Introduction to EMC

Schurter has over 75 years experience in the electronics and electrical industries, developing and manufacturing components that ensure a clean and safe supply of power. Schurter provides EMC Services to its customers in various industries, recommending solutions that guarantee electromagnetic compliance with international equipment standards. The full scope of Schurter’s EMC products include Power entry Modules with Filter, Single and 3-Phase Filters, Chokes, Pulse Transformers and Driver Modules.
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**Electro Magnetic Compatibility = EMC**

The electro magnetic compatibility is the ability of an electrical device, unit or system to function sufficiently well in its electromagnetic environment without generating unintentional interference to the other equipment in the system.

**Electro Magnetic Interference = EMI**

Electromagnetic energy emanating from one device which degrades or obstructs the effective performance of another device.
Sources of EMI

Natural

Man-Made Unintentional

Man-Made Intentional
Coupling mechanism

**Radiated**
approx. 30MHZ-1GHz

**Conducted**
approx. 9kHz-30MHz
(SCHURTER Filter)
According to standards, manufacturers of electrical devices are obliged to sufficiently protect their devices from electromagnetic disturbances

**Immunity**

The manufacturers are obliged to ensure that these electrical devices produce very little electromagnetic disturbances to their surroundings

**Emission**
The emission of a device can be proven with interference voltage measurement. This measurement is accomplished in accordance with the standardised measuring method CISPR3.
Each equipment manufacturer must adhere to the defined interference limits according to the standards to prevent disturbing the power network; for example, EN55011 covering ISM (Industrial, scientific and medical appliances) and EN55022 covering ITE (Information technology and telecommunications equipment). Boundary values are:

Class A: for application in an industrial field
Class B: for household and medical applications

The boundary values for class B equipments are stricter than those for the class A
Noise Immunity

The immunity of equipment can be examined in accordance with the following three test procedures:
• ESD (Electrostatic Discharge)
• Burst
• Surge

Equipment can be affected by two kinds of interferences:
• Permanent interference (from HF transmissions)
• Transient interference (from the switching of electrical loads)
# Difference between Surge, Burst and ESD

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<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>ESD</td>
<td>BURST</td>
<td>SURGE</td>
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<tr>
<td>Voltage</td>
<td>Up to 15 kV</td>
<td>Up to 4 kV</td>
<td>Up to 6kV</td>
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<tr>
<td>Repeating frequency</td>
<td>Single Impulses</td>
<td>Multiple Impulses of 5 kHz</td>
<td>Max. 6 Impulses/Min</td>
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<td>Application test object</td>
<td>contactable metal parts</td>
<td>network, signal, measuring and data line networks</td>
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<tr>
<td>Energy</td>
<td>&gt; 10 mJ</td>
<td>300 mJ</td>
<td>300 J</td>
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<td>Standard</td>
<td>EN 61000 4-2 IEC 61000 4-2</td>
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Differential and common mode disturbances

**Differential Mode**

Disturbance flows via the phase line to the interference receiver and via the neutral line back to the interference source. Voltage between the phase and neutral conductors can be measured.

**Common Mode**

Disturbance flows via the phase/neutral line to the interference receiver and via ground back to the source of interference. Voltage between the phase/neutral pole and earth can be measured.

- **Q**: Interference source
- **E**: Interference receiver
- **L**: Phase
- **N**: Neutral pol
- **PE**: Earth
Common Mode disturbances

The attenuation is achieved by the effect of the choke L and the two Y-capacitors. The interference current flows back through $C_Y$ via protective ground to the interference source.
Differential Mode disturbances

The attenuation is carried out by the Capacitor $C_X$ and the dispersion inductance (difference between the two coils).
**Filter-Parameters**

**Rated voltage:**
The rated voltage is considered as the maximum operating voltage having a frequency of 50/60Hz

**Rated current:**
For an optimum filtering effect, the filter’s rated current is to be matched as closely as possible to the rated current value of the equipment

**Placement of the filter:**
Always as close as possible to the source of interference

- Interference protection (immunity): filter directly at the network noise source
- Interference suppression (emission): Filter close to the disturbance source
The X capacitor dampens differential mode noise between L and N. For high frequency energy, the capacitor acts as a short circuit. 

X capacitors are self-healing (SH) metallized paper or polyester types. As a result, these self-healing capacitors can withstand a high pot surge pulse. The capacitor can lose some of its capacitance, but the insulation remains the same. A larger capacitance results in a higher attenuation loss.

Typical values: 47, 68, 100nF
Safety class:
X1 4kV pulse 1.2/50µs
X2 2.5kV pulse 1.2/50µs
The Y-capacitor dampens Common mode noise between L / N and PE. For high frequency energy that comes simultaneously on both lines, the capacitor acts as a short circuit to ground.

Y-capacitors are mainly made with ceramic material; some are metallized paper. The capacitance value is limited because of the leakage current.

Typical values:
- 2.2nF, 470pF

Safety classes:
- Y1 8kV pulse 1.2/50µs
- Y2 5kV pulse 1.2/50µs
Leakage Current

The leakage current is mainly determined by the capacitance between line and ground. International equipment standards limit this current.

