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Introduction

This document was prepared following a joint resolution to improve the general structure of the ISO Automotive Electric Cable standards. This new structure adds more clarity and, by defining a new standard family, opens up the standard for future amendments.

Many other standards currently refer to ISO 6722-1, ISO 6722-2 and ISO 14572. So these standards will stay valid at least until the next scheduled systematic review and will be replaced later on by the ISO 19642 series.

For new Automotive Cable Projects customers and suppliers are advised on using the ISO 19642 series.

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Road vehicles — Automotive cables —

Part 3:

Dimensions and requirements for 30 V a.c. or 60 V d.c. single core copper conductor cables

WARNING — The use of this document can involve hazardous materials, operations and equipment. This document does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this document to establish appropriate safety practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1 Scope

This document specifies the dimensions and requirements for single-core cables intended for general purpose vehicle applications where the nominal system voltage is less than or equal to 30 V a.c. or less than or equal to 60 V d.c.. It also applies to individual cores in multi-core cables.

This document specifies requirements for copper conductor cables.

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2 Normative references

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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.

ISO 19642-1, *Road vehicles — Automotive cables — Vocabulary and design guidelines*

<http://ISO 19642-3:2019> ISO 19642-2, *Road vehicles — Automotive cables — Test methods*

EN 13602, *Copper and copper alloys — Drawn, round copper wire for the manufacture of electrical conductors*

ASTM B1, *Standard Specification for Hard-Drawn Copper Wire*

ASTM B3, *Standard Specification for Soft or Annealed Copper Wire*

ASTM B33, *Standard Specification for Tinned Soft or Annealed Copper Wire for Electrical Purposes*

ASTM B298, *Standard Specification for Silver-Coated Soft or Annealed Copper Wire*

ASTM B355, *Standard Specification for Nickel-Coated Soft or Annealed Copper Wire*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 19642-1 apply.

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

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

4 Specifications

4.1 General test conditions

The test conditions of ISO 19642-2 shall apply.

The cables shall be tested as specified in [Table 2](#).

If suppliers and customers agree on modifications or changes to the methods and requirements, all the changes and modifications shall be clearly documented.

4.2 Safety concerns

The precautions as described in the WARNING at the beginning of this document shall be followed.

4.3 Voltage rating

The cable described in this document is limited to 30 V a.c. and 60 V d.c. maximum.

4.4 Temperature classes

All temperature classes in ISO 19642-1 are suitable for copper conductor cables.

4.5 Conductor material

The conductors shall consist of plain or coated copper strands as shown in [Table 1](#).

ISO conductor sizes greater than or equal to 0,5 mm² shall consist of soft annealed copper or annealed compressed wires.

ISO conductor sizes less than 0,5 mm² shall consist of soft annealed copper, soft annealed compressed copper, hard un-annealed copper or a copper alloy.

The specifications for the conductors shall be completed by material specifications. Elongation requirements shall be established by agreement between the customer and the supplier.

The finished cable shall meet the resistance and cross-sectional area (CSA) requirements of [Table 6](#) for all conductors except alloys. When an alloy is used, the resistance requirement shall be established by agreement between the customer and the supplier.

NOTE Examples for strands are shown in [Annex A](#).

Table 1 — Conductor specifications

Description	Specification number
Hard-drawn copper wire	ASTM B1
Soft or annealed copper wire	ASTM B3 or EN 13602
Tinned soft or annealed copper wire	ASTM B33 or EN 13602
Silver-coated soft or annealed copper wire	ASTM B298
Nickel-coated soft or annealed copper wire	ASTM B355
NOTE Silver and Nickel coated conductors are intended for use with high "temperature class ratings".	

4.6 Conductors

The conductors in the finished cable shall meet the CSA and resistance requirements of [Table 6](#).

The maximum diameter of the conductors is standardized and presented in [Table 7](#).

The configuration of the stranded conductor is not standardized.

NOTE 1 Existing stranding configurations for copper conductors are presented in [Table A.1](#).

