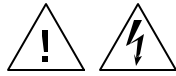


# **Pre-Compliance Test System System Administrator Manual PCTS**



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# 1 Introduction

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This manual is intended for the system administrator of the PCTS compliance test system. Several aspects of the PCTS software operation can be set using the configuration module. This includes IEC test limits, modes of operation, feature selection etc. These settings are password protected to ensure that no changes by unauthorized personnel are made. As a system administrator however, you have the option of changing any aspect of the PCTS configuration.

Note that doing so may invalidate the compliance to existing IEC test standards. The PCTS system is shipped with all parameters set to comply with prevailing IEC standards at the time of shipment. Making changes to any of these password-protected features is done solely at your own risk.

The following aspects of the PCTS software operation can be changed using the Config.exe program:

- IEC Harmonics Limits for class A, B, C and D.
- IEC Flicker transfer function for 50 Hz and 60 Hz flicker operation
- IEC Flicker test limits for Pst, dc, dt and dmax
- Source voltage distortion limits for IEC harmonics test
- Source voltage distortion compensation mode
- Simulated IEC Flicker reference impedance mode
- Miscellaneous parameters

All parameters and settings are stored in the test\_summary.mdb database located in the database subdirectory. Changes are time stamped and the user name is logged with the changes for audit purposes. Do not attempt to edit this database in any other way than using the supplied Config.exe program. If this database gets corrupted, the main PCTS program will not function.

## 2 Configuration Program

The chapter covers the various setup tabs available in the Config.exe configuration program. It also provides the required instructions to bring up the protected area of the Config.exe program. The operator may use the Config.exe program at any time to display general setup and configuration information. Without a password however, none of this information can be changed. In addition to this general setup screen, there are hidden screens that may be used to change key system parameters and test limits. These screens are also password protected.

### 2.1 Accessing the General Configuration Screen

Any operator of the PCTS system can access the general configuration screen by selecting the program shortcut for the Configuration program from the Windows Start menu. This shortcut is located in the PCTS program group.

Once a user name is provided (optional for read-only access), the user can click on the "View/Update calibration information" button. The screen shown below will appear. Note that no password entry is required to gain read-only access. The operator can review configuration data shown but can make no changes to it.

This information is also covered by the PCTS User Manual (P/N 5004-981). Refer to this manual for further information on this screen.

The screenshot displays the 'View/update calibration information' window with the following sections and data:

- Main:**
  - Calibration Number: 1
  - A/D card Serial Number: 1229206821
  - A/D Base Frequency (Hz): 16006742
  - PACS serial number: Pacs
  - External current transformer?:
  - Source Serial Number: 5000ix
- Calibration information for individual channels:**
  - Select a channel here: Chan 0 - Phase 1 Voltage
  - Scale of PACS [Volts or Amps per volt to A/D card]: 50
  - System DC offset (integer from A/D when physical quantity is zero): 0
  - System sensitivity coefficient (voltage per unit of 16 bit): 1.525879E-04
- Maximum Current Limits:**
  - These are integers corresponding to half of 16 bit A/D values:
  - 40 - 200 Amps: 32000
  - 10-40 Amps: 32000
  - <10 Amps: 32000
- Impedance Values:**
  - European:  (Selected)
  - Japanese:
  - Single phase:
    - Resistive (mOhms): 400
    - Inductive (uH): 796
  - Three phase:
    - Resistive (mOhms): 240
    - Inductive (uH): 477
- System Configuration:**
  - No CI power source:  (Selected)
  - OMNI included in the PACS:
  - External OMNI exists:
  - CI Source with Programmable Impedance:
- Original calibration information:**
  - Calibration Time and Date: 2:19:43 PM on 03/17/2000
  - Calibration Performed by: ci
- Calibration Data Update Information:**
  - Calibration Update Time and Date: 9:53:56 AM on 02/12/2001
  - Calibration Updated by: herman



## 2.2 Password

The configuration password is shown here. Note that this password is not case sensitive.

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## 2.3 Changing General Configuration Settings

Open the Configuration program as described before. After entering your name, enter the password in the password entry box. Then click on the "View/Update calibration information" button. The same configuration data will be shown only this time, changes can be made. When the configuration screen is closed, all changes made are stored in the test\_summary.mdb database along with the login name and date.