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<th>Leakage Current</th>
<th>Voltage</th>
<th>Y-Capacitor</th>
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<tr>
<td>Standard</td>
<td>&lt; 0.5mA</td>
<td>250V 60Hz</td>
<td>2x 2.2nF</td>
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<td>Medical</td>
<td>&lt; 80µA</td>
<td>250V 60Hz</td>
<td>2x 470pF</td>
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<tr>
<td>Medical</td>
<td>&lt; 5µA</td>
<td>250V 60Hz</td>
<td>none</td>
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Leakage current for household appliances:

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<tr>
<th>Type of appliance</th>
<th>Protection class</th>
<th>I_L max. (mA)</th>
<th>U (V)</th>
<th>f (Hz)</th>
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<td>Portable appliances</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>0.75</td>
<td>250</td>
<td>50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stationary motor appliances</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>3.5</td>
<td>250</td>
<td>50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stationary heating appliances</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>0.75/kW (max.5.0)</td>
<td>250</td>
<td>50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Appliances</td>
<td>II</td>
<td>0.25</td>
<td>250</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>I, 0I, III</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>250</td>
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Leakage current for other applications:

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<th>Medical</th>
<th>IT</th>
<th>Measuring devices</th>
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<td>0.5mA</td>
<td>0.1mA</td>
<td>3.5mA</td>
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<td>(UL 1262)</td>
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<td>IEC</td>
<td>0.1mA</td>
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Medical filters and filters with an X-capacitor >100nF have a bleed resistor so that no inadmissible residual voltage occurs at the open inlet pins.

Technical data bleed resistor: 1 MOhm, 0.5W
Attenuation Loss

**Common Mode Measurement**

In common mode measurements, the line and neutral conductor are measured with respect to ground.

**Differential Mode Measurement**

In differential mode measurement, the attenuation loss is measured between line and neutral conductor through a balancing transformer. The ground terminal is not used. The measurement impedance is 50 Ohm according to standard CISPR17.
The diagram shows the loss (Y-axis) with respect to the frequency (X-axis). The frequency is a logarithmic scale and the loss is in decibels, which is also logarithmic. E.g. 6dB = double of the loss

**Formula:** \[ A_{db} = 20 \log \frac{U_1}{2U_2} \]
All our filters fulfil the high voltage requirements of the IEC- and UL-standards. The type test requires applying a voltage of 2121VDC for 60 seconds. The test voltages listed in our catalogue are reduced values for the 100%-production test for two seconds.

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<th>L+N – PE:</th>
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<td>2121VDC; 60s</td>
<td>3000VDC; 60s</td>
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<td>Production test</td>
<td>1075VDC; 2s</td>
<td>2121VDC; 2s</td>
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<td>Catalogue</td>
<td>1700VDC; 2s</td>
<td>2700VDC; 2s</td>
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**Standards:**
- IEC60939-1, EN133200  
  - 1075VDC; 60s / 2s  
  - 2250VDC; 60s / 2s
- IEC60950  
  - 2121VDC; 60s / 1s  
  - 2121VDC; 60s / 1s
- UL1283  
  - 1768VDC; 60s / 1s  
  - 2121VDC; 60s / 1s

**Note:** High pot test with “On filters with a bleed resistor” => the high pot test should be done without bleed resistor.
Climatic category

The indication of the climatic category shows the maximum upper and lower ambient air temperatures according to IEC/EN 60068-1.

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<td>lower limiting temperature</td>
<td>-25 °C</td>
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<td>air humidity 95% relative at 40 °C</td>
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Rated Voltage $V_n$ and Rated Current $I_n$

For each filter type, the rated voltage and the rated current are specified in the technical data sheet. The rated currents given refer to the full load ($I_n$) at an ambient temperature of 40 °C (45 °C).

Current at other temperatures is shown in the derating curve, or can be ascertained by the formula:

$$I = I_n \sqrt{\frac{T_{\text{max}} - T_a}{T_{\text{max}} - T_n}}$$

$I$ = admissible operating current at elevated ambient air temperature

$I_n$ = rated current

$T_{\text{max}}$ = max. allowable ambient air temperature (85 °C)

$T_a$ = ambient air temperature

$T_n$ = allowable ambient air temperature at rated current (40 °C)

**Note:** For power entry modules with fuse holders, the derating curve of the fuse holder has to be taken into consideration.
Standards or Approval marks

SCHURTER mains filters comply with international standards.

Filter standards: IEC 60939, EN 133200, UL 1283, CSA 22.2 No.8
Appliance standard: IEC 60950

Typical approval mark on our mains filters are:

- VDE (D)
- Semko (S)
- UL (USA)
- CSA (CAN)

New approvals:

- EN 10 (Europe (VDE))
- UL® US (North America UL, CSA)
Schurter invites you to test our EMC competence. Schurter EMC Services will conduct the necessary preliminary immunity and interference tests of your electrical systems or equipment. The EMC competence center is equipped with all the necessary measurement tools and an EMC chamber for measuring line-bound interference. An appropriate standard or customer-specific EMC solution is recommended based on the results. The product is overseen from the R&D stage all the way to production, guaranteeing optimal product quality and EMC results.
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