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1 Scope

Clause 1 of IEC 61386-1:2008 is applicable, except as follows:

Addition:

This part of IEC 61386 specifies the requirements for pliable conduit systems including self-recovering conduit systems.

2 Normative references

Clause 2 of IEC 61386-1:2008 and of IEC 61386-1:2008/AMD1:2017 are applicable, except as follows:

Addition:

IEC 61386-1:2008, *Conduit systems for cable management – Part 1: General requirements*
IEC 61386-1:2008/AMD1:2017

3 Terms and definitions

Clause 3 of IEC 61386-1:2008 and of IEC 61386-1:2008/AMD1:2017 are applicable.

4 General requirements

Clause 4 of IEC 61386-1:2008 is applicable.

5 General conditions for tests

Clause 5 of IEC 61386-1:2008 and of IEC 61386-1:2008/AMD1:2017 are applicable.

6 Classification

Clause 6 of IEC 61386-1:2008 is applicable, except as follows:

Classifications 6.1.1, 1; 6.1.2, 1; 6.1.3, 1; 6.1.3, 4; 6.1.4, 1 and 6.1.5, 1 are not applicable.

NOTE Pliable conduit systems according to 6.1.1, 2 and 6.1.2, 2 and classification 1 from 6.2.1, Table 1 are not allowed in France.

7 Marking and documentation

Clause 7 of IEC 61386-1:2008 and of IEC 61386-1:2008/AMD1:2017 are applicable, except as follows:

Addition:

7.1.101 The conduit shall be marked in accordance with 7.1 along its entire length at regular intervals of preferably 1 m but not longer than 3 m. Where this is technically impractical, the mark shall be on a label attached to the product at each end or on the packaging.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

7.1.102 The manufacturer shall document, for the conduit system, the minimum inside diameter and the classification in accordance with Clause 6.

Compliance is checked by inspection of the manufacturer's documentation.

8 Dimensions

Replacement:

8.1 Threads shall comply with IEC 60423.

Outside diameters of non-metallic conduit shall comply with IEC 60423.

Outside diameters of metallic and composite conduits need not comply with IEC 60423, provided that they are designed to be installed only with terminating conduit fittings having threads complying with IEC 60423.

Compliance is checked by means of the gauges specified in IEC 60423.

8.2 Threadable conduits and threadable conduit fittings, except terminating conduit fittings, shall comply with Table 101. Non-threadable conduit fittings, except fittings which are part of a conduit system declaring tensile strength, shall comply with Table 102. The minimum inside diameter of the conduit system shall be as declared by the manufacturer.

Compliance is checked by measurement.

Table 101 – Thread lengths

Size	External thread	Internal thread
	Minimum length	Minimum length
mm	mm	mm
6	05,5	06,5
8	06,5	07,5
10	08,5	09,5
12	10,5	11,5
16	12,5	13,5
20	14,0	15,0
25	17,0	18,0
32	19,0	20,0
40	19,0	20,0
50	19,0	20,0
63	19,0	20,0
75	19,0	20,0

Table 102 – Maximum entry diameter and minimum entry length details

Size	Maximum entry diameter	Minimum entry length
mm	mm	mm
6	06,5	06,0
8	08,5	08,0
10	10,5	10,0
12	12,5	12,0
16	16,5	16,0
20	20,5	20,0
25	25,5	25,0
32	32,6	30,0
40	40,7	32,0
50	50,8	42,0
63	63,9	50,0
75	75,9	50,0

9 Construction

Clause 9 of IEC 61386-1:2008 is applicable.

10 Mechanical properties

Clause 10 of IEC 61386-1:2008 and of IEC 61386-1:2008/AMD1:2017 are applicable, except as follows:

10.2 Compression test

Subclause 10.2 is applicable with the following addition:

10.2.4 Add the following note at the end of Subclause 10.2.4:

NOTE In order to achieve a uniformly increasing compression force, the force indicated in Table 4 is divided by time; this value is the required rate per second to fulfil the requirement.

Example: For a test force of 750 N an increase of the test force of 25 N/s is required (750 divided by 30 equals 25). Informative Annex AA gives detailed calculations including tolerances for time and force.

