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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2003 and constitutes a technical revision. This new edition includes category 3 and 5 cables.

This standard is to be read in conjunction with IEC 61156-1:2002.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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1 General

1.1 Scope and object

This sectional specification relates to IEC 61156-1:2002. The cables are specifically intended for horizontal floor wiring as defined in ISO/IEC 11801:1995.

This specification defines individually screened or unscreened pair/quad cables, with or without overall common screen for horizontal floor wiring. These cables are suitable for the various communication systems for which the reference is given in the relevant detail specification.

The cables covered by this sectional specification are intended to operate with voltages and currents normally adopted for communication systems. These cables should not be connected to low impedance sources, for example, the public mains electricity supply.

The normal operating temperature range is -40 °C to $+60\text{ °C}$.

1.2 Normative references

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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 60304, *Standard colours for insulation for low-frequency cables and wires*

IEC 61156-1:2002¹⁾, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC 61156-2-1, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 2-1: Horizontal floor wiring – Blank detail specification*

1.3 Installation considerations

The recommended temperature range during installation is -10 °C to $+60\text{ °C}$. The actual temperature range during installation may be indicated in the relevant detail specification. Under static conditions, the normal operating temperature range shall be -40 °C to $+60\text{ °C}$.

See 1.3 of IEC 61156-1:2002.

¹⁾ A more recent version of this standard exists (2007), but as not all of the tests cited herein are addressed by the newer edition, it has been decided that the 2002 edition is to be used.

2 Definitions and requirements

2.1 Definitions

See 2.1 of IEC 61156-1:2002.

2.2 Materials and cable construction

2.2.1 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 special requirements for flame performance (such as burning properties, smoke generation, evolution of halogen gas, etc.) as well as requirements to meet environmental regulations.

2.2.2 Cable construction

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

2.2.3 Conductor

The conductor shall consist of annealed copper.

The conductor shall be a solid annealed copper conductor, in accordance with 2.2.3 of IEC 61156-1:2002 and shall have a nominal diameter between 0,5 mm and 0,65 mm. A conductor diameter up to 0,8 mm may be used if compatible with the connecting hardware.

2.2.4 Insulation

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

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

Insulation may be solid or cellular, with or without a solid dielectric skin. The insulation shall be continuous and shall have a thickness such that the completed cable meets the specified requirements. The nominal thickness of insulation shall be compatible with the method of conductor connection.

2.2.5 Colour code of insulation

The colour code is not specified but shall be indicated in the relevant detail specification. The colours shall be readily identifiable and shall correspond reasonably with the standard colours shown in IEC 60304.

NOTE It is acceptable to mark or stripe the "a" wire with the colour of the "b" wire to facilitate pair identification.

2.2.6 Cable element

The cable element shall be a pair or quad adequately twisted to aid pair/quad identification. The number and type of elements shall be given in the relevant detail specification.

2.2.7 Screening of the cable element

When required, a screen for the cabling element may be provided. The screen shall be in accordance with 2.2.7 of IEC 61156-1:2002.

2.2.8 Cable make-up

The cable elements 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.

2.2.9 Screening of the cable core

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

The screen shall be in accordance with 2.2.9 of IEC 61156-1:2002.

Where a copper braid is used, it shall have a minimum filling factor as indicated in the relevant detail specification.

2.2.10 Sheath

The sheath material shall consist of a suitable thermoplastic material. Examples of suitable materials are:

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

The sheath shall be continuous, having a uniform thickness.

A non-metallic rip cord may be provided. When provided, the rip cord shall be non-hygroscopic and non-wicking.

2.2.11 Colour of sheath

The colour of the sheath shall be agreed between customer and supplier and may be stated in the relevant detail specification.

2.2.12 Identification

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

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

Additional markings are permitted and may be indicated in the relevant detail specification.

2.2.13 Finished cable

The finished cable shall be adequately protected for storage and shipment.

3 Characteristics and requirements

3.1 General remarks

This clause lists the characteristics and minimum requirements of a cable complying with this specification.

A detail specification may be prepared to identify a specific product and its performance capabilities (see Clause 4).

Test methods shall be in accordance with Clause 3 of IEC 61156-1:2002.

3.2 Electrical characteristics

The tests shall be carried out on a cable length of not less than 100 m, unless otherwise specified.

3.2.1 Conductor resistance

The conductor resistance is not specified but shall be indicated in the relevant detail specification.

3.2.2 Resistance unbalance

The conductor resistance unbalance within an element shall not exceed 3 %.

3.2.3 Dielectric strength

There shall be no failures when a test is performed on conductor/conductor and, where screen(s) are present, a conductor/screen with 1,0 kV d.c. for 1 min or, alternately, with 2,5 kV d.c. for 2 s. An a.c. voltage may be used. The a.c. voltage levels in these cases shall be 0,7 kV a.c. for 1 min or, alternately, 1,7 kV a.c. for 2 s.

3.2.4 Insulation resistance

The test shall be performed both on

- conductor/conductor;
- conductor/screen, screen/screen when present.

The minimum insulation resistance value shall not be less than 150 M Ω ·km, at or corrected to 20 °C.

3.2.5 Mutual capacitance

Mutual capacitance is not specified but may be indicated in the relevant detail specification.

3.2.6 Capacitance unbalance

The maximum capacitance unbalance pair to ground shall not exceed 1 700 pF/500 m at a frequency of 800 Hz or 1 kHz.