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- the scope has been modified for clarity and relationship with EN 50626-2;
- normative references have been updated;
- new definitions have been introduced;
- changes to general conditions for tests;
- changes to classifications;
- changes to tests for marking;
- changes to figure numbers;
- Clause 11 has been deleted and subsequent clauses renumbered;
- Clause 12 and Clause 13 have been replaced by new Clause 11.

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## Introduction

CENELEC TC 213 is responsible for the development of the EN 50626 series, which consists of two separate parts, both covering different products/applications.

This document covers requirements and tests for conduit systems buried underground for the protection and management of insulated conductors and/or power cables or communication cables.

EN 50626-2 covers requirements and tests for conduit systems buried underground for the protection and management of insulated conductors and/or power cables or communication cables having a specified performance time and which are leak-tight solid wall conduit systems and manufactured in PE, PP and PVC-U.

A conduit system buried underground that conforms to this document is deemed to be safe for use.

This is a European Standard for cable management products used for electro-technical purposes. It relates to the Council Directives on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to Low Voltage Directive 2014/35/EU through consideration of the essential requirements of this directive.

This document is supported by separate standards to which references are made.

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### 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and tests for conduit systems with circular cross section buried underground for the protection and management of insulated conductors and/or power cables or communication cables installed individually or installed as a part of an assembly where the cable is installed by pulling or pushing.

This document does not include requirements for leak-tightness according to EN ISO 13259 and performance time.

NOTE 1 EN 50626-2 specifies requirements and tests for performance time and leak-tightness for solid wall conduit systems made of PE, PP and PVC-U buried underground where the cables are installed by blowing or floating or conduits are installed by trenchless methods.

NOTE 2 It is the responsibility of the purchaser or specifier to take into account any relevant national regulations and installation practices or codes when selecting the products to be installed, based on the characteristics specified in this document.

### 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.

EN 60529:1991,<sup>1</sup> *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code) (IEC 60529:1989)*

EN 60695-2-11:2014, *Fire hazard testing - Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods - Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products (GWEPT) (IEC 60695-2-11:2014)*

EN 60695-11-2:2017, *Fire hazard testing - Part 11-2: Test flames - 1 kW nominal pre-mixed flame - Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance (IEC 60695-11-2:2013)*

ISO 2768-1:1989, *General tolerances — Part 1: Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

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

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

#### 3.1

##### **conduit system**

cable management system consisting of conduits and conduit fittings for the protection and management of insulated conductors and/or cables in electrical or communication installations, allowing them to be drawn in and/or replaced, but not to be inserted laterally

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<sup>1</sup> As impacted by EN 60529:1991/A1:2000 and EN 60529:1991/A2:2013.



**3.2****conduit**

part of conduit system of circular cross-section for insulated conductors and/or cables in electrical or communication installations, allowing them to be drawn in and/or replaced

**3.3****conduit fitting**

device designed to join components of a conduit system, or for them to change direction

**3.4****terminating conduit fitting**

conduit fitting that terminates a conduit system

**3.5****metallic conduit and/or conduit fitting**

conduit or conduit fitting which consists of metal only

**3.6****non-metallic conduit and/or conduit fitting**

conduit or conduit fitting which consists uniquely of non-metallic material and which has no metallic components whatsoever

**3.7****composite conduit and/or conduit fitting**

conduit or conduit fitting comprising both metallic and non-metallic materials

**3.8****non-flame propagating conduit and/or conduit fitting**

conduit or conduit fitting which is liable to catch fire as a result of an applied flame, but in which the flame does not propagate, and which extinguishes itself within a limited time after the flame is removed

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**3.9****plain conduit**

conduit in which the profile is even in the longitudinal section

Note 1 to entry: The intermediate layer of a plain conduit can be corrugated.

Note 2 to entry: A typical example is shown in Figures A.1 and A.4.

**3.10****corrugated conduit**

conduit in which the profile is corrugated in the longitudinal section

Note 1 to entry: Both annular and helical corrugated conduits are permissible.

Note 2 to entry: A typical example is shown in Figure A.2

**3.11****combined corrugated conduit and plain conduit**

conduit in which the internal side is plain and external side is corrugated

Note 1 to entry: A typical example is shown in Figure A.3.

**3.12****rigid conduit**

conduit which cannot be bent, or which can only be bent with the help of a mechanical aid, with or without special treatment

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### 3.13

#### **pliable conduit**

conduit which can be bent by hand with reasonable force, and which is not intended for frequent flexing

### 3.14

#### **external influence**

factors which could affect the conduit system

Note 1 to entry: Examples of such factors are a presence of water, oil or building materials, low and high temperatures, and corrosive or polluting substances.

### 3.15

#### **hygroscopic material**

material having the characteristic of enabling attraction or holding water greater than 1,0 % by weight of the material from the surrounding environment at 23 °C and 50 % relative humidity

### 3.16

#### **type test**

test of one or more conduits or conduit fittings made to a certain design to show that the design meets certain specifications

## 4 General requirements

4.1 Conduit and conduit fittings shall be so designed and constructed that in normal use their performance is reliable and they provide protection to the user or surroundings.

