Low Frequency Measuring System

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Low Frequency (LF) Measuring System measures and simulates disturbances in the 230V/50Hz and 115V/60Hz public power supplies.

The following phenomena can be tested:

### Emission

- **Harmonics**
  The increasing use of electronic equipment fitted with switch mode power supplies has led to an increase in distortion of the public power supply. Such loads draw non sinusoidal current, which contains harmonic frequencies at multiples of the 50Hz and 60Hz supply frequencies. This can lead to significant currents flowing in the neutral conductor resulting in cable and transformer overheating. This is also known as „phantom power“ because it has to be transported through cables and transformers, but is not useful.

- **Flicker**
  Small variations in the mains supply voltage, caused by fluctuating currents interacting with the mains impedance, influence the light intensity of an incandescent bulb. Light intensity fluctuates as a square of the RMS voltage. These cyclic fluctuations called „flicker“ are not noticed by the human eye but are registered by the brain, causing annoyance and increased stress. In extreme cases they can trigger headaches or epileptic attacks in susceptible people. Power factor correction is a simple means of reducing flicker.

### Immunity

- **Harmonics**
  Non linear loads connected to the public power supply generate harmonic and interharmonic currents which are transmitted throughout the power network to other equipment. Mains networks are also used to transmit control and monitoring signals. It is necessary to ensure that these unwanted frequency components do not cause disruption to control or measurement units.

- **Voltage variation**
  Changes in load conditions on the public power main, can cause voltage deviations both in a positive (overvoltage) and negative (undervoltage) direction. Equipment must be capable of maintaining normal operation during such deviations.

- **Ripple on DC power supplies**
  It is quite common for mains adapters to deliver an unregulated DC voltage. Normally this is not a problem as energy storage elements in the device being powered compensate for voltage fluctuations.
Applicable Standards

International Electrotechnical Committee (IEC)

IEC 61000-3-2 (Ed.3.2: 2009): Limits - Limits for harmonic current emissions (equipment input current <= 16 A per phase)

IEC 61000-3-3 (Ed.2.0: 2008): 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 61000-4-7 (Ed.2.1: 2009): Testing and measurement techniques - General guide on harmonics and interharmonics measurements and instrumentation, for power supply systems and equipment connected thereto

IEC 61000-4-15 (Ed.1.1: 2003): Testing and measurement techniques - Flickermeter - Functional and design specifications

IEC/TR 60725 (Ed.2.0: 2005): Consideration of reference impedances and public supply network impedances for use in determining disturbance characteristics of electrical equipment having a rated current = < 75 A per phase

IEC 61000-4-13 (Ed.1.1: 2009): Testing and measurement techniques - Harmonics and interharmonics including mains signalling at a.c. power port, low frequency immunity tests.

IEC 61000-4-14 (Ed.1.2: 2009): Testing and measurement techniques - Voltage fluctuation immunity test.

IEC 61000-4-17 (Ed.1.2: 2009): Testing and measurement techniques - Ripple on d.c. input power port immunity test.
LF Measuring System has many unique and outstanding features:

- Utilises public power main
- Light weight and transportable
- Unique power amplifier design (patent pending)
- 4000VA rated system
- 250V maximum EUT supply
- 16A per phase maximum EUT current
- Power source continuously monitored for compliance
- Discrete components for flicker impedance
- Flicker measurements $P_{st}$ and $P_{lt}$
- $d_{max}$ measurements
- Automatic Pass/Fail indication
- Powerful analysis software
- Lower cost solution compared to conventional systems
- System verification built-in
- Compact 19” bench top or rack mount design
- Fulfils all the latest standard requirements
- Remote control and software upgrade through standard interface
- Easily expandable to 3-phase measurement system
- 2 year warranty

The technical excellence and many unique features of LF Measuring System translates directly into benefits for the user:

- Cost effective solution to meet many test requirements
- Increase quality of test object
- Independant of local mains supply (with separate AC source option)
- Save operator time with the automated test routines and test report facility
- Easy retrieval of test data
- Unparalled reliability and system up-time
- Test Assistant
**System Components**

The Low Frequency measuring system is a compact solution to determine harmonic and flicker emissions generated by equipment connected to the public power main.

HAR1000-1P is the single phase version and comprises a power amplifier, line impedance network, harmonics and flicker measurement, all in a single unit. HAR-EXT1000 added to HAR1000-1P provides full three phase capability.

The hardware is controlled from a powerful user interface software (HARCS).

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**Power Amplifier**

Using a novel technique to correct power main distortion reduces size, weight and cost compared to traditional systems. A small power amplifier is used to correct power main distortion and deliver a clean sine wave to an EUT. While the measurements are being made, the test voltage (U) at the terminals of the equipment under test, when operated according to the defined operating condition, shall meet the requirements laid down in the IEC standards.

