



Another EMC resource
from EMC Standards


CE + CE does not = CE - what to do instead for EMC

Helping you solve your EMC problems


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CE + CE does not = CE !

– what to do instead for EMC



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- **First issue**

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Good Electromagnetic (EM) Engineering...

- is cost-effective SI, PI and EMC engineering:
well-proven to save time & money in all lifecycle stages,
helping to increase profits & reduce financial risks...
- for PCBs, modules, sub-assemblies, devices, products, equipment, vehicles, sub-systems, systems, installations, etc., etc.; of any size, in all applications
*see Module 1 especially 1.15 (also in Webinar 1c)
and 1.16 (also in Webinar 1d)*

■ **This Module contains many EM Engineering guidelines that should *also* be used as an initial design checklist:**
any that can't or won't be followed identify a project risk!
see Module 1, section 1.16 (also in Webinar 1d)

- to adapt any λ -based design guidelines to different EMC standards, see *Module 1, section 1.18* *(also in Webinar 1d)*

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Keep up to date with new versions of this course module!
Visit: www.emcstandards.co.uk/emc-for-systems-installations2

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Important note:
**CE + CE does not equal CE
for Safety compliance too**

■ **The basic principles expressed in this course module, also apply to safety compliance...**

- for example, I have a version of this course module which replaces ‘EMC’ with ‘safety’...
 - and replaces EMC standard numbers with safety standard numbers...
 - plus has a few other detailed changes, which do not affect the basic principles

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Selecting Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) items for their EMC when integrating them into a new product

■ **This course module is equally applicable to:**

- systems and installations of any size or scale...
 - commercial, IT, industrial, residential, transportation, etc.
- finished products...
 - machines, equipment, computers, vehicles, etc.
- sub-assemblies and “components”
 - such as PLCs, power supplies, motor drives, pneumatic solenoids, valve islands, modules, assembled PCBs, etc.

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Why "CE+CE=CE" cannot achieve due diligence for EMC compliance

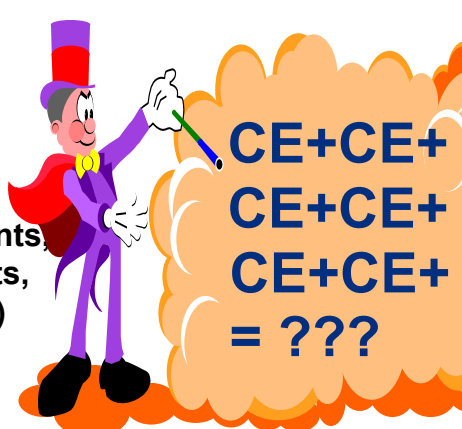
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CE + CE = CE is a nice idea

- It would be nice if we could simply use CE-marked "parts" to build our final "product"
(whether the "parts" are components, modules, sub-assemblies, products, or even systems in their own right)
- But we need to have confidence that this would ensure actual EMC compliance for our "product"
 - e.g. compliance with its relevant EMC test standards




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CE+CE is unreliable because:

- **Some suppliers lie, or don't try very hard, or get it wrong**
- **Test set-ups can differ from actual assembly or installation**
 - making nonsense of the part's EMC test data
- **Some test labs get it wrong**
- **Emissions can add up**

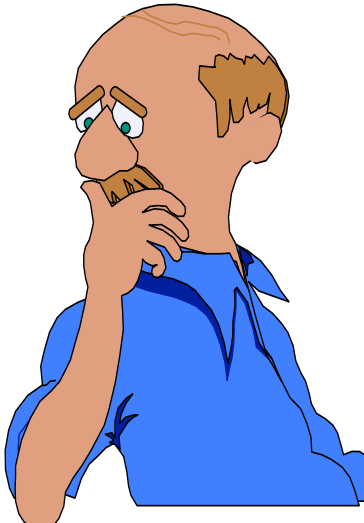


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CE+CE is unreliable continued...

- **Apparatus declared compliant by technical arguments instead of testing may never have been competently assessed...**
 - or assessor's recommendations or warnings ignored
- **When test purchases are made by enforcement authorities...**
 - they generally find between 25% and 50% do not comply with all relevant Directives...



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