For self-recovering conduits, replace Subclauses 10.2.4, 10.2.5, 10.2.6, 10.2.7 and 10.2.8, with the following:

10.2.101 The intermediate steel piece shall be subjected to a uniformly increasing compression force (N) reaching the force indicated in Table 4 after (30 ± 3) s. The sample shall flatten by between 25 % and 50 % of its initial outside diameter.

If the sample flattens by less than 25 %, an additional test is carried out whereby the intermediate steel piece is lowered onto the sample at constant speed until the sample is flattened by (30 ± 3) % after (30 ± 3) s and the resultant force is measured.

A new sample is subjected to the uniformly increasing force (N) reaching the force measured above after (30 ± 3) s. The sample shall flatten by between 25 % and 50 % of its initial outside diameter.

The force and the intermediate steel piece shall then be removed. Fifteen minutes after removal, the outside diameter of the sample, where it has flattened, shall be measured again.

After the test, the difference between the initial outside diameter and the outside diameter of the flattened sample shall not exceed 10 % of the outside diameter, as measured before the test, and the sample shall show no cracks visible to normal or corrected vision without magnification.

10.4 Bending test

Replacement:

10.4.101 Conduits shall be subjected to a bending test by means of the apparatus as shown in Figure 101.

10.4.102 The test shall be made on six samples of conduit, the length of each sample being at least:

- a) 30 times the nominal outside diameter for plain conduits;
- b) 12 times the nominal outside diameter for corrugated conduits.

Three of the samples shall be tested at ambient temperature; the other three shall be tested at the minimum declared temperature for transport, application and installation according to Table 1, with a tolerance of ± 2 °C.

10.4.103 For the test at ambient temperature, the sample shall be clamped vertically in the bending apparatus as shown in Figure 101. The sample shall be slowly bent by hand to the left through an angle of $(90 \pm 5)^\circ$, then back to the vertical position, then to the right through an angle of $(90 \pm 5)^\circ$, and then back to the vertical position. This sequence of operations shall be repeated three more times but at the end the sample shall not be bent back to the vertical position. The sample shall be maintained in the bent position for 5 min, after which it shall be placed in such a position that the straight portions are at an angle of $(45 \pm 5)^\circ$ to the vertical, one end of the sample pointing upwards and the other downwards.

For the test at the minimum declared temperature for transport, application and installation according to Table 1, the sample clamped in the bending apparatus as shown in Figure 101 shall be conditioned before the test for 2 h in a cold chamber at the aforementioned minimum declared temperature with a tolerance of ± 2 °C.

After the test, the sample shall show no cracks visible to normal or corrected vision without magnification and it shall be possible to pass the appropriate gauge, as shown in Figure 102, through the sample under its own weight and without any initial speed.

10.5 Flexing test

Subclause 10.5 of IEC 61386-1:2008 is not applicable.

10.6 Collapse test

Subclause 10.6 of IEC 61386-1:2008 is not applicable.

10.7 Tensile test

Subclause 10.7 of IEC 61386-1:2008 is applicable, except as follows:

10.7.3 Not applicable.

11 Electrical properties

Clause 11 of IEC 61386-1:2008 and of IEC 61386-1:2008/AMD1:2017 are applicable, except as follows:

11.2 Bonding test

Replacement:

A sample of a conduit and terminating conduit fitting shall be assembled in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and mounted as shown in Figure 103. A current of 25 A, having a frequency of 50 Hz to 60 Hz, derived from an AC source having a no-load voltage not exceeding 12 V, shall be passed through the assembly for $1 \text{ min} +_0^5 \text{ s}$. Then the voltage drop shall be measured between the points as shown in Figure 103 and the resistance calculated from the current and this voltage drop.

The resistance shall not exceed 0,05 Ω .

12 Thermal properties

Clause 12 of IEC 61386-1:2008 is applicable, except as follows:

12.3 Replacement:

The load is then removed and immediately after its removal it shall be possible to pass the appropriate gauge, as shown in Figure 102, through the conduit under its own weight and without any initial speed, with the sample in the vertical position.

13 Fire hazard

Clause 13 of IEC 61386-1:2008 and of IEC 61386-1:2008/AMD1:2017 are applicable.

14 External influences

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15 Electromagnetic compatibility

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