The power amplifier source impedance must be nearly 0ohm to prevent distortion of flicker results. The test voltage must be stable in amplitude and frequency to ensure correct results.

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**Line Impedance Network**

Flicker measurements are small variations of RMS voltage caused by the EUT. In order to ensure that only effects from the EUT are measured, a conventional impedance of 0,4ohm + j 0,25ohm must be used. This is a real impedance included in the system.
Harmonic Measurement System

This can be configured to measure in accordance with the latest standard requirements (including amendment 14) and also the previous version. Providing an easy comparison of measurement results obtained from previous and new samples. Dual analysers simultaneously monitor the AC supply output and the distortion resulting from the EUT. Both voltage and current harmonics are measured and displayed for analysis purposes.

Definition of the equipment classes

Display of single phase harmonic voltage and current (left)

Harmonic results table including real time EUT measurements (right)
Flicker Measurement System

The flicker analyser is a part of the system hardware and is compliant to the latest requirements of IEC61000-4-15. Specifically this means that dmax is the result of an average from 22 measurements taken from a total of 24. Verification of the flicker measurement system can be made using 33.3Hz modulation for 50Hz and also 40Hz modulation for 60Hz supplies. The inrush current capability enables measurement of dmax at 7%.

HARCS software

Provided as part of the system package, HARCS software is a powerful user friendly interface which allows the user to configure the system to perform measurements and displays the results in a convenient format. Unique features of HARCS software include:

- Test Assistant
- Harmonics inspector
- Recorder function
- ANASIM
- Harmonic verification
- Flicker verification

Upgrading the HARCS to include the immunity package, provides a low cost means to perform additional testing for harmonic immunity, voltage fluctuations and ripple on DC supplies.

Test Assistant

Harmonics Inspector. Select individual harmonics to view additional information in real time.
HARCS Recorder. Up to 8 different measurement parameters can be stored in the recorder. When a test is completed, data from the recorder can be “re-run” to assist in analysis of measurement results.

HARCS ANASIM. Included in the HARCS package is the simulation program ANASIM.

Verification. Perform a quick system verification for harmonics and flicker using internally generated signals.
### Power Amplifier

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<th>Specification</th>
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<td>Power rating</td>
<td>4000VA</td>
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<td>Amplifier bandwidth</td>
<td>DC to 6000Hz</td>
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<td>Voltage range (230V)</td>
<td>200 to 250V</td>
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<td>Voltage range (115V)</td>
<td>100 to 125V</td>
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<tr>
<td>Continuous current</td>
<td>16A</td>
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<tr>
<td>Usable supply frequencies</td>
<td>50/60Hz</td>
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<tr>
<td>Inrush current</td>
<td>500A at 230V</td>
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<tr>
<td>Load change regulation</td>
<td>&lt; 0.05%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)</td>
<td>&lt; 0.5%</td>
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<td>Response time 0 to 100% load change</td>
<td>10μs</td>
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<td>Voltage harmonic distortions</td>
<td>3rd harmonic &lt; 0.9%</td>
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<td>5th harmonic &lt; 0.4%</td>
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<td>7th harmonic &lt; 0.3%</td>
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<td>9th harmonic &lt; 0.2%</td>
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<td>2nd - 10th harmonic</td>
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<td>&lt; 0.2%</td>
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<td>11th - 40th harmonic</td>
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<td>&lt; 0.1%</td>
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<td>Source impedance</td>
<td>&lt; 3mohm</td>
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### Harmonic Measurement System

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<tr>
<td>Current and Voltage harmonic range</td>
<td>1st to 40th harmonic</td>
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<td>Harmonic class measurements</td>
<td>A, B, C, D &amp; X</td>
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<td>Frequency measurement accuracy</td>
<td>&lt; 0.1%</td>
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<td>Voltage drop across current shunt</td>
<td>&lt; 150mV</td>
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<td>Current ranges</td>
<td>auto, 0.25A, 0.5A, 1A, 2A, 5A, 10A, 25A &amp; 50A</td>
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<td>Current measurement accuracy</td>
<td>&lt; 1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Parameter measurement and display</td>
<td>Urms, Upeak, Irms, Ipeak, Crest factor, Power, Apparent power, Frequency, UTHD &amp; ITHD</td>
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<td>FFT of EUT current</td>
<td>real time 4096 points over 16 periods</td>
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<td>Fluctuationg harmonics</td>
<td>16 periods (50 or 60Hz) with 1.5s filter</td>
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### Flicker Measurement System

