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FOREWORD

IEC 60227-7 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 20: Electric cables. It is an International Standard.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1995, Amendment 1:2003 and Amendment 2:2011. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

a) the reference to tests according to IEC 60227-2 has been withdrawn and replaced with a reference to IEC 63294;

b) normative references have been updated.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for its approval can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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

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A list of all parts in the IEC 60227 series, published under the general title *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V* can be found on the IEC website.

This document is to be used in conjunction with IEC 60227-1.

The committee has decided that the contents of this document will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under webstore.iec.ch in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn, or
- revised.

INTRODUCTION

The IEC 60227 series, published under the general title *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V,* consists of the following parts:

IEC 60227-1: General requirements;

IEC 60227-2: Test methods (withdrawn and replaced by IEC 63294);

IEC 60227-3: Non-sheathed cables for fixed wiring;

IEC 60227-4: Sheathed cables for fixed wiring;

IEC 60227-5: Flexible cables (cords);

IEC 60227-6: Lift cables and cables for flexible connections;

IEC 60227-7: Flexible cables screened and unscreened with two or more conductors and of rated voltages up to and including 300/500 V.

This part of IEC 60227, when used in conjunction with IEC 60227-1, forms the complete standard for flexible cables screened and unscreened with two or more conductors and of rated voltages up to and including 300/500 V only.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60227 details the particular specifications for polyvinyl chloride insulated, screened and unscreened control cables of rated voltages up to and including 300/500 V.

This document provides the particular requirements for screened and unscreened control cables of rated voltages up to and including 300/500 V, which apply in addition to the appropriate requirements specified in IEC 60227-1, which apply to all cables. The tests for cables specified in the IEC 60227 series are described in IEC 63294.

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 60227-1, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60228, *Conductors of insulated cables*

IEC 60332-1-2, *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions – Part 1-2: Test for vertical flame propagation for a single insulated wire or cable – Procedure for 1 kW pre-mixed flame*

IEC 60811-401, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 401: Miscellaneous tests – Thermal ageing methods – Ageing in an air oven*

IEC 60811-404, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 404: Miscellaneous tests – Mineral oil immersion tests for sheaths*

IEC 60811-409, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 409: Miscellaneous tests – Loss of mass test for thermoplastic insulations and sheaths*

IEC 60811-501, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 501: Mechanical tests – Tests for determining the mechanical properties of insulating and sheathing compounds*

IEC 60811-504, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 504: Mechanical tests – Bending tests at low temperature for insulation and sheaths*

IEC 60811-505, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 505: Mechanical tests – Elongation at low temperature for insulations and sheaths*

IEC 60811-506, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 506: Mechanical tests – Impact test at low temperature for insulations and sheaths*

IEC 60811-508, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 508: Mechanical tests – Pressure test at high temperature for insulation and sheaths*

IEC 60811-509, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 509: Mechanical tests – Test for resistance of insulations and sheaths to cracking (heat shock test)*

IEC 60502-1:2021, *Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltages from 1 kV (U_m = 1,2 kV) up to 30 kV (U_m = 36 kV) – Part 1: Cables for rated voltages of 1 kV (U_m = 1,2 kV) and 3 kV (U_m = 3,6 kV)*

IEC 60719, *Calculation of the lower and upper limits for the average outer dimensions of cables with circular copper conductors and of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 62153-4-3:2013, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-3: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Surface transfer impedance – Triaxial method*

IEC 63294:2021, *Test methods for electric cables with rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60227-1 and the following 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
type test
test made before supplying a type of cable covered by this document on a general commercial basis in order to demonstrate satisfactory performance characteristics to meet the intended application

Note 1 to entry: Type tests are of such a nature that, after they have been made, it is not necessary for them to be repeated, unless changes are made in the cable materials or design which can change the performance characteristics.

Note 2 to entry: The symbol T is used to refer to type tests.

3.2
sample test
test made on samples of completed cable or components taken from a completed cable to verify that the finished product meets the design standards

Note 1 to entry: The symbol S is used to refer to sample tests.

4 Oil resistant, polyvinyl chloride sheathed, screened and unscreened flexible cable

4.1 Code designation

60227 IEC 74 for screened cables;

60227 IEC 75 for unscreened cables.

4.2 Rated voltage

300/500 V.

4.3 Construction

4.3.1 Conductors

Number of conductors: 2 to 60.

Preferred number of conductors: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 18, 27, 36, 48 and 60.

The conductors shall comply with the requirements given in IEC 60228 for class 5 conductors.

4.3.2 Insulation

The insulation shall be polyvinyl chloride compound of type PVC/D (see IEC 60227-1) applied around each conductor.

The specified value of the insulation thickness is given in Table 2, column 2 and Table 3, column 2. The insulation resistance shall be not less that the value given in Table 2, column 8 or Table 3, column 6.

4.3.3 Assembly of cores and fillers, if any

The cores shall be twisted together, where appropriate in several concentric layers.

A centre core is not permitted but a centre filler of suitable material shall be applied for cables with five or more cores in the first layer. Assemblies with three or more cores shall have one core which is coloured green-and-yellow.

Around each layer a tape may be applied which can cover the cores fully or partially. The tape shall not adhere to the cores.

For two-core cables, the space between the cores shall be filled either by separate fillers or by the sheath filling the interstices.

4.3.4 Inner sheath for screened cables

The inner sheath shall be a polyvinyl chloride compound of type PVC/ST5 (see IEC 60227-1) applied around the core assembly. For all cables, the thickness of the inner sheath shall be determined by the formula:

$$t_{is} = 0{,}02\ D_f + 0{,}6 \text{ mm},$$

where D_f is the fictitious diameter over the laid-up core, calculated in accordance with IEC 60502-1:2021, A.3.1, A.3.2 and A.3.3, and where the fictitious diameter (d_l) of 0,5 mm^2, 0,75 mm^2 and 1,0 mm^2 conductors (not given in IEC 60502-1:2021, A.3.1) shall be taken to be 0,8 mm, 1,0 mm and 1,1 mm, respectively.

For cables with the preferred number of cores, the calculated values of the inner sheath thickness are given in Table 2, column 3.