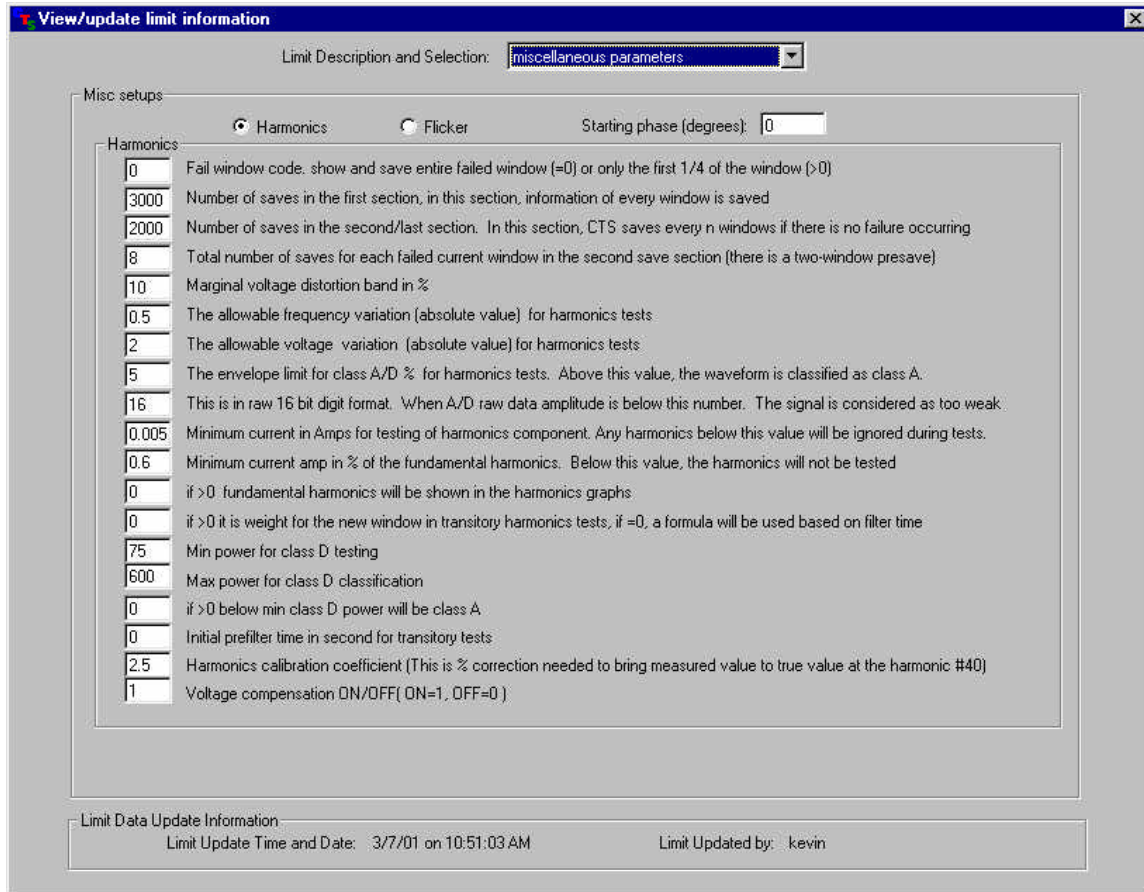
This information is also covered by the PCTS User Manual (P/N 5004-981). Refer to this manual for further information on this screen.

## 2.4 Changing Hidden Configuration Settings

Open the Configuration program as described before. After entering your name, enter the password in the password entry box. Then double-click on the empty space between the "View/Update calibration information" and the "Cancel and exit program" button. This will reveal a hidden button labeled "View/Update limit information". Next click on this hidden button to bring up the hidden configuration data screen. When the configuration screen is closed, all changes made are stored in the test\_summary.mdb database along with the login name and date.

