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This part of IEC 61156 is to be read in conjunction with IEC 61156-1.

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

- a) new requirements for new Cat6_A and Cat7_A cables;
- b) revised requirements and tests for Cat5e, Cat6 and Cat7 cables.

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Part 5: Symmetrical pair/quad cables with transmission characteristics up to 1 000 MHz-horizontal floor wiring – Sectional specification

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61156 describes the cables intended primarily for horizontal floor wiring as defined in ISO/IEC 11801.

It covers individually screened, common screened and unscreened pairs or quads (see Annex A). The transmission characteristics and the frequency range (see Table 1) of the cables are specified at 20 °C.

Table 1 – Cable categories

Cable designation	Maximum referenced frequency MHz
Category 5e	100
Category 6	250
Category 6 _A	500
Category 7	600
Category 7 _A	1 000

These cables can be used for various communication channels which use as many as four pairs simultaneously. In this sense, this sectional specification provides the cable characteristics required by system developers to evaluate new systems.

The cables covered by this standard 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, for example, the electric power supplies of public utility mains, they are intended to be used to support the delivery of low voltage and power applications such as IEEE 802.3af (Power over Ethernet) and IEEE 802.3at (Power over Ethernet Plus).

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 61156-1, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC 61156-5-1, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Symmetrical pair/quad cables with transmission characteristics up to 1 000 MHz – Horizontal floor wiring – Blank detail specification*

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

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions defined in IEC 61156-1 apply.

4 Installation considerations

4.1 General remarks

Installation considerations are defined in Clause 4 of IEC 61156-1.

4.2 Bending radius of installed cable.

The bending radius of the installed cable shall not be less than 4 times the outside diameter of the cable.

4.3 Climatic conditions

Under static conditions, the cables shall operate in the temperature range from $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The conductor and cable temperature dependence is specified for screened and unscreened cables and should be taken into account for the design of an actual cabling system.

Other temperature ranges 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. Particular care shall be taken to meet any requirements for EMC and fire performance (such as burning properties, smoke generation, evolution of halogen gas, etc.).

5.2 Cable construction

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

5.2.1 Conductor

The conductor shall be a solid annealed copper conductor, in accordance with 5.2.1 of IEC 61156-1 and should have a nominal diameter between 0,4 mm and 0,65 mm. A conductor diameter of up to 0,8 mm may be used.

5.2.2 Insulation

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

- polyolefin;
- fluoropolymer;
- low-smoke zero-halogen thermoplastic material.

The diameter of the insulated conductor shall be indicated in the relevant detail specification.

5.2.3 Cable element

The cable element shall be a twisted pair or quad.

5.2.3.1 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.

5.2.4 Cable make-up

A spacer may be used to separate the cable elements. The cable elements, including spacers, shall be assembled to form the cable core.

The core of the cable may be wrapped with a protective layer of non-hygroscopic and non-wicking material.

5.2.5 Screening of the cable core

When required by the relevant detail specification, a screen for the cable core shall be provided.

The screen shall be in accordance with 5.2.5 of IEC 61156-1.

5.2.6 Sheath

The sheath material shall consist of a suitable material.

Examples of suitable materials are:

- polyolefin;
- PVC;
- fluoropolymer;
- 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 should be specified in the relevant detail specification.

5.2.7 Identification

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

- a) appropriately coloured threads or tapes;
- b) with a printed tape;
- c) printing on the cable core wrapping;
- d) marking on the sheath.

Additional markings, such as length marking, etc. are permitted. If used, such markings should be indicated in the relevant detail specification.