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CHARGING CABLES FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES OF RATED VOLTAGES UP TO AND INCLUDING 0,6/1 kV –

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62893 specifies construction, dimensions and test requirements for cables with extruded insulation and sheath having a voltage rating of up to and including 0,6/1 kV AC or up to and including 1 500 V DC for flexible applications under harsh conditions for the power supply between the electricity supply point of the charging station and the electric vehicle (EV).

The EV charging cable is intended to supply power and, if needed, communication (for details see the IEC 62196 series and IEC 61851-1) to an EV or plug-in hybrid vehicle (PHEV). The charging cables are applicable for charging modes 1 to 4 of IEC 61851-1. Ordinary duty cables with rated voltage 300/500 V are only permitted for charging mode 1 of IEC 61851-1. Maximum conductor temperature for the cables in this part of IEC 62893 is 90 ºC.

The particular types of cables are specified in IEC 62893-3 (modes 1 to 3 for AC charging) and in the future IEC 62893-4 (mode 4 for DC charging).

These parts are collectively referred to hereafter as “the particular specifications”.

The test methods specified are given in IEC 62893-2, IEC 60245-2, IEC 60332-1-2, IEC 62821-1:2015, Annex B, and in the relevant parts of IEC 60811, as listed in the normative references.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60245-2:1994, *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 2: Test methods*

IEC 60228:2004, *Conductors of insulated cables*

IEC 60332-1-2:2004, *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions – Part 1-2: Test for vertical flame propagation for a single insulated wire or cable – Procedure for 1 kW pre-mixed flame*
IEC 60332-1-2:2004/AMD1:2015

IEC 60811-401, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 401: Miscellaneous tests – Thermal ageing methods – Ageing in an air oven*

IEC 60811-403, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 403: Miscellaneous tests – Ozone resistance test on cross-linked compounds*

IEC 60811-404, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 404: Miscellaneous tests – Mineral oil immersion tests for sheaths*

IEC 60811-501, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 501: Mechanical tests – Tests for determining the mechanical properties of insulating and sheathing compounds*

IEC 60811-505:2012, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 505: Mechanical tests – Elongation at low temperature for insulations and sheaths*

IEC 60811-507, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 507: Mechanical tests – Hot set test for cross-linked materials*

IEC 60811-508:2012, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 508: Mechanical tests – Pressure test at high temperature for insulation and sheaths*

IEC 60811-509, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 509: Mechanical tests – Test for resistance of insulations and sheaths to cracking (heat shock test)*

IEC 62821-1:2015, *Electric cables – Halogen-free, low smoke, thermoplastic insulated and sheathed cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 62893-2:2017, *Charging cables for electric vehicles of rated voltages up to and including 0,6/1 kV – Part 2: Test methods*

ISO 48, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Determination of hardness (hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD)*

ISO 7619-1, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Determination of indentation hardness – Part 1: Durometer method (Shore hardness)*

ISO 14572:2011, *Road vehicles – Round, sheathed, 60 V and 600 V screened and unscreened single or multi-core cables – Test methods and requirements for basic- and high-performance cables*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

3.1 Definitions relating to insulating and sheathing materials

3.1.1
halogen-free compound
compound not containing halogens which meets the requirements given in this document

3.1.2
type of compound
category in which a compound is placed according to its properties, as determined by specific tests

Note 1 to entry: The type designation is not directly related to the composition of the compound.

3.1.3
EVI
designation of insulation compound for cables in this document

3.1.4
EVM
designation of sheathing compound for cables in this document

3.1.5
control core (CC) and pilot core (CP)
designation for those cores in the cable that serve the basic control function to operate an EV supply system

Note 1 to entry: For further information see IEC 61851-1.

3.2 Definitions relating to the tests

3.2.1
type tests (symbol *T*)
tests required to be carried out before supplying a type of cable covered by this document on a general commercial basis in order to demonstrate satisfactory performance characteristics to meet the intended application

Note 1 to entry: Type tests are of such a nature that, after they have been made, they need not be repeated unless changes are made in the cable materials or design which might change the performance characteristics.

3.2.2
sample tests (symbol *S*)
tests carried out on samples of completed cable or components taken from a completed cable, adequate to verify that the finished product meets the design specifications

3.2.3
routine test (symbol *R*)
tests carried out by the manufacturer on each manufactured length of cable to check that each length meets the specified requirements

4 Code designation

The cables shall be marked, for example: IEC 62893 IEC 121.

NOTE The code designations for specific cable types are given in the particular specification, for instance in IEC 62893-3.

5 Rated voltage

The rated voltage of a cable is the reference voltage for which the cable is designed.

The rated voltage in an alternating current system is expressed by the combination of two values U_0/U, expressed in volts, where:

a) U_0 is the r.m.s. value between any insulated conductor and “earth” (metal covering of the cable or the surrounding medium);

b) U is the r.m.s. value between any two phase conductors of a multicore cable or of a system of single core cables.

In an alternating current system, the rated voltage of a cable or cord shall be at least equal to the nominal voltage of the system for which it is intended. This condition applies to the values of both U_0 and U.

The maximum permanent operating voltage of the system (AC or DC) is stated in Table 1.