## 2.5 Configuration Option Selection

The configuration screen is shown below. The drop down control at the top of the Configuration window can be used to access any one of the following limit sections:



- Miscellaneous parameters and test limits
- Voltage source qualification limits
- Class A, B, C or D Steady State limits
- Class A, B, C or D Transitory State limits
- Flicker Limits

## 3 Configuration Limits

### 3.1 Configuration Limits - Miscellaneous

The Miscellaneous screen provides access to the following test limit database parameters:

#### 3.1.1 For Harmonics

Field	Description
Start Phase	Sets the phase angle for the start of each data window processed. The default start phase angle is 0 degrees. This ensures synchronization to the EUT voltage and current data.
Fail window code	Data is acquired in windows of 10, 12 or 16 signal periods. If the data for a given window exceeds the test limits, the data for this window can be stored in its entirety (value set to 0) or only a fraction of the window can be saved. (value set > 0). Normally, this field should be set to 0.
<b>Data Storage</b>	
Number of saves, first section	This number represents the number of acquisition window (buffers) to save for this first portion of the test. If the test time is set to a lower can than this number, all buffers are saved for the entire test. If the total test time exceeds this value times the buffer duration - 16, 12 or 10 cycles at the specified frequency - the remainder of the test (last section), data will be saved at a lower rate determined by the number in the next field. An acquisition window is either 16, 12 or 10 periods long. The period is determined by the selected frequency (50, 60 or 400 Hz). For example, if this value is set to 2000 at 16 cycles of 50 Hz, this corresponds to $2000 * 16 * 20 \text{ msec} = 640 \text{ secs.} = 10 \text{ min } 40 \text{ sec}$ . If the test time is less than this, all buffers are saved. If the test time is 12 minutes, the last 20 seconds are considered the last section of the test. Not all buffers may be saved during this last section.
Number of saves, last section	Once every acquisition buffer during the first section has been saved, as specified by the previous field, data recording continues at a reduced rate. The PCTS will determine the remaining test time, divide it by the value specified in this field and round the result down to the nearest integer (n). From this moment forward, every nth buffer will be saved only, unless a failure occurs. See next field for failure mode save. For example, if this value is set to 1000 and the remaining test time after the first section is 30 minutes or 1800 secs, of the 5625 buffers of 320 msec in this 30 minute period, every $\text{Round}(5625/1000) = 5^{\text{th}}$ buffer would be saved for a total of 1000 + buffers.
Total number of saves	If a failure occurs during the second phase of the test - determined by the previous settings - this number of buffers will be saved around the failure buffer. This value always includes two buffers before the buffer with a failure, the failure buffer itself, and the remaining number of buffers after the failure. Thus, if this field is set to 8, 2 pre failure, 1 failure and 5 post failure buffers are saved. If additional failure buffers are found during this interval, saving continues until 5 failure free buffers are encountered or the test reaches the end time.
<b>Tolerances</b>	
Vdistortion Margin	Determines at what level of the Vdistortion limits, the PCTS will display MARGINAL instead of OK for the Vdistortion. This value should be about 10%.

Field	Description
Frequency variation	The tolerance for the detected AC Source voltage frequency. If a California Instruments AC source is used, the frequency will be within 0.01 Hz. However, if the AC line is used instead, frequency variations may exceed the set tolerance in this field. If an unacceptable line frequency is detected, an error message will be issued to the operator.
Voltage variation	The tolerance for the detected AC Source RMS voltage. If a California Instruments AC source is used, the RMS voltage will be well within this tolerance. However, if the AC line is used instead, voltage variations may exceed the set tolerance in this field. If an unacceptable line voltage is detected, an error message will be issued to the operator.
Class A/D Envelope limit	The amount of current waveform that is allowed to be outside the Class D current template. This template is used to determine Class A or D EUT's. Presently, this value is fixed by the EN 61000-3-2 Harmonics standard at 5 %.
Noise Margin	The noise floor for voltage and current measurements. If the measured input signal is below this threshold, a warning is issued to the operator as the signals are too weak to be measured accurately. This is normally due to improper connection or a failure to apply the test voltage when manual source control has been selected.
Absolute lower current harmonic	The absolute threshold below which current harmonics are ignored per the EN 61000-3-2 standard. Presently, this value is 5 mA.
Relative lower current harmonic	The relative (% of fundamental current) threshold below which current harmonics are ignored per the EN 61000-3-2 standard.
<b>Graph Display Modes</b>	
Fundamental display	If 0, the fundamental is not graphed. If > 0, both fundamental and harmonics are graphed. Default value is 0.
Harmonics Filtering	If 0, transitory harmonics will be filtered using the 1.5 sec smoothing filter. Default value is 0. If value > 0, filtering is disabled.

