

OSM/EE DECISION SHEET

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Determination of max non-clipped output power		Max non-clipped output power		Helsinki 2024
Question				

Most of the tests and requirements in Annex E are based on non-clipped output power.

In the past (5-10 years ago) it was quite easy to determine non-clipped output power. When the amplifier clipped (or reached max output) it would continue to deliver the clipped signal for at least half a minute, usually longer.

Today a lot of amplifiers will reduce the output power very soon after they clip or reach max output. Usually within a few seconds sometimes within milliseconds. Sometimes, it happens so fast that it is easily missed by the test engineer, resulting in unrepeatable test results.

When determining max non-clipped output power, can we disregard power measurements if the amplifier only can sustain that power for a very short time?

Decision

The max non-clipped output power shall be determined as the max non-clipped output power that the amplifier can sustain for at least 2 seconds.

Explanatory notes

In 5.2.2.2 (EN IEC 62368-1:2020), steady state is considered established when the voltage or current values persist for 2 s or longer.

See clause E.3.1 (edition 2024), first dashed paragraph for further information on maximum nonclipped output power.

The decision was confirmed by TC 108 HBSDT on 2024-04-10.