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Câbles métalliques à éléments multiples  
utilisés pour les transmissions  
et les commandes analogiques  
et numériques

Partie 4-2: Spécification intermédiaire  
pour les câbles blindés  
pour applications jusqu'à 600 MHz

Câbles de zone de travail et de brassage

Mehradrige metallische Daten-  
und Kontrollkabel für analoge  
und digitale Übertragung

Teil 4-2: Rahmenspezifikation

für geschirmte Kabel bis 600 MHz -  
Geräteanschlußkabel und Schaltkabel

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## Foreword

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This Part 4-2 is to be read in conjunction to EN 50288-1.

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## 1 Scope

This sectional specification covers screened cables, characterised up to 600 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 screened 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

Where appropriate, screening of the cabling elements shall be applied in accordance with 4.5 of EN 50288-1. When a braid is used the minimum braid coverage (for mechanical purposes) shall be 60 %. When a foil and braid are used the minimum braid coverage (for mechanical purposes) shall be 30 %. Coverage is defined in EN 50290-2-1.

#### 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

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#### 4.8 Interstitial fillers

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

#### 4.9 Screening of the cable core

The screening of the cable core shall be applied in accordance with 4.9 of EN 50288-1. When a braid is used the minimum braid coverage (for mechanical purposes) shall be 60 %. When a foil and braid are used, and/or where a foil is used over each cabling element, the minimum braid coverage (for mechanical purposes) shall be 30 %. Coverage is defined in EN 50290-2-1.