### 3.1.2 For Flicker

**View/update limit information**

Limit Description and Selection: miscellaneous parameters

Misc setups

Harmonics
  Flicker
 Starting phase (degrees): 0

Flicker

0 Fail window code. show and save entire failed window (=0) or only the first 1/4 of the window (>0)

1200 Number of saves in the first section, in this section, information of every window is saved

7200 Number of saves in the second/last section. In this section, CTS saves every n windows if there is no failure occurring

8 Total number of saves for each failed current window in the second save section (there is a two-window presave)

1024 This is in raw 16 bit digit format. When A/D raw data amplitude is below this number. The signal is considered as too weak.

10 The initial buffer number for obtaining steady state reference

0.2 Minimum % of changes needed to be considered as true changes;

0.15 This is thresh\_dc, the threshold to be used for dc calculations;

0.5 Limit for frequency difference from the target;

10 Limit for voltage difference from the target;

10 Limit for voltage deviation;

0.65 Limit for Pkt

1 Limit for Pst

3.3 Limit for dc

4 Limit for dmax

4 Limit for dt

1 Flicker normalization factor

0.4 Resistive values for PCTS(compensation)

0.175 Inductive values for PCTS(compensation)

Limit Data Update Information

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Field	Description
Start Phase	See Harmonics
Fail window code	See Harmonics
<b>Data Storage</b>	
Number of saves, first section	See Harmonics
Number of saves, last section	See Harmonics
Initial Buffer	Number of acquisition periods over which to determine steady state condition.
<b>Tolerances</b>	
Vrms Threshold	Minimum change in voltage required to be considered a voltage change. This is effectively a noise threshold setting. Changes below the threshold value are not considered as actual changes but noise.
Dc threshold	The low end cut off change for dc calculation
Limit or Min/Max	If this field is 0, min/max values for frequency, voltage and voltage deviation are plotted. If this field is non-0, the limits for these parameters are plotted instead.

Field	Description
Frequency margin	Limit (in Hz) for acceptable frequency deviation. Changes in frequency below this value are acceptable. Above this threshold, a warning is displayed.
Voltage limit	The average RMS value of each acquisition window (buffer) should not be different by more than this value from the specified nominal RMS voltage value. (Typically 230 V or 115 V). If the difference exceeds this setting, the buffer is considered to be a Failed buffer. This event is flagged in the V distortion field on the main window but does not cause the test to abort.
Deviation limit	A particular half cycle RMS should not be different by more than this value (in %) from the RMS of the reference waveform acquired at the beginning of a test. This limit applies only to Flicker tests. Normally, this value is set to 10 % as normal voltage variations in RMS should not be this high. This event is flagged but does not cause the test to abort.
<b>Flicker Limits</b>	
Plt limit	Pass / Fail limit for Long term flicker index Plt
Pst limit	Pass / Fail limit for Short term flicker index Pst
Dc limit	Pass / Fail limit for dc
Dmax limit	Pass / Fail limit for dmax
Dt limit	Pass / Fail limit for dt
Flicker normalization	This is a normalization scale factor that may be applied to the final Pst result. This value is normally 1.
<b>Impedance</b>	
PCTS Impedance R	This is the equivalent resistive portion of the flicker reference impedance used by the PCTS system when running a flicker test. The default value is 400 mOhm.
PCTS Impedance L	This is the equivalent inductive portion at 50 Hz of the flicker reference impedance used by the PCTS system when running a flicker test. The default value is 175 mOhm.

