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IEC 60626-1 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 15: Solid electrical insulating materials. It is an International Standard.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition published in 2009. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) the materials available for use within this series of standards have been updated;
- b) a framework has been created to allow test methods beyond those used for quality control specifications to allow for testing for qualification purposes.

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The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

This document was drafted in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, and developed in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and ISO/IEC Directives, IEC Supplement, available at www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs. The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at www.iec.ch/publications.

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INTRODUCTION

This document is one of a series which deals with combined flexible materials consisting of two or more different insulating materials laminated together. The components of the combined materials are plastic films and/or fibrous materials such as papers, woven or non-woven fabrics, impregnated or not impregnated. This document does not include mica papers used as primary component, which are covered by the IEC 60371 series, but insulation materials based on mica can be used as component of a combined flexible material.

This series consist of three parts describing:

Part 1: Definitions and general requirements (IEC 60626-1);

Part 2: Methods of test (IEC 60626-2);

Part 3: Specifications for individual materials (IEC 60626-3).

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COMBINED FLEXIBLE MATERIALS FOR ELECTRICAL INSULATION –

Part 1: Definitions and general requirements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60626 contains the definitions related to and the general requirements to be fulfilled by combined flexible materials for electrical insulation. This document does not include mica papers used as a primary component, which are covered by the IEC 60371 series, but insulation materials based on mica paper ~~may~~ can be used as ~~complementary~~ component of a combined flexible material. Materials which conform to this specification meet established levels of performance. However, the selection of material by a user for a specific application ~~should be~~ is based on the actual requirements necessary for adequate performance in that application and not based on this specification alone.

SAFETY WARNING

~~It is the responsibility of the user of the methods contained or referred to in this document to ensure that they are used in a safe manner.~~

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.

~~NOTE The list of normative references is extensive because, in order to obtain a combination of two or more materials for electrical insulation, it is necessary that those base materials (paper, film, etc) shall conform to the requirements set forth, in the appropriate specification of the base material alone, for that purpose. This rule shall be applied also in the development of new possible combinations; to this end, specifications of materials not actually used, but referenced, may be eligible for future developments.~~

IEC 60371-3-2, *Insulating materials based on mica – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 2: Mica paper*

IEC 60371-3-4, *Specification for insulating materials based on mica – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 4: Polyester film-backed mica paper with B-stage epoxy resin binder*

IEC 60371-3-5, *Insulating materials based on mica – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 5: Glass-backed mica paper with and epoxy resin binder for post-impregnation (VPI)*

IEC 60371-3-6, *Specification for insulating materials based on mica – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 6: Glass-backed mica paper with B-stage epoxy resin binder*

IEC 60554-3-1:~~1979~~, *Specification for cellulosic papers for electrical purposes – Part 3-1: Specifications for individual materials – General purpose electrical paper*

IEC 60626-3:~~2008~~, *Combined flexible materials for electrical insulation – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials*

IEC 60641-3-2:2007, *Pressboard and presspaper for electrical purposes – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 2: Requirements for presspaper types P.2.1, P4.1, P4.2, P4.3 and P6.1*

IEC 60674-3-2:~~1992~~, *Specification for plastic films for electrical purposes – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 2: Requirements for balanced biaxially oriented Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) films used for electrical insulation*

IEC 60674-3-4:~~1993~~, ~~—Specification for~~ *Plastic films for electrical purposes – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheets 4: ~~Requirements for polyimide (PI)~~ Polyimide films used for electrical insulation*

IEC 60674-3-8:~~—~~, ~~Specification for~~ *Plastic films for electrical purposes – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 8: ~~Requirements for~~ Balanced biaxially oriented polyethylene naphthalate (PEN) films used for electrical insulation⁴*

IEC 60819-3-1:~~2004~~, *Non-cellulosic papers for electrical purposes – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 1: Filled glass paper*

IEC 60819-3-2:~~2004~~, *Non-cellulosic papers for electrical purposes – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 2: Hybrid inorganic- organic paper*

IEC 60819-3-3:~~2008~~, *Non-cellulosic papers for electrical purposes – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 3: Unfilled aramid (aromatic polyamide) papers*

IEC 60819-3-4:~~2004~~2011, *Non-cellulosic papers for electrical purposes – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 4: Aramid fibre paper containing not more than 50 % of mica particles*

3 Terms and definitions

IEC 60626-1:2023

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

full width material

material of production width, for example about 1 m, as ordered

3.2

slit material ~~(tape)~~

tape

material cut from full width material

3.3

duplex material

laminate consisting of two layers of insulating materials

⁴ ~~To be published.~~

3.4

triplex material

laminate consisting of three layers of insulating materials

3.5

quadruplex material

laminate consisting of four layers of insulating materials

4 Designations

4.1 Designation – Product

Particular types of combined flexible insulating materials ~~may~~ can be designated by using the relevant combinations of code letters for the form and nature of the main components, separated by a hyphen.

EXAMPLES: F - PI,
C - G.

The more commonly used materials are listed in Table 1, with their corresponding specifications that shall be used when available. Other combinations of combined flexible materials for use as electrical insulation are possible.

Specific characteristics of a particular combined material (duplex, triplex or quadruplex), particular characteristics of the basic material, impregnating material, bonding agent, etc.) are described by additional data following the designation in Table 1.