Table 1 – Examples of maximum permitted voltages against rated voltage of cable

Rated voltage of cable	Maximum permanent permitted operating voltage of the system			
	AC	3-phase AC	DC	
U_0/U	Conductor-earth	Conductor-conductor	Conductor-earth	Conductor-conductor
	U_0 max	U max		
300/500 V	320 V	550 V	410 V	820 V
450/750 V	480 V	825 V	620 V	1240 V
0,6/1 kV	0,7 kV	1,2 kV	0,9 kV	1,8 kV

6 Marking

6.1 Indication of origin

Cables shall be provided with an indication of the manufacturer, which shall be either an identification thread or a repetitive marking of the manufacturer's name or trademark.

Marking may be by printing or by reproduction in relief on or in the insulation or sheath.

6.2 Continuity of marks

Each specified mark shall be regarded as continuous if the distance between the end of the mark and the beginning of the next identical mark does not exceed

– 550 mm if the marking is on the outer sheath of the cable;

– 275 mm if the marking is on the insulation or on a tape within the sheathed cable.

6.3 Durability

Printed markings shall be durable. Compliance with this requirement shall be checked by the test given in 1.8 of IEC 60245-2:1994.

6.4 Legibility

All markings shall be legible.

The colours of the identification threads shall be easy to recognize or easily made recognizable, if necessary, by cleaning with petrol or other suitable solvent.

7 Core identification

7.1 General

Each power core shall be identified as specified in 7.2.

Each pilot, control, or any other additional core shall be identified as specified in 7.2 or 7.3.

7.2 Identification by colours

7.2.1 General requirements

Identification of the cores of a cable shall be achieved by the use of coloured insulation.

Each power core of a cable shall have only one colour, except the core identified by a combination of the colours green and yellow.

The colour of control (CC), pilot (CP) or any other additional core shall be clearly identified and different to the power cores.

The colours green and yellow, when not in combination, shall not be used.

7.2.2 Colour scheme for power cores

The preferred colour scheme (AC cables):

– three-core cable: green and yellow, blue, brown;
– four-core cable: green and yellow, brown, black , grey;
– five-core cable: green and yellow, blue, brown, black, grey.

The preferred colour scheme (DC cables):

– two-core cable: no preferred colour scheme
– three-core cable: green and yellow, no preference for other cores

The colours shall be clearly identifiable and durable. Durability shall be checked by the test given in 1.8 of IEC 60245-2:1994.

7.2.3 Colour combination green and yellow

The distribution of the colours for the core coloured green and yellow shall comply with the following condition: for every 15 mm length of core, one of these colours shall cover at least 30 % and not more than 70 % of the surface of the core, the other colour covering the remainder.

NOTE Information on the use of the colours green and yellow, and blue. It is understood that the colours green and yellow, when they are combined as specified above, are recognized exclusively as a means of identification of the core intended for use as earth connection or similar protection, and that the colour blue is intended for the identification of the core intended to be connected to neutral.

7.3 Core identification by numbers

7.3.1 General requirements

The colour of control (CC), pilot (CP) or any other core shall be clearly identified and different to the power cores.

The insulation of the cores shall be of the same colour and numbered sequentially, starting at number 1.

The numbers shall be printed in arabic numerals on the outer surface of the cores. All the numbers shall be of the same colour, which shall contrast with the colour of the insulation. The numerals shall be legible.

7.3.2 Preferred arrangement of marking

The numbers shall be repeated, at regular intervals along the core, consecutive numbers being inverted in relation to each other.

When the number is a single numeral, a dash shall be placed underneath it. If the number consists of two numerals, these shall be disposed one below the other and a dash placed below the lower numeral. The spacing *d* between consecutive numbers shall not exceed 50 mm.

The arrangement of the marks is shown in Figure 1.

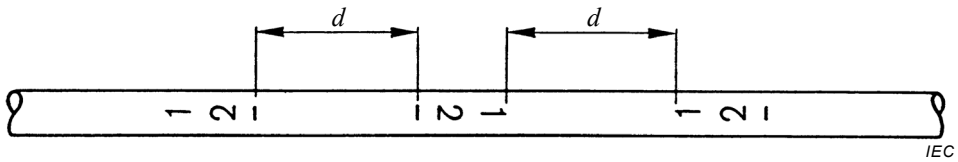

Figure 1 – Core marking by numbers

7.3.3 Durability

Printed numerals shall be durable. Compliance with this requirement shall be checked by the test given in 1.8 of IEC 60245-2:1994.

8 General requirements for the construction of cables

8.1 Conductors

8.1.1 Material

The conductors shall consist of annealed copper. The wires may be plain or tinned.

8.1.2 Construction

The conductor shall comply with Class 5, according to IEC 60228.

8.1.3 Check on construction

Compliance with the requirements of 8.1.1 and 8.1.2, including the requirements of IEC 60228, shall be checked by inspection and by measurement.

8.1.4 Electrical resistance

The resistance of each conductor at 20 °C shall be in accordance with the requirements of IEC 60228 for the given class of the conductor.

Compliance shall be checked by the test given in IEC 60228:2004, Annex A.

8.2 Sizes of cable

The sizes of cable shall be:

a) Power cores 300/500 V: 1,5 mm^2 and 2,5 mm^2 to 3 core.