### 3.2 Configuration Limits - Voltage Distortion

**View/update limit information**

Limit Description and Selection: **Voltage source qualification**

Harmonics limits:

Harmonic #11	0.100	Harmonic #21	0.100	Harmonic #31	0.100	Harmonic #41	0.000		
Harmonic #2	0.200	Harmonic #12	0.100	Harmonic #22	0.100	Harmonic #32	0.100	Harmonic #42	0.000
Harmonic #3	0.900	Harmonic #13	0.100	Harmonic #23	0.100	Harmonic #33	0.100	Harmonic #43	0.000
Harmonic #4	0.200	Harmonic #14	0.100	Harmonic #24	0.100	Harmonic #34	0.100	Harmonic #44	0.000
Harmonic #5	0.400	Harmonic #15	0.100	Harmonic #25	0.100	Harmonic #35	0.100	Harmonic #45	0.000
Harmonic #6	0.200	Harmonic #16	0.100	Harmonic #26	0.100	Harmonic #36	0.100	Harmonic #46	0.000
Harmonic #7	0.300	Harmonic #17	0.100	Harmonic #27	0.100	Harmonic #37	0.100	Harmonic #47	0.000
Harmonic #8	0.200	Harmonic #18	0.100	Harmonic #28	0.100	Harmonic #38	0.100	Harmonic #48	0.000
Harmonic #9	0.200	Harmonic #19	0.100	Harmonic #29	0.100	Harmonic #39	0.100	Harmonic #49	0.000
Harmonic #10	0.200	Harmonic #20	0.100	Harmonic #30	0.100	Harmonic #40	0.100	Harmonic #50	0.000

Limit Data Update Information

Limit Update Time and Date: 06/01/1999 on 12:00:00 AM      Limit Updated by: None

During current harmonics testing, the voltage distortion of the AC Source or Line voltage is constantly monitored by the PCTS system. The EN 61000-2-3 voltage distortion test limits are displayed in this screen and can be modified if and when a new standard is issued that applies different limits.

The data is shown in percentage of the fundamental. This 0.1 is equivalent to 0.1 % of the fundamental voltage at 50, 60 or 400 Hz. The limits shown are applied to the measured voltage harmonics. The maximum number of harmonics supported is 50 but only 40 are covered by the EN 61000-3-2 standard.

Harmonics for which no limit applies are set to zero.

### 3.3 Configuration Limits - Steady State Harmonics

View/update limit information

Limit Description and Selection: Class A Steady State

Harmonics limits:

Harmonic #11	0.330	Harmonic #21	0.107	Harmonic #31	0.073	Harmonic #41	0.000		
Harmonic #2	1.080	Harmonic #12	0.153	Harmonic #22	0.084	Harmonic #32	0.058	Harmonic #42	0.000
Harmonic #3	2.300	Harmonic #13	0.210	Harmonic #23	0.098	Harmonic #33	0.068	Harmonic #43	0.000
Harmonic #4	0.430	Harmonic #14	0.131	Harmonic #24	0.077	Harmonic #34	0.054	Harmonic #44	0.000
Harmonic #5	1.140	Harmonic #15	0.150	Harmonic #25	0.090	Harmonic #35	0.064	Harmonic #45	0.000
Harmonic #6	0.300	Harmonic #16	0.115	Harmonic #26	0.071	Harmonic #36	0.051	Harmonic #46	0.000
Harmonic #7	0.770	Harmonic #17	0.132	Harmonic #27	0.083	Harmonic #37	0.061	Harmonic #47	0.000
Harmonic #8	0.230	Harmonic #18	0.102	Harmonic #28	0.066	Harmonic #38	0.048	Harmonic #48	0.000
Harmonic #9	0.400	Harmonic #19	0.118	Harmonic #29	0.078	Harmonic #39	0.058	Harmonic #49	0.000
Harmonic #10	0.184	Harmonic #20	0.092	Harmonic #30	0.061	Harmonic #40	0.046	Harmonic #50	0.000

Limit Data Update Information

Limit Update Time and Date: 06/01/1999 on 12:00:00 AM

Limit Updated by: None

This screen displays the steady state current harmonic limits applied in percent of the fundamental current or in mA per Watt for the special case of class D. These limits only apply to the IEC 61000-3-2:1998 standard. When using the IEC 61000-3-2:2000 standard mode, the transitory limit settings are always used.

Note that each EUT class has a corresponding limit screen. The maximum number of harmonics supported is 50 but only 40 are covered by the EN 61000-3-2 standard. Harmonics for which no limit applies are set to zero. For the special case of Class D, the minimum power level of the EUT that requires testing is set to 75 Watt. This value is expected to change to 50 Watt in a future version of the harmonics standard.



