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characterised up to 100 MHz -
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Câbles métalliques à éléments multiples
utilisés pour les transmissions
et les commandes analogiques
et numériques

Partie 3-2: Spécification intermédiaire
pour les câbles non blindés
pour applications jusqu'à 100 MHz

Câbles de zone de travail et de brassage

Mehradrige metallische Daten-
und Kontrollkabel für analoge
und digitale Übertragung

Teil 3-2: Rahmenspezifikation
für ungeschirmte Kabel bis 100 MHz -
Geräteanschlusskabel und Schaltkabel

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Foreword

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This Part 3-2 is to be read in conjunction to EN 50288-1.

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1 Scope

This sectional specification covers unscreened cables, characterised up to 100 MHz, to be used as work area cables to connect a telecommunications outlet to the terminal equipment and for patch cord cables to establish connections on a patch panel as defined in EN 50173.

Work area cables may also be used as patch cord cables in any distributor of a generic building wiring system to interconnect with equipment or to cross-connect between cabling systems.

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		Multi-element metallic cables used in analogue and digital communication and control - Part 1: Generic specification
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 or stranded copper and meet the requirements of 4.1 of EN 50288-1.

The stranded conductor shall consist of seven wires each with a nominal diameter of $\geq 0,12$ mm to $\leq 0,21$ mm.

The solid conductor nominal diameter shall be $\geq 0,4$ mm to $\leq 0,8$ mm. The conductor shall be plain or metal coated.

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.

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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	$\leq 29,0 \Omega/100 \text{ m}$
5.1.1.2	Conductor resistance unbalance	$\leq 2,0 \%$
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	$\geq 500 \text{ M}\Omega \cdot \text{km}$ using 100 V - 500 V test voltage
5.1.1.5	Mutual capacitance	No requirement specified
5.1.1.6	Capacitance unbalance to earth	$\leq 1600 \text{ pF/km}$