#### 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	$\leq 29,0 \Omega/100 \text{ m}$
5.1.1.2	Conductor resistance unbalance	$\leq 2,0 \%$
5.1.1.3	Dielectric strength conductor/conductor and conductor/screen	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, $1 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 600 \text{ MHz}$																										
5.1.2.2	Propagation delay difference (skew)	$\leq 25 \text{ ns}/100 \text{ m}$ at 100 MHz																										
5.1.2.3	Longitudinal attenuation <sup>2) 3) 4)</sup>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>1</th><th>4</th><th>10</th><th>16</th><th>20</th><th>31,25</th><th>62,5</th><th>100</th><th>155</th><th>200</th><th>300</th><th>600</th><th>MHz</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2,9</td><td>5,5</td><td>8,5</td><td>10,8</td><td>12,1</td><td>15,2</td><td>21,7</td><td>27,8</td><td>35,0</td><td>40,1</td><td>50,0</td><td>73,3</td><td>dB/100 m</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> $\alpha \leq 1,5 (1,75\sqrt{f}+0,01f+0,2/\sqrt{f})$ , $1 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 600 \text{ MHz}$	1	4	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	155	200	300	600	MHz	2,9	5,5	8,5	10,8	12,1	15,2	21,7	27,8	35,0	40,1	50,0	73,3	dB/100 m
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5.1.2.5	Near-end crosstalk (NEXT) <sup>2) 3) 4)</sup>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>1</th><th>4</th><th>10</th><th>16</th><th>20</th><th>31,25</th><th>62,5</th><th>100</th><th>155</th><th>200</th><th>300</th><th>600</th><th>MHz</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>80,0</td><td>80,0</td><td>80,0</td><td>80,0</td><td>80,0</td><td>80,0</td><td>75,1</td><td>72,4</td><td>69,6</td><td>67,9</td><td>65,3</td><td>60,8</td><td>dB</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> $\geq 80,0$ $1 \text{ MHz} \leq f < 31,25 \text{ MHz}$ ; $80-15\log(f/31,25)$ $31,25 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 600 \text{ MHz}$	1	4	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	155	200	300	600	MHz	80,0	80,0	80,0	80,0	80,0	80,0	75,1	72,4	69,6	67,9	65,3	60,8	dB
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5.1.2.7.1	Power sum near-end crosstalk <sup>2)</sup> (PSNEXT)	<table border="1" data-bbox="667 322 1501 439"> <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>155</td><td>200</td><td>300</td><td>600</td><td>MHz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>77,0</td><td>77,0</td><td>77,0</td><td>77,0</td><td>77,0</td><td>77,0</td><td>72,5</td><td>69,4</td><td>66,6</td><td>64,9</td><td>62,3</td><td>57,8</td><td>dB</td> </tr> </table> <p data-bbox="667 454 1501 488">≥ 77,0 1 MHz ≤ f ≤ 31,25 MHz; 77-15log(f/31,25) 31,25 MHz &lt; f ≤ 600 MHz</p>	1	4	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	155	200	300	600	MHz	77,0	77,0	77,0	77,0	77,0	77,0	72,5	69,4	66,6	64,9	62,3	57,8	dB
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77,0	77,0	77,0	77,0	77,0	77,0	72,5	69,4	66,6	64,9	62,3	57,8	dB																
5.1.2.6	Equal level far-end crosstalk <sup>2) 5) 6)</sup> (ELFEXT)	<table border="1" data-bbox="667 506 1501 622"> <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>155</td><td>200</td><td>300</td><td>600</td><td>MHz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>80,0</td><td>80,0</td><td>74,0</td><td>69,9</td><td>68,0</td><td>64,1</td><td>58,1</td><td>54,0</td><td>50,2</td><td>48,0</td><td>44,5</td><td>38,4</td><td>dB</td> </tr> </table> <p data-bbox="667 638 1501 694">≥ 94-20log(f), 1 MHz ≤ f ≤ 600 MHz; (Maximum 80 dB), values referenced to 100 m</p>	1	4	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	155	200	300	600	MHz	80,0	80,0	74,0	69,9	68,0	64,1	58,1	54,0	50,2	48,0	44,5	38,4	dB
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80,0	80,0	74,0	69,9	68,0	64,1	58,1	54,0	50,2	48,0	44,5	38,4	dB																
5.1.2.7.2	Power sum equal level far-end crosstalk <sup>2) 5) 6)</sup> (PSELFEXT)	<table border="1" data-bbox="667 707 1501 824"> <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>155</td><td>200</td><td>300</td><td>600</td><td>MHz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>77,0</td><td>77,0</td><td>71,0</td><td>66,9</td><td>65,0</td><td>61,1</td><td>55,1</td><td>51,0</td><td>47,2</td><td>45,0</td><td>41,5</td><td>35,4</td><td>dB</td> </tr> </table> <p data-bbox="667 840 1501 896">≥ 91-20log(f), 1 MHz ≤ f ≤ 600 MHz; (Maximum 77 dB), values referenced to 100 m</p>	1	4	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	155	200	300	600	MHz	77,0	77,0	71,0	66,9	65,0	61,1	55,1	51,0	47,2	45,0	41,5	35,4	dB
1	4	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	155	200	300	600	MHz																
77,0	77,0	71,0	66,9	65,0	61,1	55,1	51,0	47,2	45,0	41,5	35,4	dB																
5.1.2.8	Mean characteristic impedance	100 Ω ± 5 Ω, 120 Ω ± 5 Ω, at 100 MHz																										
5.1.2.9	Return loss <sup>5) 6)</sup>	<table border="1" data-bbox="667 1021 1501 1137"> <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>155</td><td>250</td><td>350</td><td>600</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>18,8</td><td>17,3</td><td>17,3</td><td>17,3</td><td>dB</td> </tr> </table> <p data-bbox="667 1153 1501 1238">SIST EN 50288-4-2:2004                  ≥ 20+5log(f), 4 MHz ≤ f &lt; 10 MHz; 25,0 dB, 10 MHz ≤ f &lt; 20 MHz;                  25-7log(f/20), 20 MHz ≤ f &lt; 250 MHz;                  17,3dB 250 MHz ≤ f ≤ 600 MHz; f.f.s.</p>	4	8	10	16	20	31,25	62,5	100	155	250	350	600	MHz	23,1	24,5	25,0	25,0	25,0	23,6	21,5	20,1	18,8	17,3	17,3	17,3	dB
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23,1	24,5	25,0	25,0	25,0	23,6	21,5	20,1	18,8	17,3	17,3	17,3	dB																
5.1.2.4	Near-end unbalance attenuation	≥ 40-10log(f) dB, 1 MHz ≤ f ≤ 600 MHz; f.f.s																										
5.1.2.10	Coupling attenuation	≥ 80 dB, 30 MHz ≤ f ≤ 100 MHz f.f.s ≥ 80-20log(f/100) dB, 100 MHz < f ≤ 1 000 MHz f.f.s																										
5.1.2.11	Transfer impedance	≤ 15 mΩ/m at 1 MHz; ≤ 10 mΩ/m at 10 MHz; ≤ 30 mΩ/m at 30 MHz																										
5.1.2.12	Screening attenuation	≥ 55 dB, 30 MHz ≤ f ≤ 600 MHz f.f.s  NOTE Measured to 1 GHz.																										

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) The attenuation shall meet values adjusted for temperature up to 60 °C with a temperature coefficient of 0,2 % per degree rise above 20 °C.

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.

6) For cables complying with the requirements of this standard for attenuation and NEXT, ELFEXT and PSELFEXT need not be measured and are for information only.