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Part 2: Test methods

1 Scope

This part of IEC 63010 specifies test methods that are particular for cables with insulation and sheath based on halogen-free thermoplastic compounds having rated voltage up to and including 300/300 V for use with small devices and for short connections to desktop electrical appliances where flexibility is of prime importance.

General requirements and cable types are specified in IEC 63010-1.

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 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 62230, *Electric cables – Spark-test method*

IEC 63010-1:2017, *Electric cables – Halogen-free thermoplastic insulated and sheathed cables of rated voltage up to and including 300/300 V – Part 1: General requirements and cables*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 63010-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

4 General requirements

4.1 Pre-conditioning

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

4.2 Test temperature

Unless otherwise specified, tests shall be carried out at an ambient temperature of $(20 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$.

4.3 Test voltage

Unless otherwise specified in the individual clause of this document, the test voltage shall be AC of approximately sine wave form and of frequency between 49 Hz and 61 Hz. The ratio of peak value to r.m.s. value shall be equal to $\sqrt{2}$ with a tolerance of $\pm 7\%$.

The values quoted are r.m.s. values.

4.4 Test values

Full test conditions (such as temperatures and durations) and full test requirements are not specified in this document; it is intended that they should be specified by the document dealing with the relevant type of cable.

Any test requirements that are given in this document may be modified by the relevant cable standard to suit the needs of a particular type of cable.

5 Test methods

5.1 Electrical test methods

5.1.1 Long term resistance of insulation to DC

5.1.1.1 Test sample

Carry out the test on a sample of cable of 5 m in length from which all coverings have been removed. Take care to avoid damage to the core(s) during removal of the coverings.

5.1.1.2 Procedure

Immerse the sample, for the period and at the temperature given in Table 4 of IEC 63010-1:2017, in an aqueous solution of sodium chloride having a concentration of 10 g/l, with a length of about 250 mm at each end of the sample projecting above the solution. Connect the negative pole of a 220 V DC supply to the conductor(s) of the sample and the positive pole to a copper electrode immersed in the solution for the time given in the relevant cable standard.

5.1.1.3 Requirement

No breakdown of the insulation shall occur during the test and, after the test, the exterior of the insulation shall show no sign of damage.

Discoloration of the insulation should be ignored.

5.1.2 Absence of faults in insulation

5.1.2.1 General

Test all the cable that is in the final stage of manufacture, whether it is in delivery lengths or in manufacturing lengths prior to being cut into delivery lengths.

Test all cables with the voltage test in accordance with 5.1.2.3.

The requirements of 4.1 of this document do not apply when the check for absence of faults is carried out as a routine (R) test.

5.1.2.2 Spark test

5.1.2.2.1 Procedure

Carry out the test according to IEC 62230, except that the option to use a pulsed-waveform high-voltage source is not permitted.

5.1.2.2.2 Requirement

No faults shall be detected during the test.

5.1.2.3 Voltage test on cable

5.1.2.3.1 Procedure

With the cable in a dry state and at ambient temperature, apply a voltage of the magnitude given in Table 4 of IEC 63010-1:2017. This voltage may be supplied either from an AC source or from a DC source, between each conductor and all the other conductors.

Increase the voltage gradually and maintain it at the full value for the duration given in Table 4 of IEC 63010-1:2017.

5.1.2.3.2 Requirement

No breakdown of the insulation shall occur during the test.

5.1.3 Surface resistance of sheath

5.1.3.1 Test samples

Carry out the test on three samples of completed cable, each about 250 mm in length.

5.1.3.2 Procedure

Clean the sheath of each of the samples with industrial methylated spirit, and apply to each sample two electrodes, consisting of wire helices of copper wire of between 0,2 mm and 0,6 mm diameter, at a distance of (100 ± 2) mm from each other. After the wire has been applied, clean the surface of the sheath again thoroughly between the electrodes.

Condition the samples with electrodes attached in a conditioning chamber at a temperature of (20 ± 2) °C and a relative humidity of (65 ± 5) % for 24 h.

Immediately after removal from the conditioning chamber, apply a DC voltage of between 100 V and 500 V between the electrodes, and measure the resistance after 1 min.

Multiply the measured resistance of each sample, in ohms, by $a/100$, where a is the circumference of the sheath of the sample, in millimetres. Record the median of the three values so obtained as the surface resistance of the sheath.

5.1.3.3 Requirement

The surface resistance, as determined in 5.1.3.2, shall be not lower than $10^9 \Omega$.

5.1.4 Voltage test on cores in water

5.1.4.1 Test sample

Prepare a sample of cable 5 m long by carefully removing, without damaging the cores, the sheath or the overall braid and any other covering or filling from a length of completed cable.