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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 $\leq 534+36/\sqrt{f}$ ns/100 m, $1 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 100 \text{ MHz}$																		
5.1.2.2	Propagation delay difference (skew)	$\leq 40 \text{ ns/100 m}$ at 100 MHz																		
5.1.2.3	Longitudinal attenuation ^{2) 3) 4)}	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>1</td><td>4</td><td>10</td><td>16</td><td>20</td><td>31,25</td><td>62,5</td><td>100</td><td>MHz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3,2</td><td>6,0</td><td>9,5</td><td>12,1</td><td>13,6</td><td>17,1</td><td>24,8</td><td>32,0</td><td>dB/100 m</td> </tr> </table> $(\alpha \leq 1,5 (1,9108\sqrt{f}+0,0222f+0,2/\sqrt{f}), 1 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 100 \text{ MHz})$	1	4	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	MHz	3,2	6,0	9,5	12,1	13,6	17,1	24,8	32,0	dB/100 m
1	4	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	MHz												
3,2	6,0	9,5	12,1	13,6	17,1	24,8	32,0	dB/100 m												
5.1.2.5	Near-end crosstalk (NEXT) ^{1) 2)}	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>1</td><td>4</td><td>10</td><td>16</td><td>20</td><td>31,25</td><td>62,5</td><td>100</td><td>MHz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>65,0</td><td>56,3</td><td>50,3</td><td>47,3</td><td>45,8</td><td>42,9</td><td>38,4</td><td>35,3</td><td>dB</td> </tr> </table> $\geq 65,3-15\log(f) 1 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 100 \text{ MHz}$	1	4	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	MHz	65,0	56,3	50,3	47,3	45,8	42,9	38,4	35,3	dB
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EN 50288-1 Subclause no.	Parameter	Requirement																		
5.1.2.7.1	Power sum near-end crosstalk (PSNEXT) ²⁾	<table border="1" data-bbox="660 342 1469 472"> <tr> <td>1</td><td>4</td><td>10</td><td>16</td><td>20</td><td>31,25</td><td>62,5</td><td>100</td><td>MHz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>62,3</td><td>53,3</td><td>47,3</td><td>44,2</td><td>42,8</td><td>39,9</td><td>35,4</td><td>32,3</td><td>dB</td> </tr> </table> <p data-bbox="660 477 1155 506">≥ 62,3-15log(f), 1 MHz ≤ f ≤ 100 MHz</p>	1	4	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	MHz	62,3	53,3	47,3	44,2	42,8	39,9	35,4	32,3	dB
1	4	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	MHz												
62,3	53,3	47,3	44,2	42,8	39,9	35,4	32,3	dB												
5.1.2.6	Equal level far-end crosstalk ²⁾ (ELFEXT)	<table border="1" data-bbox="660 537 1469 667"> <tr> <td>1</td><td>4</td><td>10</td><td>16</td><td>20</td><td>31,25</td><td>62,5</td><td>100</td><td>MHz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>63,8</td><td>51,8</td><td>43,8</td><td>39,7</td><td>37,8</td><td>33,9</td><td>27,9</td><td>23,8</td><td>dB</td> </tr> </table> <p data-bbox="660 672 1490 701">≥ 63,8-20log(f), 1 MHz ≤ f ≤ 100 MHz; values referenced to 100 m</p>	1	4	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	MHz	63,8	51,8	43,8	39,7	37,8	33,9	27,9	23,8	dB
1	4	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	MHz												
63,8	51,8	43,8	39,7	37,8	33,9	27,9	23,8	dB												
5.1.2.7.2	Power sum equal level far-end crosstalk ²⁾ (PSELFEXT)	<table border="1" data-bbox="660 739 1469 869"> <tr> <td>1</td><td>4</td><td>10</td><td>16</td><td>20</td><td>31,25</td><td>62,5</td><td>100</td><td>MHz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60,8</td><td>48,8</td><td>40,8</td><td>36,7</td><td>34,8</td><td>30,9</td><td>24,9</td><td>20,8</td><td>dB</td> </tr> </table> <p data-bbox="660 873 1497 902">≥ 60,8-20log(f), 1 MHz ≤ f ≤ 100 MHz; values referenced to 100 m</p>	1	4	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	MHz	60,8	48,8	40,8	36,7	34,8	30,9	24,9	20,8	dB
1	4	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	MHz												
60,8	48,8	40,8	36,7	34,8	30,9	24,9	20,8	dB												
5.1.2.8	Mean characteristic impedance	100 Ω ±5 Ω, 120 Ω ±5 Ω, at 100 MHz f.f.s																		
5.1.2.9	Return loss ⁵⁾	<table border="1" data-bbox="660 1077 1469 1207"> <tr> <td>4</td><td>8</td><td>10</td><td>16</td><td>20</td><td>31,25</td><td>62,5</td><td>100</td><td>MHz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23,1</td><td>24,5</td><td>25,0</td><td>25,0</td><td>25,0</td><td>23,6</td><td>21,5</td><td>20,1</td><td>dB</td> </tr> </table> <p data-bbox="660 1211 1501 1267">≥ 20+5log(f), 4 MHz ≤ f < 10 MHz; 25dB, 10 MHz ≤ f < 20 MHz; 25-7log(f/20), 20 MHz ≤ f ≤ 100 MHz; f.f.s</p>	4	8	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	MHz	23,1	24,5	25,0	25,0	25,0	23,6	21,5	20,1	dB
4	8	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	MHz												
23,1	24,5	25,0	25,0	25,0	23,6	21,5	20,1	dB												
5.1.2.4	Near-end unbalance attenuation	≥ 40-10log(f) dB, 1 MHz ≤ f ≤ 100 MHz; f.f.s																		
5.1.2.10	Coupling attenuation	≥ 40 dB, 30 MHz ≤ f ≤ 100 MHz; f.f.s ≥ 40-20log(f/100) dB, 100 MHz < f ≤ 1 000MHz f.f.s																		
<p data-bbox="204 1509 1465 1565">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.</p> <p data-bbox="204 1592 1465 1648">2) The values in the table are for information only. The formula given shall be used to determine compliance, rounded to one decimal place.</p> <p data-bbox="204 1675 1465 1731">3) The attenuation shall meet values adjusted for temperature up to 40 °C with a temperature coefficient of 0,4 % per degree rise and for temperatures from 40 °C to 60 °C with a temperature coefficient of 0,6 %, above 20 °C.</p> <p data-bbox="204 1758 871 1792">4) Values between 1 MHz and 4 MHz are for information only.</p> <p data-bbox="204 1818 1465 1874">5) For the measurement of return loss a test sample having a round trip loss ≥ 40 dB at any measured frequency should be used.</p>																				