### 3.4 Configuration Limits - Transitory State Harmonics

View/update limit information

Limit Description and Selection: Class D Transitory

Harmonics limits:

Harmonic #11	0.525	Harmonic #21	0.275	Harmonic #31	0.186	Harmonic #41	0.000		
Harmonic #2	0.000	Harmonic #12	0.000	Harmonic #22	0.000	Harmonic #32	0.000	Harmonic #42	0.000
Harmonic #3	5.100	Harmonic #13	0.444	Harmonic #23	0.251	Harmonic #33	0.175	Harmonic #43	0.000
Harmonic #4	0.000	Harmonic #14	0.000	Harmonic #24	0.000	Harmonic #34	0.000	Harmonic #44	0.000
Harmonic #5	2.850	Harmonic #15	0.385	Harmonic #25	0.231	Harmonic #35	0.165	Harmonic #45	0.000
Harmonic #6	0.000	Harmonic #16	0.000	Harmonic #26	0.000	Harmonic #36	0.000	Harmonic #46	0.000
Harmonic #7	1.500	Harmonic #17	0.340	Harmonic #27	0.214	Harmonic #37	0.156	Harmonic #47	0.000
Harmonic #8	0.000	Harmonic #18	0.000	Harmonic #28	0.000	Harmonic #38	0.000	Harmonic #48	0.000
Harmonic #9	0.750	Harmonic #19	0.304	Harmonic #29	0.199	Harmonic #39	0.148	Harmonic #49	0.000
Harmonic #10	0.000	Harmonic #20	0.000	Harmonic #30	0.000	Harmonic #40	0.000	Harmonic #50	0.000

Limit Data Update Information

Limit Update Time and Date: 06/01/1999 on 12:00:00 AM

Limit Updated by: None

This screen displays the transitory state current harmonic limits applied in percent of the fundamental current or in mA per Watt for the special case of class D. Note that each EUT class has a corresponding limit screen.

The maximum number of harmonics supported is 50 but only 40 are covered by the EN 61000-3-2 standard. Harmonics for which no limit applies are set to zero. For the special case of Class D, the minimum power level of the EUT that requires testing is set to 75 Watt. This lower limit can be changed in the harmonics configuration screen if desired. See paragraph 3.1.1.

### 3.5 Configuration Limits - Flicker

**View/update limit information**

Limit Description and Selection:

Flicker calibration points

Number of active calibration points:

cpm #1	<input type="text" value="0.1"/>	cpm #6	<input type="text" value="3"/>	cpm #11	<input type="text" value="110"/>	cpm #16	<input type="text" value="585"/>	cpm #21	<input type="text" value="1200"/>
cpm #2	<input type="text" value="0.2"/>	cpm #7	<input type="text" value="10"/>	cpm #12	<input type="text" value="176"/>	cpm #17	<input type="text" value="682"/>	cpm #22	<input type="text" value="1390"/>
cpm #3	<input type="text" value="0.4"/>	cpm #8	<input type="text" value="22"/>	cpm #13	<input type="text" value="273"/>	cpm #18	<input type="text" value="796"/>	cpm #23	<input type="text" value="1620"/>
cpm #4	<input type="text" value="0.6"/>	cpm #9	<input type="text" value="39"/>	cpm #14	<input type="text" value="375"/>	cpm #19	<input type="text" value="1020"/>	cpm #24	<input type="text" value="2400"/>
cpm #5	<input type="text" value="1"/>	cpm #10	<input type="text" value="68"/>	cpm #15	<input type="text" value="480"/>	cpm #20	<input type="text" value="1055"/>	cpm #25	<input type="text" value="2875"/>

Factor #1	<input type="text" value="7.4"/>	Factor #6	<input type="text" value="1.95"/>	Factor #11	<input type="text" value="0.725"/>	Factor #16	<input type="text" value="0.42"/>	Factor #21	<input type="text" value="0.29"/>
Factor #2	<input type="text" value="4.58"/>	Factor #7	<input type="text" value="1.29"/>	Factor #12	<input type="text" value="0.64"/>	Factor #17	<input type="text" value="0.37"/>	Factor #22	<input type="text" value="0.34"/>
Factor #3	<input type="text" value="3.54"/>	Factor #8	<input type="text" value="1.02"/>	Factor #13	<input type="text" value="0.56"/>	Factor #18	<input type="text" value="0.32"/>	Factor #23	<input type="text" value="0.402"/>
Factor #4	<input type="text" value="3.2"/>	Factor #9	<input type="text" value="0.906"/>	Factor #14	<input type="text" value="0.5"/>	Factor #19	<input type="text" value="0.28"/>	Factor #24	<input type="text" value="0.77"/>
Factor #5	<input type="text" value="2.724"/>	Factor #10	<input type="text" value="0.81"/>	Factor #15	<input type="text" value="0.48"/>	Factor #20	<input type="text" value="0.28"/>	Factor #25	<input type="text" value="1.04"/>

