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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) new structure in line with IEC 60092-353 and IEC 60092-354;
- b) requirements and test methods have been divided in several tables for clarification (enhanced cold properties, oil resistance or resistance to drilling fluids) and have been aligned to IEC 60092-350;
- c) the new testing methods for fire resistant cables are referenced in this document.

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## ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS IN SHIPS –

### Part 376: Cables for control and instrumentation circuits 150/250 V (300 V)

#### 1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60092 is applicable to screened and unscreened cables for control and instrumentation circuits on ships and offshore units. The cables have extruded solid insulation with a voltage rating of 150/250V (300V) (see Clause 4) and are intended for fixed installations.

The various types of cables are given in Clause 5. The constructional requirements and test methods are ~~expected to comply~~ aligned with those indicated in IEC 60092-350, unless otherwise specified in this document.

~~NOTE—Provision is made for fire resistant (limited circuit integrity) cables to be specified if required.~~

The object of this document is

- to standardise cables whose safety and reliability are ensured when they are installed in accordance with the requirements of IEC 60092-352,
- to lay down standard manufacturing requirements and characteristics of such cables directly or indirectly bearing on safety, and
- to specify test methods for checking conformity with those requirements.

#### 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 60050-461, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 461: Electric cables*

~~IEC 60228, *Conductors of insulated cables*~~

IEC 60092-350:2004 2014, *Electrical installations in ships – Part 350: ~~Shipboard power cables~~— General construction and test ~~requirements~~ methods of power, control and instrumentation cables for shipboard and offshore applications*

~~IEC 60092-351, *Electrical installations in ships – Part 351: Insulating materials for shipboard and mobile and fixed offshore units power, telecommunication, and control data cables*~~

IEC 60092-352, *Electrical installations in ships – Part 352: Choice and installation of electrical cables ~~for low-voltage power systems~~*

~~IEC 60092-359, *Electrical installations in ships – Part 359: Sheathing materials for shipboard power and telecommunication cables*~~

IEC 60092-360:2014, *Electrical installations in ships – Part 360: Insulating and sheathing materials for shipboard and offshore units, power, control, instrumentation and telecommunication cables*



IEC 60331-1, *Tests for electric cables under fire conditions – Circuit integrity – Part 1: Test method for fire with shock at a temperature of at least 830 °C for cables of rated voltage up to and including 0,6/1,0 kV and with an overall diameter exceeding 20 mm*

IEC 60331-2, *Tests for electric cables under fire conditions – Circuit integrity – Part 2: Test method for fire with shock at a temperature of at least 830 °C for cables of rated voltage up to and including 0,6/1,0 kV and with an overall diameter not exceeding 20 mm*

IEC 60331-21, *Tests for electric cables under fire conditions – Circuit integrity – Part 21: Procedures and requirements – Cables of rated voltage up to and including 0,6/1,0 kV*

~~IEC 60332-1, Tests on electric cables under fire conditions – Part 1: Test on a single vertical insulated wire or cable~~

IEC 60332-1-2, *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 60332-3-22, *Tests on electric cables under fire conditions – Part 3-22: Test for vertical flame spread of vertically-mounted bunched wires or cables – Category A*

IEC 60445, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Identification of equipment terminals, conductor terminations and conductors*

IEC 60684-2, *Flexible insulating sleeving – Part 2: Methods of test*

IEC 60754-1, *Test on gases evolved during combustion of materials from cables – Part 1: Determination of the halogen acid gas content*

IEC 60754-2, *Test on gases evolved during combustion of materials from cables – Part 2: Determination of acidity (by pH measurement) and conductivity*

~~IEC 60811 (all parts), Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables~~

~~IEC 61034-1, Measurement of smoke density of cables burning under defined conditions – Part 1: Test apparatus~~

IEC 61034-2, *Measurement of smoke density of cables burning under defined conditions – Part 2: Test procedure and requirements*

~~IEC 60092-353, Electrical installations in ships – Part 353: Single and multicore non-radial field power cables with extruded solid insulation for rated voltages 1 kV and 3 kV~~

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60092-350 and IEC 60050-461 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****pair unit**

~~a unit which consists of two cores laid up with or without interstitial fillers or binder tape(s)~~

**3.2****triple unit**

~~a unit which consists of three cores laid up with or without interstitial fillers or binder tape(s)~~

**3.3****quad unit**

~~a unit which consists of four cores laid up with or without interstitial fillers or binder tape(s)~~

**3.4****electrostatic screen**

~~surrounding earthed metallic layer to confine the electrical field within the cable cores, pair(s), triple(s) or quad(s) and/or to protect the cable core(s), pair(s), triple(s) or quad(s) from external electrical influence~~

**3.5****drain wire**

~~an uninsulated conductor which has the specific function of earthing an electrostatic tape screen by ensuring a low resistive path throughout the length of the cable~~

