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Partie 6-1: Spécification intermédiaire pour les câbles non blindés pour applications jusqu'à 250 MHz - Câbles horizontaux et verticaux de bâtiment

Mehradrige metallische Daten- und Kontrollkabel für analoge und digitale Übertragung
Teil 6-1: Rahmenspezifikation für ungeschirmte Kabel bis 250 MHz - Kabel für den Horizontal- und Steigbereich

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Foreword

This European Standard was prepared by SC 46XC, Multicore, Multipair and Quad Data communication cables, of Technical Committee CENELEC TC 46X, Communication cables.

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This Part 6-1 is to be read in conjunction with EN 50288-1.

Contents

1 Scope

This sectional specification covers unscreened cables, characterised up to 250 MHz, to be used in horizontal floor and building backbone wiring as defined in EN 50173.

The electrical, mechanical, transmission and environmental performance characteristics of the unscreened cables, related to their reference test methods, are detailed.

This sectional specification is to be read in conjunction with EN 50288-1 which contains the essential provisions for its application.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the cited publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references, the latest edition of the cited publication applies, together with any amendments.

EN 50173		Information technology - Generic cabling systems
EN 50288-1		Generic specification for multi-element metallic cables used in analogue and digital communication and control
EN 50289	Series	Communication cables - Specifications for test methods
EN 50290	Series	Communication cables
IEC 60189-2		Low-frequency cables and wires with PVC insulation and PVC sheath - Part 2: Cables in pairs, triples, quads and quintuples for inside installations

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard the definitions of EN 50288-1 apply.

4 Cable construction

4.1 Conductor

The conductor shall be solid copper and meet the requirements of 4.1 of EN 50288-1.

The conductor shall be plain or metal coated.

The nominal conductor diameter shall be ≥ 0,5 mm and ≤ 0,8 mm.

4.2 Insulation

The insulation shall be of a suitable material according to the relevant part of EN 50290-2

4.3 Cabling elements

The cable element shall be a pair or a quad.

4.4 Identification of cabling elements

Unless otherwise specified, the colour coding for identification is given in IEC 60189-2. The colours shall meet the requirements of 4.4 of EN 50288-1.

4.5 Screening of cabling elements

Not applicable.

4.6 Cable make-up

The cable elements shall be laid up in concentric layer(s) or units to form the cable core.

4.7 Filling compound

Not applicable.

4.8 Interstitial fillers

Where fillers are used they shall meet the requirements of 4.8 of EN 50288-1.

4.9 Screening of the cable core

Not applicable.

4.10 Moisture barriers

Not applicable.

4.11 Wrapping layers

Where wrapping layers are used they shall be in accordance with 4.11 of EN 50288-1.

4.12 Sheath

The sheath shall be of a suitable material according to the relevant part of EN 50290-2.

5 Tests and requirements for completed cables

The following tables give the tests to be applied, together with the respective limits, in order to demonstrate compliance with this specification.

5.1 Electrical tests

5.1.1 Low-frequency and d.c. electrical measurements

EN 50288-1 Subclause no.	Parameter	Requirement
5.1.1.1	Conductor loop resistance	≤ 19,0 Ω/100 m
5.1.1.2	Conductor resistance unbalance	≤ 2,0%
5.1.1.3	Dielectric strength conductor/conductor	1,0 kV d.c. or 0,7 kV a.c. for 1 min or 2,5 kV d.c. or 1,7 kV a.c. for 2 s
5.1.1.4	Insulation resistance	≥ 500 MΩ km using 100 V - 500 V test voltage
5.1.1.5	Mutual capacitance	No requirement specified
5.1.1.6	Capacitance unbalance to earth	≤ 1 600 pF/km

5.1.2 High-frequency electrical and transmission measurements

EN 50288-1 Subclause no.	Parameter	Requirement
5.1.2.1	Velocity of propagation	Phase delay ≤ 534+36/√f ns/100 m, 1 MHz ≤ f ≤ 250 MHz
5.1.2.2	Propagation delay difference (skew)	≤ 40 ns/100 m at 100 MHz
5.1.2.3	Longitudinal attenuation [2) 3) 4)]	1 / 4 / 10 / 16 / 20 / 31,25 / 62,5 / 100 / 155 / 200 / 250 MHz 2,1 / 3,8 / 6,0 / 7,6 / 8,5 / 10,7 / 15,5 / 19,9 / 25,3 / 29,1 / 33,0 dB/100m α ≤1,82√f+0,0169f+0,25/√f, 1 MHz ≤ f ≤ 250 MHz
5.1.2.5	Near-end crosstalk (NEXT) [1) 2)]	1 / 4 / 10 / 16 / 20 / 31,25 / 62,5 / 100 / 155 / 200 / 250 MHz 66,0 / 65,3 / 59,3 / 56,2 / 54,8 / 51,9 / 47,4 / 44,3 / 41,4 / 39,8 / 38,3 dB ≥ 74,3-15log(f), 1 MHz ≤ f ≤ 250 MHz (maximum 66 dB)

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≥ 20+5log(f), 4 MHz ≤ f ≤ 10 MHz; 25,0 dB, 10 MHz ≤ f ≤ 20 MHz; 25-7log(f/20), 20 MHz < f ≤ 250 MHz; f.f.s.
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[1] For hybrid and multi-unit cables and cables, PSNEXT between all non fibre recognised cable units shall be 3 dB better than the specified pair to pair NEXT at all specified frequencies.

[2] The values in the table are for information only. The formula given shall be used to determine compliance, rounded to one decimal place.

[3] Above 20 °C the attenuation shall meet values adjusted for temperature. Up to 40 °C the temperature coefficient of 0,4 % per degree rise shall be used and for temperatures from 40 °C to 60 °C the temperature coefficient shall be 0,6 % per degree.

[4] Values between 1 MHz and 4 MHz are for information only.

[5] For the measurement of return loss, a test sample having a round trip loss ≥ 40 dB at any measured frequency should be used.