Limit Data Update Information

Limit Update Time and Date: 06/01/1999 on 12:00:00 AM      Limit Updated by: None

This screen displays the Flicker impression index curve per the IEC 868 Flicker meter standard. A different curve exists for 50 Hz and 60 Hz flicker measurements. This data should only be changed when changes are made to the EN 61000-3-3 standard.

## 4 Measurement Uncertainty

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### 4.1 Introduction

Uncertainty is associated with the result of a measurement (eg a calibration or test) and defines the range of the values that could reasonably be attributed to the measured quantity. When uncertainty is evaluated and reported in a specified way, it indicates the level of confidence that the value actually lies within the range defined by the uncertainty interval.

Any measurement is subject to imperfections; some of these are due to random effects, such as short-term fluctuations in temperature, humidity and air-pressure or variability in the performance of the measurer. Repeated measurements will show variation because of these random effects. Other imperfections are due to the practical limits to which correction can be made for systematic effects, such as offset of a measuring instrument, drift in its characteristics between calibrations, personal bias in reading an analogue scale or the uncertainty of the value of a reference standard.

Often, a result is compared with a limiting value defined in a specification or regulation. In this case, knowledge of the uncertainty shows whether the result is well within the acceptable limits or only just makes it. Occasionally a result is so close to the limit that the risk associated with the possibility that the property that was measured may not fall within the limit, once the uncertainty has been allowed for, must be considered.

Suppose that a customer has the same test done in more than one laboratory, perhaps on the same sample, more likely on what they may regard as an identical sample of the same product. Would we expect the laboratories to get identical results? Only within limits, we may answer, but when the results are close to the specification limit, it may be that one laboratory indicates failure whereas another indicates a pass. From time to time accreditation bodies have to investigate complaints concerning such differences. This can involve much time and effort for all parties, which in many cases could have been avoided if the uncertainty of the result had been known by the customer.

### 4.2 ISO/IEC 17025:1999 Standard

The standard ISO/IEC 17025:1999 [*General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*] specifies requirements for reporting and evaluating uncertainty of measurement. The problems presented by these requirements vary in nature and severity depending on the technical field and whether the measurement is a calibration or test.

Calibration is characterized by the facts that

- (i) Repeated measurements can be made
- (ii) Uncertainty of reference instruments is provided at each stage down the calibration chain, starting with the national standard and
- (iii) Customers are aware of the need for a statement of uncertainty in order to ensure that the instrument meets their requirements.

Consequently, calibration laboratories are used to evaluating and reporting uncertainty. In accredited laboratories the uncertainty evaluation is subject to assessment by the accreditation body and is quoted on calibration certificates issued by the laboratory.

The situation in testing, in particular IEC compliance testing, is not as well-developed and particular difficulties are encountered. In some cases a test may not be defined well enough by the standard, leading to potentially inconsistent application and thus another source of

uncertainty. Such was the case with the 1998 IEC 61000-3-2 class D harmonic current limits. In many tests there will be uncertainty components that need to be evaluated on the basis of previous data and experience, in addition to those evaluated from calibration certificates and manufacturers, specifications.

Accreditation bodies are responsible for ensuring that accredited laboratories meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025. The standard requires appropriate methods of analysis to be used for estimating uncertainty of measurement.

### 4.3 Statements of Compliance - Effect of Uncertainty

This is a difficult area and what is to be reported must be considered in the context of the client's needs. In particular, consideration must be given to the possible consequences and risks associated with a result that is close to the specification limit. The uncertainty may be such as to raise real doubt about the reliability of pass/fail statements. When uncertainty is not taken into account, then the larger the uncertainty, the greater are the chances of passing failures and failing passes. Using better equipment, better control of environment, and ensuring consistent performance of the test usually attains a lower uncertainty.