Example for designation:

P-C/F-PET, is a layer of paper consisting of cellulose, laminated with a film consisting of polyethylene terephthalate.

In some cases, the identification of specific characteristics such as the following ~~may~~ can be useful:

- Absorbent - porous Calendered type
- Lengthwise oriented Lengthwise reinforced
- Creped Embossed
- Varnished Impregnated

NOTE This list is for guidance only and is not limiting. Code designations are in accordance with ISO standards such as ISO 1043-1.

Detailed specifics regarding commonly used combined flexible materials are provided in IEC 60626-3. For these constructions, the following nomenclature shall be used:

IEC 60626-3, sheet number, layer descriptions, total thickness

For example, from Sheet 112, the following is a description of one such product:

IEC 60626-3, Sheet 112, P-C/F-PET/P-C, 0,15 mm

For constructions for which there is no detail provided in IEC 60626-3, the following nomenclature shall be used:

IEC 60626-1, layer descriptions, thickness (micrometers) or grammage (g/m²) of each layer. For simplicity, the micrometers will be represented by μ and the g/m² will be represented by g.

For example, for a combined flexible material using aramid paper and polyethylene naphthalate film in a triplex construction would be listed as:

IEC 60626-1, P-PAa/F-PEN/P-PAa, 50 μ /80 μ /50 μ

For constructions with added functional coatings, the following nomenclature shall be used:

IEC 60626-1, layer descriptions including coatings, thickness (micrometers) or grammage (g/m²) of each layer. For simplicity, the micrometers will be represented by μ and the g/m² will be represented by g.

IEC 60626-1, FC-B-UP/P-PET/F-PET/P-PET/FC-B-UP, 10g/50 μ /80 μ /50 μ /10g

In this example, there is a material sheet 502 in IEC 60626-3 for the uncoated combined flexible material, but since this construction is more detailed, this naming nomenclature shall be used.

Table 1 – Commonly used flexible materials

Form of component	Code designation	Nature of the component	Code designation	IEC normative reference
Film	F	Polyethylene terephthalate	PET	60674-3-2
		Polyethylene naphthalate	PEN	60674-3-8
		Polyimide	PI	60674-3-4
Paper and non-woven fabric and mats	P	Cellulose paper	C	60554-3-1; 60641-3-2
		Aramid paper (Aromatic Polyamide)	PAa	60819-3-3; 60819-3-4
		Polyethylene terephthalate non-woven	PET	n.a.
		Filled glass paper	FG	60819-3-1
		Hybrid inorganic/organic paper	H	60819-3-2
Woven fabrics	G	Cellulose Glass Polyethylene terephthalate	C G PET	n.a.
Adhesive	A	Thermoplastic Thermosetting	Tp Ts	n.a.

n.a. = not available

Form of component	Code designation	Nature of the component	Code designation	IEC normative reference
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		Polyethylene naphthalate	PEN	60674-3-8
		Polyimide	PI	60674-3-4
		Polyether Ether Ketone	PEEK	n. a.
	Polyphenylene Sulfide	PPS	n. a.	
	P	Cellulose paper	C	60554-3; 60641-3-2

Paper and non-woven fabric and mats		Aramid paper (Aromatic Polyamide)	PAa	60819-3-3
		Aramid fibre/mica paper	PAa-Mi	60819-3-4
		Polyethylene terephthalate non woven	PET	n. a.
		Filled glass paper	FG	60819-3-1
		Hybrid inorganic/organic paper	H	60819-3-2
		Mica paper, reinforced mica paper	Mi	60371-3-2
		Materials based on mica and epoxy	MiEP	60371-3-4; 60371-3-5; 60371-3-6
Woven fabrics	C	Cellulose	C	n. a.
		Glass	G	n. a.
		Polyethylene terephthalate	PET	n. a.
Adhesive	A	Thermoplastic	Tp	n. a.
		Thermosetting	Ts	n. a.
Coating	FC	B-Staged epoxy	B-EP	n. a.
		B-Staged unsaturated polyester	B-UP	n. a.
		C-Staged functional coatings	C ^a	n. a.
The list of normative references is extensive because, in order to obtain a combination of two or more materials for electrical insulation, it is necessary that those base materials (paper, film, etc) shall conform to the requirements set forth, in the appropriate specification of the base material alone, for that purpose. This rule shall be applied also in the development of new possible combinations; to this end, specifications of materials not actually used, but referenced, can be eligible for future developments.				
NOTE n. a. = not available				
^a These coatings can be any polymer such as epoxy, unsaturated polyester, silicone, fluoropolymer, etc. Designations for these coatings are provided in ISO 1043-1.				

4.2 Designation – Testing

For materials covered by this document, test methods are provided in IEC 60626-2, and these tests in the future will be arranged into these four categories of tests, with the expectations that the properties evaluated for quality control purposes will be used for specification sheets as outlined in IEC 60626-3. The tests described in IEC 60626-2 under additional testing are designed to be appropriate tests for these combined flexible materials but are not typically used as part of a quality control program.

4.2.1 General testing

- Testing for quality control purposes

4.2.2 Mechanical testing

- Testing for quality control purposes
- Additional mechanical testing

4.2.3 Electrical testing

- Testing for quality control purposes
- Additional electrical testing

4.2.4 Thermal/Chemical testing

- Testing for quality control purposes
- Additional thermal/chemical testing