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Part 1-215: Environmental test methods – High temperature cable ageing

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61196 defines a thermal ageing test to evaluate the transmission performance of coaxial cables under the effects of material temperature ageing.

This procedure specifies a qualitative thermal ageing test that evaluates the performance degradation of the cable due to chemical and physical reactions that are accelerated by high temperature.

Information on acceleration life testing is provided in Annex A.

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 60050 (all parts), *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary* (available at www.electropedia.org)

IEC 61196-1, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1: Generic specification – General, definitions and requirements*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050 and IEC 61196-1 apply.

4 Method

4.1 General

The allowable RF transmission performance characteristics and mechanical pass and fail criteria shall be specified in the detail specification.

RF performance shall consider the allowable change in the following characteristics:

- a) insertion loss,
- b) return loss, and/or
- c) passive intermodulation, RF-leakage, time delay or impedance.

Mechanical movement shall consider:

- 1) movement of conductors,
- 2) diameter over sheath change.

4.2 Test samples

The cable length shall be sufficient to perform the following measurements and shall be specified in the detail specification.

A minimum of two samples should be used for the test as specified below.

- a) For the transmission performance characteristics, a cable with connectors attached.
- b) For the mechanical movement of the conductors or materials used in the cable, a cable with its ends cut flushed.

A minimum of one sample of each type shall be used for this test.

If the sample is coiled to fit into the chamber, it should be loosely coiled at the minimum bend radius with the end of the cable being straight.

4.3 Test chamber

The test chamber shall be in accordance with IEC 60068-2-2 at the maximum operational temperature rating of the cable under test.

4.4 Test procedure

4.4.1 Initial measurements

The RF transmission performance and specified mechanical measurements on each sample shall be made.

4.4.2 Sample ageing

The samples shall be placed in the test chamber at the specified test temperature.

The test duration shall be a minimum of 2 000 h, unless otherwise specified.

4.4.3 Final measurements

After the test, the units shall be removed from the chamber and allowed to stabilize at room ambient temperature.

After reaching room ambient temperature, the RF transmission performance and specified mechanical measurements shall be repeated.

4.5 Criteria

The mechanical test shall monitor the relative movement of the dielectric, sheath, and conductors. The criteria for acceptance shall be described in the detailed specification.

The RF transmission performance shall be measured prior to the test and at the end of the test, and the change in performance shall be calculated. The criteria for acceptance shall be specified in the detailed specification.

5 Test report

The test report shall include

- a) description of the tested cable and length
- b) description of the type of connector used
- c) test conditions
 - 1) test temperature,
 - 2) duration,
 - 3) length of cable,
 - 4) number of samples,
 - 5) diameter of coil,
- d) the results measured and whether or not the results are satisfactory
 - 1) RF transmission performance deviation results,
 - 2) mechanical deviation results,
- e) criteria for acceptable performance.

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