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There are no specific technical changes with respect to the previous edition, but see the Foreword to IEC 60811-100:2012.

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

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This part of IEC 60811 shall be read in conjunction with IEC 60811-100.

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INTRODUCTION

The IEC 60811 series specifies the test methods to be used for testing non-metallic materials of all types of cables. These test methods are intended to be referenced in standards for cable construction and for cable materials.

NOTE 1 Non-metallic materials are typically used for insulating, sheathing, bedding, filling or taping within cables.

NOTE 2 These test methods are accepted as basic and fundamental and have been developed and used over many years principally for the materials in all energy cables. They have also been widely accepted and used for other cables, in particular optical fibre cables, communication and control cables and cables for ships and offshore applications.

ELECTRIC AND OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES – TEST METHODS FOR NON-METALLIC MATERIALS –

Part 203: General tests – Measurement of overall dimensions

1 Scope

This Part 203 of IEC 60811 gives the methods for measuring overall dimensions and is applicable to all types of cable, circular and flat.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60811-100:2012, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials - Part 100: General*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60811-100 apply.

4 Test method

4.1 General

This part of IEC 60811 shall be used in conjunction with IEC 60811-100.

Unless otherwise specified, tests shall be carried out at room temperature.

The measurement of the overall dimensions over the insulation of cores or over the sheath may be required as individual tests or as steps in the procedure for carrying out other tests.

The methods used in 4.2 below are for general use, except where the procedure for a particular test specifies a different or alternative method.

In each case, the method of selecting samples shall be in accordance with the relevant cable standard.

4.2 Measuring procedure

The measuring procedure shall be as follows:

a) For cables with overall dimensions not exceeding 25 mm, the measurements shall be made by means of a micrometer, a profile projector or similar apparatus, in two directions perpendicular to each other.

   For measurements made in the course of routine tests, it is permissible to use a dial micrometer or a vernier calliper, care being taken to limit the pressure.

b) If the overall diameter exceeds 25 mm, the circumference of the cable shall be measured by means of a measuring tape, and the diameter shall be calculated. Alternatively, a direct reading diameter tape can be used.

c) For flat cables, the measurements shall be made along the major and minor axes of the cross-section by means of a micrometer, a profile projector or similar apparatus.

Unless otherwise specified in the relevant cable design standard, the reading shall be made to one decimal place of a millimetre for dimensions up to and including 25 mm, and to the nearest 0,5 mm for dimensions exceeding 25 mm.

4.3 Evaluation of the measurement results

The results shall be evaluated as specified in the test requirements of the relevant cable standard.

5 Test report

The test report shall be in accordance with that given in IEC 60811-100.

Bibliography

IEC 60811-1-1:1993, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 1: Methods for general application – Section 1: Measurement of thickness and overall dimensions – Tests for determining the mechanical properties*
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