For some products it may be appropriate for the user to make a judgement of compliance, based on whether the result is within the specified limits with no allowance made for uncertainty. This is often referred to as shared risk, since the end user takes some of the risk of the product not meeting specification. The implications of that risk may vary considerably. Shared risk may be acceptable in non-safety critical performance, for example the EMC characteristics of a domestic radio or TV. However, when testing a heart pacemaker or components for aerospace purposes, the user may require that the risk of the product not complying has to be negligible and would need uncertainty to be taken into account. An important aspect of shared risk is that the parties concerned agree on the uncertainty that is acceptable; otherwise disputes could arise later.

### 4.4 Uncertainty of the PCTS System

Uncertainty is a consequence of the unknown sign of random effects and limits to corrections for systematic effects and is therefore expressed as a quantity, ie an interval about the result. It is evaluated by combining a number of uncertainty components. The components used in the PCTS system were quantified by a combination of evaluation of the results of several repeated measurements and by estimation based on technical data provided by the original manufacturers of the components used in the PCTS system.

The result of this analysis yields the accuracy specification of the PCTS measurement system, in particular that of the current harmonic measurement system. Software calibration coefficients are used extensively to allow calibration of each individual measurement channel. The resulting accuracy specification is a worst-case specification, meaning that typical PCTS systems will perform better. To ensure compliance of each PCTS system to these measurement specifications, each PCTS system is individually tested before delivery using commonly accepted measurement methods and NIST traceable calibration equipment.

The PCTS accuracy specifications as published in the PCTS User Manual (P/N 5004-981) form the basis of the uncertainty assessment. The method of combining the uncertainty components is aimed at producing a realistic rather than pessimistic combined uncertainty. This usually means working out the square root of the sum of the squares of the separate components (the root sum square method). The combined standard uncertainty may be reported as it stands (the one standard deviation level), or, usually, an expanded uncertainty is reported. This is the combined standard uncertainty multiplied by what is known as a coverage factor. The greater this factor the larger the uncertainty interval and, correspondingly, the higher the level of confidence that the value lies within that interval.

The uncertainty specified for the PCTS system in the tables below uses a coverage factor of 2, which corresponds to a confidence level of approximately 95%.

#### 4.4.1 PCTS Uncertainty - Harmonics<sup>1</sup>:

4 A RMS Range	Frequency	Uncertainty
RMS current		4 mA
Fundamental current	50 / 60 Hz	4 mA
Harmonic current	100 Hz- 1000 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 4 mA
	1050 Hz - 2000 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 6 mA
	2050 Hz - 2400 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 8 mA
16 A RMS Range	Frequency	Uncertainty
RMS current		16 mA
Fundamental current	50 / 60 Hz	16 mA
Harmonic current	100 Hz- 1000 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 4 mA
	1050 Hz - 2000 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 6 mA
	2050 Hz - 2400 Hz	0.2 % Reading + 8 mA

Table 4-1: PCTS Uncertainty - Harmonics

<sup>1</sup> Uncertainty data is given for products under test that exhibit a Power Factor of  $0.75 < PF$  or  $PF < -0.75$ .

#### 4.4.2 PCTS Uncertainty - Flicker<sup>2</sup>:

Flicker		Uncertainty
Pst		5 % Reading
Plt		5 % Reading
dc		5 % Reading
dt		5 % Reading
dmax		5 % Reading

Table 4-2: PCTS Uncertainty - Flicker

#### 4.5 Adding Uncertainty Information to PCTS Test Reports

If desired, the uncertainty information regarding the PCTS measurement system may be added to the test reports generated by the PCTS software. To do so, edit the report templates located in the "C:\Program Files\California Instruments\PCTS\report\_files" subdirectory. Use the File, Open menu in MS Word and select the H1000000.doc (for Harmonics reports) or F1000000.doc (for Flicker) report templates.

Add a page at the end to the report containing the table information above and save the templates as MS Word docs under the same name. You may want to save the original template docs under a different name before doing so.

Once updated, future reports will automatically include this information.

<sup>2</sup> Uncertainty data is given for products under test that exhibit a Power Factor of  $0.75 < PF$  or  $PF < -0.75$ .

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