When assembled in accordance with manufacturer's instructions as part of a conduit system, conduits and conduit fittings shall provide mechanical and, where required, electrical protection of the insulated conductors and cables contained therein.

4.2 The protective properties of the joint between the conduit and conduit fitting shall not be less than that declared for the conduit system.

4.3 Conduit and conduit fittings shall withstand the stresses likely to occur during transport, storage, recommended installation practice and application.

4.4 Compliance is checked by carrying out all specified tests.

## 5 General conditions for tests

Tests in accordance with this document are type tests. Conduit systems, having the same classification, which can vary in colour only, shall be the same product type.

Where the conduit entries are part of the detachable or loose type conduit fitting, the detachable conduit fitting shall be capable of being assembled again, after the test, according to the manufacturer's instructions without loss of the declared properties according to Clause 6.

When toxic or hazardous processes are used, precautions shall be taken to safeguard the test personnel.

Unless otherwise specified in this document,

- three samples are subjected to the tests, and the requirements are satisfied if the tests are met. If only one of the samples does not satisfy a test, due to an assembly or a manufacturing defect, that test and any preceding one which could have influenced the result of the test shall be repeated, and also the tests which follow shall be carried out in the required sequence on another full set of samples, all of which shall comply with the requirements;

NOTE 1 If the additional set of samples is not submitted at the same time, a failure of one sample will entail a rejection. The applicant, when submitting the first set of samples, can also submit an additional set of samples which can be used, if one sample fails. The testing station will then, without further request, test the additional set of samples and will reject them only if a further failure occurs.

- the tests shall be carried out within 1 min after conditioning and at an ambient temperature of  $(20 \pm 5)$  °C;
- each test shall be made on three new samples, which may be taken from one length;

NOTE 2 Certain tests, for instance the checking of dimensions, do not affect a change in the property of the samples; therefore, these samples are considered as new samples and can be used for further tests.

- samples of conduits and conduit fittings shall be conditioned for at least 24 h, at a temperature of  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C. Samples of conduits and conduit fittings made of material with hygroscopic behaviour shall be conditioned for at least 240 h, at a temperature of  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C and a relative humidity between 40 % and 60 %;
- the samples for each test shall be in a clean and new condition, with all parts in place and mounted as in normal use. After checking dimensions in accordance with Clause 8, and unless otherwise specified in the relevant test, the conduit fittings shall be assembled with the lengths of conduit of the type for which they are intended, as defined in the relevant test. Due regard shall be taken of the manufacturer's instructions, especially where force is required in the assembly of the joint.

NOTE 3 Where similarities are claimed, the selection of representative fittings for test purposes can be agreed between the manufacturer, or responsible vendor, and the testing station.

## 6 Classification

### 6.1 According to mechanical properties

#### 6.1.1 Resistance to compression

##### 6.1.1.1 Type 250 (code 250)

NOTE A conduit system according to 6.1.1.1 is intended to be installed with additional precautions as specified in the relevant national regulations.

##### 6.1.1.2 Type 450 (code 450)

NOTE A conduit system according to 6.1.1.2 is intended to be directly buried underground without additional precautions.

##### 6.1.1.3 Type 750 (code 750)

NOTE A conduit system according to 6.1.1.3 is intended to be directly buried underground without additional precautions.

### 6.1.2 Resistance to impact

#### 6.1.2.1 Light (code L)

#### 6.1.2.2 Normal (code N)

### 6.1.3 Resistance to bending

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Protection in accordance with EN 60529 to a minimum of IP3X.

**6.2.2 Protection against ingress of water**

Protection in accordance with EN 60529 to a minimum of IPX0.

**6.2.3 Resistance against corrosion (only applicable to metallic and composite system components)****6.2.3.1 Without protection****6.2.3.2 With protection as detailed in Table 4****6.3 According to resistance to flame propagation****6.3.1 Non-flame propagating****6.3.2 Flame propagating**

NOTE Conduit systems according to this document are normally flame propagating. Non-flame propagating conduit systems might be required for some applications.

**7 Marking and documentation****7.1 Each conduit shall be marked with the following information as a minimum:**

- the manufacturer's or responsible vendor's name or trade mark or identification mark;
- a product identification mark, which may be, for example, the code of this document, a catalogue number, a symbol or the like, in such a way that it can be identified in the manufacturer's or responsible vendor's literature;
- the code "L" or "N" according to 6.1.2;
- the code "250", "450" or "750" according to 6.1.1. This code shall be marked immediately after the code "L" or "N".

The following requirements apply for products with conduits inside another conduit:

- If the external conduit is marked according to this document, it is not required any marking for the inside conduits,
- If the external conduit is not marked according to this document, all inside conduits shall be marked according to this document.

**7.1.1 The manufacturer shall be responsible for indicating the compatibility of parts within a conduit system.**