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Part 9: Measurement of spurious resonances of piezoelectric crystal units

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Foreword

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60444 describes two methods for determining the spurious (unwanted) modes of piezoelectric crystal resonators. It extends the capabilities and improves the reproducibility and accuracy compared to previous methods.

The previous methods described in IEC 60283 (1968) were based on the use of a measuring bridge, which applies to non-traceable components such as variable resistors and a hybrid transformer, which are no longer commercially available.

Method A (Full parameter determination)

Full parameter determination allows the determination of the equivalent parameters of the spurious resonances and is based on the methods described in IEC 60444-5 using the same measurement equipment. It is the preferred method, which can be applied to the measurement of low and medium impedance spurious resonances up to several k Ω .

Method B (Resistance determination)

Resistance determination should be used for the determination of high impedance spurious resonances as specified, for example for certain filter crystals. It uses the same test equipment as method A in conjunction with a test fixture, which consists of commercially available microwave components such as a 180° hybrid coupler and a 10 dB attenuator, which are well-defined in a 50 Ω environment. This method is an improvement to the “reference method” of the obsolete IEC 60283.

2 Overview

Piezoelectric crystal units show multiple resonances, which can be electrically represented by a parallel connection of a number of series resonant circuits. The one-port equivalent circuit of the complete crystal unit is shown in Figure 1 (taken from IEC 60444-5).

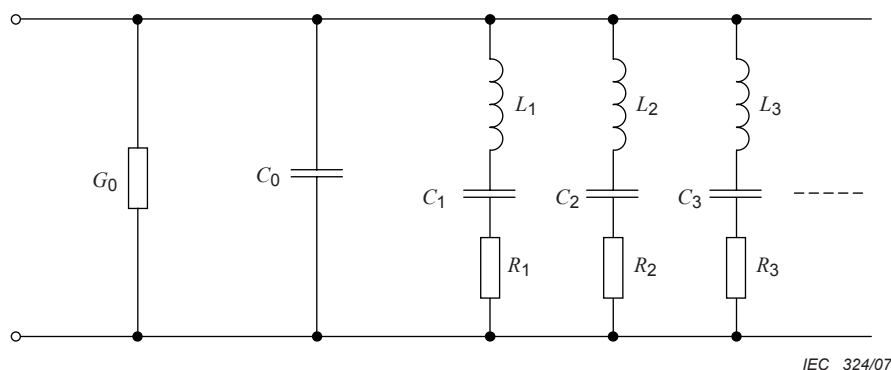


Figure 1 – General one-port equivalent circuit for multiple resonances

The total admittance Y_{tot} of the equivalent circuit for n resonance modes is therefore

$$Y_{\text{tot}} = G_0 + j\omega C_0 + \sum_i Y_i \quad (1)$$

with

$$Y_i = G_i + jB_i = \left(R_i + j\omega L_i + \frac{1}{j\omega C_i} \right)^{-1} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n) \quad (2)$$

Index $i = 1$ represents the main mode, while $i = 2 \dots n$ represents the spurious resonance modes.

The spurious modes are regarded as uncoupled modes. Coupled modes can also be found by the described test methods, however their strong amplitude dependence does not allow for the precise determination of their parameters.

The attenuation a_{spur}^i of a spurious mode i , is defined as the logarithmic ratio (expressed in dB) of its resistance R_i , to the resistance R_1 of the main mode:

$$a_{\text{spur}}^i = 20 \cdot \log_{10} \left(\frac{R_i}{R_1} \right) \quad (3)$$

Figure 2 shows a typical spectrum for the spurious resonances of an AT-cut quartz crystal unit as displayed on a spectrum analyzer using a π -network according to IEC 60444-1.