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Introduction	Replace the second paragraph by:
	Although there is not a direct quantitative correlation between pH and corrosivity, the determination of the pH and conductivity of evolved gases usually gives a qualitative indication of the possible corrosivity of the gases evolved during the fire.

Scope Add "(corrosivity)" after "acidity" in line one.

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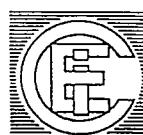
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**TEST ON GASES EVOLVED DURING COMBUSTION OF  
ELECTRIC CABLES**

**Part 2: Determination of degree of acidity of gases evolved  
during the combustion of materials taken from electric  
cables by measuring pH and conductivity**

## FOREWORD

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The text of this part is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this part can be found in the Voting Report indicated in the above table.

## INTRODUCTION

Cable users have expressed concern over the amount of acid gas which is evolved when cable insulating, sheathing and other materials are burned, as this acid can cause extensive damage to electrical and electronic equipment not involved in the fire itself. It has been considered necessary therefore to develop an approved method (by extensive round robins) for determining the amount of acid gases evolved by burning cable components so that limits can be agreed for cable specifications. As the test is not carried out on a complete cable test piece, for a hazard assessment the actual material volumes of the cable components should be taken into consideration.

The proposed limits of pH and conductivity can only be regarded as an indication, as the relationship between corrosion and these two parameters does not necessarily embrace all materials.

This part of IEC 754 is linked with IEC 754-1, but it will be noted that the test procedure differs considerably. An examination of IEC 754-1, with a view to the possible adoption of some of the features of this part, has been initiated.

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## TEST ON GASES EVOLVED DURING COMBUSTION OF ELECTRIC CABLES

**Part 2: Determination of degree of acidity of gases evolved during the combustion of materials taken from electric cables by measuring pH and conductivity**

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 754 specifies a method for the determination of the degree of acidity of gases evolved during the combustion of compounds taken from cable components.

### 2 Principle of the method

A pre-determined quantity of the test material is burned in a tube furnace. The evolved gases are trapped by bubbling through bottles filled with distilled or demineralized water.

The acidity is measured by determination of pH value. The conductivity of the solution is also measured.

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### 3 Test apparatus

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The principle diagram of the apparatus is shown in figures 1 to 5.

The assembly of the components which constitute the test apparatus shall be leak-tight. The connections between the tube and the first wash bottle and between the first and the second wash bottle shall be as short as possible.

#### 3.1 Tube furnace

The effective length of the heating zone of the furnace shall be 500 mm to 600 mm and its inside diameter 40 mm to 60 mm. It shall be equipped with an adjusted electric heating system.

#### 3.2 Tube

The furnace contains a fireproof tube made of silica resistant to the action of corrosive gases. The tube shall be approximately concentric to the tube furnace.

The inside diameter of the silica tube shall be within the limits of 32 mm to 45 mm. The initial clearance shall only allow for thermal expansion.

The tube protrudes on each side by a length  $L$  of:

- on the entrance side:  $60 \text{ mm} \leq L \leq 200 \text{ mm}$ ;
- on the exit side:  $60 \text{ mm} \leq L \leq 100 \text{ mm}$ .