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<tr>
<td>50Hz Line Impedance Network 1 phase</td>
<td>0.4ohm + j0.25ohm (phase &amp; neutral)</td>
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<td>50Hz Line Impedance Network 1 phase</td>
<td>0.24ohm + j0.15ohm (phase only)</td>
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<td>50Hz Line Impedance Network 1 phase</td>
<td>0.16ohm + j0.10ohm (neutral only)</td>
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<td>50Hz Line Impedance Network 3 phase</td>
<td>0.24ohm + j0.15ohm (phase only)</td>
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<td>50Hz Line Impedance Network 3 phase</td>
<td>0.16ohm + j0.10ohm (neutral only)</td>
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<td>Flicker meter</td>
<td>according to IEC61000-4-15</td>
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<td>Flicker measurements per second</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Parameter measurement and display</td>
<td>Urms, Irms, Power, Power factor, Frequency, Pst, PIt, dmax, dc &amp; dt</td>
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<td>Flicker displays</td>
<td>Cumulative probability, histogram</td>
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<td>Automatic Pass/Fail indication for</td>
<td>Pst, PIt, dmax, dc &amp; dt</td>
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### Mains Supply Requirements

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<tr>
<td>230V/115V</td>
<td>± 10%</td>
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<td>50Hz/60Hz</td>
<td>± 0.5% for 9A range and 16A range</td>
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HAR1000-1P can be enhanced with the following accessories:

**HAR-EXT1000**

Adds two further phases to the HAR1000-1P. Simple connection without any hardware modifications mean this powerful extension can be added at any time to an existing single phase system.

**HARCS Immunity Software**

This package can be added to both the single and three phase systems. It extends the system’s emission capability to include power line immunity tests such as harmonic immunity, voltage fluctuations and ripple on DC.

**PS3**

Low cost power source to provide alternative supply to local main. PS3-1 is available with up to 3 voltage/frequency combinations.

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<tr>
<th>Voltage/frequency</th>
<th>Power</th>
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<tr>
<td>230V/50Hz</td>
<td>3000W</td>
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<td>115V/60Hz</td>
<td>2000W</td>
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**USB Serial Cable**

The UC-232A USB Serial adapter provides an external plug-and-play RS-232 serial connection for computers and notebooks that support USB specification.
**EMC PARTNER’s Product Range**

The Largest Range of Impulse Test Equipment up to 100kA and 100kV.

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**Immunity Tests**

Transient Test System can be used to perform all EMC tests on electronic equipment. ESD, EFT, surge, AC dips, AC magnetic field, surge magnetic field, common mode, damped oscillatory and DC dips tests are available as stand-alone or combined test instruments. A large range of accessories for different applications is available: three phase couplers up to 690V/100A, telecom and data line couplers, verification sets, magnetic field coils. Immunity test systems fulfills IEC and EN 61000-4-2, -4, -5, -8, -9, -11, -12, -16, -18, -29.

TRA3000 and ESD3000 ideal for CE testing

Easily extended to meet other applications

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**Lightning Tests**

A range of test equipment and accessories for aircraft, military and telecom applications. Complete solutions including all hardware and software to meet the requirements of RTCA / EUROCAE DO160 / ED14 for indirect lighting on aircraft systems, MIL-STD-461 tests CS106, CS115, CS116, for military vehicles, ITU-T .K44 basic and enhanced tests for impulse, power contact and power induction, FCC part 68 for telecom equipment testing.

MIG2000-6 – a flexible solution for military and avionic applications

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**Component Tests**

Modular impulse generators (MIG) for transient component testing on: varistors, gas discharge tubes (GDT), surge protective devices (SPD), X Y capacitors, circuit breakers, watt-hour meters, protection relays, insulation material, suppressor diodes, connectors, chokes, fuses, resistors, emc-gaskets, cables, etc. Manual or fully automated solutions are available up to 100kA (8/20us) and 144kV (1.2/50us).

MIG1212CAP – an automatic 8 bank capacitor test system

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**Emission Measurements**

One unit performs all measurements on the power supplies of electronic equipment and products for the CE-Mark. HAR1000 uses a novel techniques to deliver clean power source for the EUT in a compact and lightweight form. The system includes all hardware and software including line impedance networks, control and evaluation software. A basic 1-phase system can be easily extended to 3-phase by adding 2 further phases . HARCS Immunity software further expands the system by adding interharmonic tests, voltage variation and ripple on DC tests. Complies with IEC / EN 61000-4-2, -3, IEC / EN 61000-4-13, -14.

HAR1000-3P and HARCS software a complete test system

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**System Automation**

As addition to the basic generators, a range of accessories are available to enhance capability. Test cabinets, test pistols, adapters and software, simplify interfacing with the EUT.

PS3 programmable source is an EMC hardened supply for frequencies form 16.7Hz to 400Hz. Frequency variation tests can be made using the PS3-SOFT-EXT. Complies with IEC / EN 61000-4-28

PS3 - programmable source ideal for EMC applications

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**Emission Measurements: LF Measuring System**
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