IEC 60601-2-37:2007, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-37: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of ultrasonic medical diagnostic and monitoring equipment*
IEC 60601-2-37:2007/AMD1:2015

IEC 60601-2-62:2013, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-62: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of high intensity therapeutic ultrasound (HITU) equipment*

IEC 61161:2013, *Ultrasonics – Power measurement – Radiation force balances and performance requirements*

IEC 62127-1:2007, *Ultrasonics – Hydrophones – Part 1: Measurement and characterization of medical ultrasonic fields up to 40 MHz*
IEC 62127-1:2007/AMD1:2013

ISO 18434-1:2008, *Condition monitoring and diagnostics of machines – Thermography – Part 1: General procedures*