NOTE 2 Preferred stranding configurations for copper conductors are presented in [Table A.2](#).

Other stranding configurations may be used for copper conductors provided they meet the above requirements and are agreed between the customer and the supplier.

4.7 Insulation thickness

The following three different insulation thicknesses are allowed in this document:

1. thick wall insulation;
2. thin wall insulation;
3. ultra-thin wall insulation.

The minimum wall thickness requirements for the different ISO conductor sizes are standardized and specified in [Table 7](#).

The nominal wall thickness is derived from the minimum wall thickness in [Table 7](#) by the following formulae:

$$w_{\text{nom}} = 1,25 \times w_{\text{min}} \text{ or } w_{\text{nom}} = w_{\text{min}} / 0,8$$

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w_{min} is the minimum wall thickness;

w_{nom} is the nominal wall thickness.

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4.8 Cable outside diameter

The cable outside diameter for each ISO conductor size and insulation thickness is standardized and specified in [Table 7](#).

4.9 Representative conductor sizes for testing

When a test is required, all combinations of conductor size, insulation thickness and insulation formulation shall meet the specified requirements.

However, if testing of representative conductor sizes is permitted by agreement between the customer and the supplier, compliance for a cable family may be demonstrated by testing examples of large and small conductor sizes only.

4.10 Reference and requirements for the tests according to ISO 19642-2

[Table 2](#) provides a list of all relevant tests in ISO 19642-2:2019 for single core cables.

Table 2 — Tests

Test description	Mandatory			If required ^c	
	In process ^a	Initial certification	Periodic ^b	Initial certification	Periodic ^b
5.1 Dimensional tests					
5.1.2 Cable outside diameter	—	X	X	—	—
5.1.3 Insulation thickness	—	X	X	—	—
5.1.4 Conductor diameter	—	—	—	X	X
5.1.5 Cross sectional area	—	—	—	X	X
5.1.6 In-process cable outside diameter	X	—	—	—	—
5.2 Electrical tests					
5.2.1 Conductor resistance	—	X	X	—	—
5.2.2 Determination of temperature coefficients	—	X	—	—	—
5.2.3 Withstand voltage	—	X	X	—	—
5.2.4 Withstand voltage after environmental testing ^d	—	—	—	—	—
5.2.5 Insulation faults	X	—	—	—	—
5.2.6 Insulation volume resistivity	—	—	—	X	X
5.3 Mechanical tests					
5.3.1 Strip force	—	—	—	X	X
5.3.2 Abrasion ^e					
5.3.2.4 Sandpaper abrasion test	—	X	X	—	—
5.3.2.5 Scrape abrasion test	—	X	X	—	—
5.3.3 Breaking force of the finished cable	—	—	—	X	—
5.3.4 Cyclic bending	—	—	—	X	—
5.3.5 Flexibility	—	—	—	X	—
5.4 Environmental tests					
5.4.1 Specimen preparation and winding tests ^d					
5.4.2 Long term heat ageing, 3 000 h at temperature class rating	—	X	—	—	—
5.4.3 Short term heat ageing, 240 h at temperature class rating +25 °C	—	X	X	—	—
5.4.4 Thermal overload, 6 h at temperature class rating +50 °C	—	—	—	X	X
5.4.5 Pressure test at high temperature	—	X	X	—	—
5.4.6 Shrinkage by heat	—	X	X	—	—
5.4.7 Low temperature winding	—	X	X	—	—

Key

X: Test shall be performed according to ISO 19642-2

—: Test is not required

a A test made on the entire cable lot during or after manufacture.

b The frequency of periodic testing shall be established by agreement between the customer and the supplier.

c The usage of "If required" tests shall be established by agreement between the customer and the supplier.

d These tests are only used in preparation and after environmental endurance tests.

e Only one of the abrasion tests has to be performed by agreement between the customer and the supplier.

f Compliance for a cable family may be demonstrated by testing examples of large and small conductor sizes only.

g Some fluids are for "Initial certification" and others are "If required".