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The technical content is therefore identical to the base edition and its amendment and has been prepared for user convenience.

It bears the edition number 2.1.

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- · replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

## POLYVINYL CHLORIDE INSULATED CABLES OF RATED VOLTAGES UP TO AND INCLUDING 450/750 V -

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### 1 General

### 1.1 General requirements

The methods of carrying out the tests specified in all parts of IEC 60227 are given in this part and the following publications:

IEC 60227-1:1993, Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 1: General requirements

IEC 60332-1:Tests on electric cables under fire conditions - Part 1: Vest on a single vertical insulated cable

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

### 1.2 Applicable tests

The tests applicable to the types of cables are given in the particular specifications (IEC 60227-3, IEC 60227-4, etc.).

### 1.3 Classification of tests according to the frequency with which they are carried out

The tests specified are type tests (symbol T) and/or sample tests (symbol S) as defined in 2.2 997 of IEC 60227-1.

The symbole T and S are used in the relevant tables of the particular specifications (IEC 60227-3, IEC 60227-4, etc.).

### 1.4 Sampling

If a marking is in relief in the insulation or sheath, the samples used for the tests shall be taken so as to include such marking.

For multicore cables, except for the test specified in 1.9, not more than three cores (of different colours, if applicable) shall be tested unless otherwise specified.

### 1.5 Pre-conditioning

All the tests shall be carried out not less than 16 h after the extrusion of the insulating or sheathing compounds.

### 1.6 Test temperature

Unless otherwise specified, tests shall be made at ambient temperature.