**3.6****single unit cable**

~~a cable consisting of either one pair, triple or quad unit, either unshielded or with an individual electrostatic screen~~

**3.7****multi-unit cable**

~~a cable consisting of more than one pair, triple or quad units either unshielded or with an individual electrostatic screen around each unit or having an electrostatic screen applied around the assembly of units (a collective screen)~~

**3.8****braid armour**

~~a covering formed from braided metal wires used to protect the cable from external mechanical effects~~

~~NOTE Copper wire braid armour may also provide the function of an electrostatic collective screen, providing it is earthed.~~

**3.9****inner covering**

~~a non-metallic covering which surrounds the assembly of the cores (and filler if any) of a multi-conductor cable and over which the protective covering is applied~~

**4 General requirements****4.1 Rated voltage**

The standard method of designating the rated voltages of cables covered by this document shall take the form  $U_o/U (U_m)$  ~~is as follows.~~

where

$U_o$  is the rated power-frequency voltage between phase conductor and earth or metallic ~~covering~~ screen, for which the cable is designed;

$U$  is the rated power-frequency voltage between phase conductors for which the cable is designed;

$U_m$  is the maximum value of the "highest system voltage" for which the equipment (including cable) may be used (see IEC 60038).

All voltages are given as RMS values.

The standard rated voltages  $U_o/U (U_m)$  of the cables considered in this document are:

$$U_o/U (U_m) = 150 \text{ V}/250 \text{ V (300 V) AC}$$

For 150/250 (300) V cables, DC voltage up to a maximum of 1,5 times the AC voltage may be used provided that the voltage to earth does not exceed 250 V.

NOTE When circuits are to be supplied from a low impedance source, attention is drawn to IEC 60092-353 for 600/1000 V cables having a minimum conductor size of 1,5 mm<sup>2</sup>.

## ~~5 Types of insulating compounds~~

~~The insulation compounds and their designations shall be selected from IEC 60092-351.~~

## ~~6 Types of sheathing compounds~~

~~The sheathing compounds and their designations shall be selected from IEC 60092-359.~~

## 4.2 Markings

### 4.2.1 Indication of origin and voltage identification

~~Identification of origin (manufacturer's name or trade mark), rated voltage ( $U_o/U$ ) and construction (number of cores, pairs, triples or quads and cross-sectional area of the conductor) to be printed, embossed or indented on the oversheath. It is allowed, in addition, to include an identification printed tape.~~

~~Multicore example: "Name or Trade mark — 150/250 V — 19 x 1,5 mm<sup>2</sup> —"~~

~~Multi-unit example: "Name or Trade mark — 150/250 V — 3 x 2 x 0,75 mm<sup>2</sup> —"~~

~~In the case of an outer metal braid armour applied above the oversheath, identification by threads or printed tapes inserted under the metal braid is permitted.~~

Cables shall comply with 4.1.3 of IEC 60092-350:2014 with respect to:

- indication of origin;
- rated voltage and cable construction (number of cores and cross sectional area of the construction);
- continuity of marking;
- durability/legibility.

### 4.2.2 Continuity of marking

The marking ~~of the manufacturer's name or trademark~~ is deemed to be continuous if the distance between the end of any marking and the beginning of the next does not exceed

- 550 mm if the ~~indication is on the sheath~~ marking is on the outer surface of the cable, and
- 275 mm in all other cases.

### ~~7.3 Durability~~

~~The printed marking shall be indelible.~~

~~Compliance with this requirement is checked by the test described in 16.2.~~

### ~~7.4 Legibility~~

~~The marking of the manufacturer's name or trademark shall be legible.~~

~~The colours of identification threads, if any, shall be easy to recognise or easily made recognisable, if necessary, by cleaning.~~

#### **4.2.3 Core identification**

~~Identification of cores shall be made within multicore cables or cores within pair, triple or quad unit(s), according to one of the methods below.~~

##### **4.2.3.1 General**

Cable cores shall be clearly identified by either colours or numbers.

##### **4.2.3.2 Coloured cores**

The core colours shall be in accordance with IEC 60445.

NOTE Annex A gives details of preferred colour code.

##### **4.2.3.3 Numbered cores – multicore cables**

Identification ~~shall~~ should be made by inscription of numbers on each core starting from the centre beginning with 1 in accordance with Annex B.

### ~~7.5.2 Single and multiunit cables~~

~~The cores of single and multiunit cables shall be provided with a suitable method of identification.~~

##### **4.2.3.4 Unit identification**

When requested by the purchaser, identification of the individual units of multiunit cables is permitted by the use of tape(s) marked with numbers.

