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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61156 describes cables intended to be used for transmission of 1 Gbit/s over a single twisted pair for office, home and industrial application. An example of an existing application is 1000BASE-T1; see ISO/IEC TR 11801-9906. The transmission characteristics of these cables are specified up to a frequency of 600 MHz and at a temperature of 20 °C. The cable type recognised is intended to be used for the work area wiring of shielded channels with a nominal length of 40 m. Possible designs are U/FTP, X/UTP and X/FTP, where X stands for F, S or SF.

These cables can comprise more than one pair in case several systems are operated in parallel. In this case, refer to Clause 7 of this document.

The cables covered by this document are intended to operate with voltages and currents normally encountered in communication systems. While these cables are not intended to be used in conjunction with low impedance sources, e.g. the electric power supplies of public utility mains, they are intended to be used to support the delivery of low voltage remote powering applications.

Annex A provides a blank detail specification (BDS) that can be used to summarize design and performance requirements agreed upon between the supplier and the user of a specific cable type.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60708, *Low-frequency cables with polyolefin insulation and moisture barrier polyolefin sheath*

IEC 61156-1:2007, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 1: Generic specification*
IEC 61156-1:2007/AMD1:2009¹

IEC 62153-4-3, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-3: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Surface transfer impedance – Triaxial method*

IEC 62153-4-5, *Metallic communication cables test methods – Part 4-5: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Coupling or screening attenuation – Absorbing clamp method*

¹ A consolidated edition 3.1 of this publication exists, comprising IEC 61156-1:2007 and IEC 61156-1:2007/AMD1:2009.

IEC 62153-4-9, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-9: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Coupling attenuation of screened balanced cables, triaxial method*

ISO/IEC TS 29125:2017, *Information technology – Telecommunications cabling requirements for remote powering of terminal equipment*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 61156-1:2007 and in IEC 61156-1:2007/AMD1:2009 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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4 Installation considerations

4.1 General remarks

Installation area considerations are defined in Clause 4 of IEC 61156-1:2007. Other areas may be considered.

4.2 Bending radius of installed cable

The maximum value of the minimum bending radius shall be four times the cable diameter unless otherwise specified.

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4.3 Climatic conditions

Under static conditions, the cable shall operate at least in the temperature range of the environment from –20 °C to +60 °C.

The attenuation increase due to the elevated operating temperature (temperature of the environment) is described in 6.3.3.2.

In the case of application of remote powering, the maximum temperature of the conductor shall not exceed the maximum operation temperature under static conditions in order to maintain the integrity of the dielectric material performance which is aligned to environmental temperature range.

Extended temperature ranges are permitted and may be specified in the relevant detail specification.

5 Materials and cable construction

5.1 General remarks

The choice of materials and cable construction shall be suitable for the intended application and installation of the cable and in line with the requirements of IEC 61156-1:2007. Particular care shall be taken to meet any requirements for EMC and fire performance (such as burning properties, smoke generation, evolution of halogen gas).

5.2 Cable construction

The cable construction shall be in accordance with the details and dimensions given in the relevant detail specification.

5.3 Conductor

The conductor shall be a stranded or solid annealed copper conductor in accordance with 5.2.1 of IEC 61156-1:2007 and should have a nominal diameter between 0,4 mm and 0,65 mm. A conductor diameter of up to 1,0 mm may be used.

5.4 Insulation

The conductor shall be insulated with a suitable material. Examples of suitable materials are

- polyolefin,
- fluoropolymer, and
- low-smoke zero-halogen thermoplastic material.

The colour code shall be in accordance with IEC 60708 if not specified differently in the relevant detail specification.

5.5 Cable element

The cable element shall be a pair and shall be twisted. The entire cable may comprise more than one cable element, see 6.3.5 and Clause 7.

5.6 Screening of the cable element

When required, the screen for the cable element shall be in accordance with 5.2.3.2 of IEC 61156-1:2007.

5.7 Cable make-up

Spacers may be used in the cable elements and to separate cable elements. The cable elements and their screens, in case they are screened, may be covered by an intermediate jacket. This jacket shall be in accordance with 5.9 of this document. The core of the cable may be wrapped with a protective layer of non-hygroscopic and non-wicking material.

5.8 Screening of the cable core

When required, a screen for the cable core shall be provided. The screen shall be in accordance with 5.2.5 of IEC 61156-1:2007.

5.9 Sheath

The sheath material shall consist of a suitable material. Examples of suitable materials are

- polyolefin,
- PVC,
- fluoropolymer, and
- low-smoke zero-halogen thermoplastic material.

The sheath shall be continuous, having a thickness as uniform as possible. A non-metallic ripcord may be provided. When provided, the ripcord shall be non-hygroscopic and non-wicking.

The colour of the sheath is not specified but it should be specified in the relevant detail specification

5.10 Identification

Each length of cable shall be identified as to the supplier and, when required, a traceability code, using one of the following methods:

- appropriately coloured threads or tapes;
- a printed tape;
- printing on the cable core wrapping;
- marking on the sheath.

Additional markings, such as length marking, are permitted. If used, such markings shall refer to this document.

5.11 Finished cable

The finished cable shall be adequately protected for storage and shipment.

6 Characteristics and requirements

6.1 General remarks

Clause 6 lists the characteristics and minimum requirements of a cable complying with this document. Test methods shall be in accordance with Clause 6 of IEC 61156-1:2007 and IEC 61156-1:2007/AMD1:2009, except for the length of the cable under test which shall be as specified in Clause 6 of this document.

The computed requirements in dB, rounded to one decimal place, shall be used to determine compliance.

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The tests for electrical characteristics according to 6.2 shall be carried out on a cable length of not less than 100 m, unless otherwise specified.

The tests for transmission characteristics according to 6.3 shall be carried out on a cable length of 100 m, unless otherwise specified. For a better accuracy in high frequencies, the cable length may be reduced to 50 m unless the test is performed with very sensitive test equipment.

6.2 Electrical characteristics and tests

6.2.1 Conductor resistance

The maximum conductor resistance at or corrected to 20 °C shall not exceed 145 Ω/km.

6.2.2 Resistance unbalance

6.2.2.1 Resistance unbalance within a pair

The resistance unbalance shall not exceed 2,0 %.

6.2.2.2 Resistance unbalance between pairs

Not applicable.