~~NOTE Annex A gives details of a typical colour code.~~

## **5 Constructional requirements**

### **5.1 General description**

#### **5.1.1 Overview**

~~Screened and unshielded cables for control and instrumentation circuits in fixed installations on ships and offshore units, 150/250 V (300 V) shall consist of copper conductors insulated with one of the materials listed in IEC 60092-351 and assembled as follows:~~

~~Unarmoured types:~~

- ~~1) a single sheath;~~
- ~~2) i) an inner sheath and an outer sheath — double sheathed;~~

~~— ii) an inner covering and an outer sheath.~~

~~Armoured types:~~

~~3) an inner covering, metal armour and an outer sheath;~~

~~4) a single sheath with an outer metal armour;~~

~~5) an inner sheath, a metal armour and an outer sheath.~~

~~Non-cross-linked insulation shall not be used when the cross-linking process of the sheath leads to a detrimental change in the properties and/or shape of the insulation.~~

~~Where a cable is claimed to be “halogen-free”<sup>4)</sup> all non-metallic components shall be “halogen-free”.~~

Shipboard and offshore cables for fixed installations shall be single or multicore cables generally constructed as follows.

### 5.1.2 Unarmoured single- or double-sheathed cable

- copper conductor, see 5.2;
- insulation, see 5.3;
- cabling (for multicore cables), see 5.4;
- inner covering (optional, but mandatory when a braided electrostatic screening is applied over the core lay-up), see 5.5;
- electrostatic screening (optional), see 5.6;
- inner sheath (optional), see 5.7;
- outer sheath applied as either one or two layer systems, see 5.9.

### 5.1.3 Armoured single-sheathed cable with outer sheath only

- copper conductor, see 5.2;
- insulation, see 5.3;
- cabling (for multicore cables), see 5.4;
- inner covering below electrostatic screening (optional, but mandatory when a braided electrostatic screening is applied over the core lay-up), see 5.5;
- electrostatic screening (optional), see 5.6;
- inner covering (optional, but mandatory in case of a braid armour of galvanised steel wires in which case the inner covering shall be extruded), see 5.5;
- braid armour, see 5.8;
- outer sheath applied as either one or two layer systems, see 5.9.

### 5.1.4 Armoured double-sheathed cable with inner and outer sheath only

- copper conductor, see 5.2;
- insulation, see 5.3;
- cabling (for multicore cables), see 5.4;
- inner covering (optional, but mandatory when a braided electrostatic screening is applied over the core lay-up), see 5.5;
- electrostatic screening (optional), see 5.6;
- inner sheath, see 5.7;
- braid armour, see 5.8;

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~~<sup>4)</sup> A definition of “halogen-free” is under discussion.~~

- outer sheath applied as either one or two layer systems, see 5.9.

### 5.1.5 Armoured single-sheathed cable with inner sheath only

- copper conductor, see 5.2;
- insulation, see 5.3;
- cabling (for multicore cables), see 5.4;
- inner covering (optional, but mandatory when a braided electrostatic screening is applied over the core lay-up), see 5.5;
- electrostatic screening (optional), see 5.6;
- inner sheath, see 5.7;
- braid armour, see 5.8.

Cables for installation in spaces where corrosion ~~may~~ can occur, for example weather decks, wet locations, battery compartments, refrigeration rooms, ~~etc., shall~~ should have an outer sheath over the ~~metal armour~~ braid, unless the braid itself is corrosion-resistant.

## 5.2 Conductors

The material, metal coating, separator, class and form of the conductors shall be in accordance with IEC 60092-350 and shall be circular Class 2 or Class 5 constructions of cross-sectional area 0,50 mm<sup>2</sup>, 0,75 mm<sup>2</sup>, 1,0 mm<sup>2</sup>, 1,5 mm<sup>2</sup> or 2,5 mm<sup>2</sup>.

NOTE The preferred conductor sizes are 0,75 mm<sup>2</sup> and 1,5 mm<sup>2</sup>.

Conductor resistance shall be in accordance with Table 1.

**Table 1 – Electrical resistance of conductors**

Nominal cross-section mm <sup>2</sup>	Maximum DC resistance for class 2 stranding		Maximum DC resistance for class 5 stranding	
	of plain copper conductors Ω/km at 20°C	of tinned copper conductors Ω/km at 20°C	of plain copper conductors Ω/km at 20°C	of tinned copper conductors Ω/km at 20°C
0,50	40,4	41,6	41,4	42,5
0,75	26,0	26,3	27,6	28,3
1,00	19,2	19,3	20,7	21,2
1,50	12,8	12,9	14,1	14,5
2,50	7,86	8,02	8,47	8,71

## 5.3 Insulation ~~system~~

### 5.3.1 Material

The insulating compounds and their designations shall be as given in IEC 60092-360, thus types EPR, HEPR, XLPE, HF 90 or S 95 shall be used.

The insulation system shall consist of ~~either~~ one of the options (a) to (c) as listed in IEC 60092-350:2014, 4.3.1.

- ~~— one of the insulating compounds indicated in Table 2,~~
- ~~— a combination of one or more layers of inorganic tape(s) and a layer of one of the insulating compounds indicated in Table 2 or~~
- ~~— a combination of S95 compound together with a varnished glass braid.~~