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- Part 1 - General test methods
- Part 2 - Additional test methods
- Part 3 - List of test requirements for specific cable designs

Part 3 is further divided into particular sections and, by decision of the Technical Board (D68/047) National Committees need at present only implement in their national language those sections having national applicability. The obligation remains however to announce the full HD in public by titles and numbers, and also to withdraw any conflicting national standards.

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## TESTS ON INTERNAL GAS-PRESSURE CABLES AND ACCESSORIES FOR ALTERNATING VOLTAGES UP TO AND INCLUDING 275 kV ( $U_m = 300$ kV)

### Part 1 : General test methods

#### 1. General

##### 1.1 Scope

HD 634 applies to tests on radial-field impregnated-paper-insulated cables and accessories in which, during normal operation, a gas pressure exceeding 1,2 MPa (12 bar) gauge is applied internally i.e. with the gas in direct contact with the insulation. The tests are applicable to cables and accessories intended to be used in systems with a nominal voltage not exceeding 275 kV between phases.

This Part (Part 1) specifies the general test methods applicable to these cables, unless otherwise specified in the particular sections of Part 3 of this HD. However, the summary of tests as listed in one only of the particular sections in Part 3 of this HD is mandatory for the particular cable ordered.

Part 2 specifies additional test methods applicable to certain particular sections of Part 3 of this HD.

Part 3 specifies the lists of tests applicable to the particular cable type.

##### 1.2 Normative references

Part 1 of HD 634 incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of any of these publications apply to Part 1 of HD 634 only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

IEC60071-1	Insulation co-ordination - Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules
IEC 60183	Guide to the selection of high-voltage cables
HD 48	Impulse tests on cables and their accessories

##### 1.3 Definitions

The following definitions have been adopted for the purposes of this standard:

$U_o$  = the rated power-frequency voltage between conductor and core screen for which the cable and its accessories are designed;

$U$  = the rated power-frequency voltage between any two conductors for which the cable and its accessories are designed;

$U_m$  = the maximum value of the highest permissible system voltage for which the equipment may be used;

$U_p$  = the peak value of the impulse withstand voltage for which the cable and its accessories are designed.

#### 1.4 Voltage designation

Cables and accessories shall be designated by the rated voltage between conductor and screen  $U_0$  and by the rated voltage between conductors  $U$ , both in kilovolts, e.g. 63/110.

NOTE: See IEC 60183 'Guide to the selection of high voltage cables'.

#### 1.5 Test conditions

##### 1.5.1 Frequency and waveform of power-frequency test voltages

The frequency of alternating test voltages shall be not less than 49 Hz and not more than 61 Hz. The waveform of such voltages shall be substantially sinusoidal.

##### 1.5.2 Waveform of impulse test voltages

The impulse wave shall be in accordance with HD 48.

##### 1.5.3 Ambient temperature

Unless otherwise specified in the details for a particular test, tests shall be made at an ambient temperature of  $(20 \pm 15)^\circ\text{C}$ .

#### 1.6 Characteristics

1.6.1 For the purpose of the tests described in this standard, the following characteristics must be known or declared:

1.6.1.1 a) The rated voltage  $U_0$  in kilovolts.

b) The lightning impulse withstand voltage  $U_p$  in kilovolts.

NOTE: The lightning impulse withstand voltage  $U_p$  specified above for each particular cable should be selected in accordance with IEC 60071-1.

1.6.1.2 The conductor material and the cross-sectional area of the conductors in square millimetres.

1.6.1.3 The number of cores.

1.6.1.4 Brief description of type, i.e. sheathed cable or cable in pipe.

Note: For this purpose a sheathed cable is a cable in which the pressure-retaining sheath is an integral part of the cable as supplied.

1.6.1.5 Details of pressure-retaining sheath or pipe.

1.6.1.6 Brief description of insulation, i.e. a) fully-impregnated, or b) not-fully-impregnated (mass-impregnated and drained, or pre-impregnated or with high-viscosity saturant).

1.6.1.7 The capacitance between each conductor and screen in microfarads per kilometre.

- 1.6.1.8 The maximum permissible conductor temperature in degrees Celsius for continuous operation under the specified ambient and installation conditions.
- 1.6.1.9 The normal gas pressure, in kilopascals or bars, as well as the lowest and highest values permissible for continuous operation.
- 1.6.2 The following additional characteristics shall be stated by the manufacturer when requested by the purchaser:
- 1.6.2.1 Details of construction, e.g. shaped or circular conductor, screened or unscreened conductor, types of joint and sealing end, etc.
- 1.6.2.2 The insulation thickness of the cable in millimetres and the maximum voltage gradient in the cable insulation at  $U_0$  in kV/mm, neglecting any stranding effect.
- 1.6.2.3 The maximum current rating in amperes under the specified installation and operating conditions.
- 1.6.2.4 The estimated effective (a.c.) resistance, in ohms per kilometre, of the cable at the maximum operating temperature and under the specified installation conditions.
- 1.6.2.5 The estimated inductance, in Henries per kilometre, per phase of the completed cable under the specified installation conditions.

- 1.7 Categories of tests on cables
- In this standard, tests on cables are given under three main headings:

Routine tests;  
Sample tests;  
Tests after installation.

#### 1.7.1 Routine tests (Symbol R)

Tests made on all production cable lengths to demonstrate their integrity.

#### 1.7.2 Sample tests (Symbol S)

Tests made on samples of completed cable, or components taken from a completed cable adequate to verify that the finished product meets the design specifications.

The following tests are sample tests:

Tan  $\delta$ /temperature test;  
Dielectric security test;  
Mechanical test and hot impulse-voltage test;  
Mechanical test and physical examination;  
Mechanical test on reinforcement of sheathed cables.

These sample tests shall be made on samples, as specified in sub-clause 3.1.

### 1.7.3 Type tests (Symbol T)

Tests required to be made before supplying a type of cable covered by this HD on a general commercial basis in order to demonstrate satisfactory performance characteristics to meet the intended application. These tests are of such a nature that, after they have been made, they need not be repeated unless changes are made in the cable material, design or type of manufacturing process which might change the performance characteristics.

### 1.7.4 Test after installation

Tests intended to demonstrate the integrity of the cable and its accessories as installed.

## 2. Routine tests on cables

### 2.1 General

The tests specified in sub-clauses 2.2 to 2.6 inclusive shall be made on all cores of every length of cable forming part of a contract. For the tests specified from sub-clauses 2.3 to 2.5 the cables shall be suitably terminated and the tests shall be carried out at atmospheric pressure, except that for not-fully-impregnated insulation an internal gas pressure not exceeding 200 kPa (2,0 bar) is permitted.

### 2.2 Conductor resistance test

The measured d.c. resistance of each conductor in the completed cable, corrected to 20°C, shall not exceed by more than the following amounts the value of resistance calculated on the basis of a solid conductor of the same length as the cable, having a section equal to the specified sectional area and having a volume resistivity of X Ω.m:

up to 1 000 mm<sup>2</sup> \* : 4%

above 1 000 mm<sup>2</sup> \* : 5%

\* Copper or aluminium conductors

In the above paragraph, the value of X shall be taken as follows:

Annealed copper :  $1,7241 \times 10^{-8} \Omega.m$

Aluminium:  $2,8264 \times 10^{-8} \Omega.m$

The temperature coefficients of electrical resistivity at 20°C are as follows:

Annealed copper:  $3,93 \times 10^{-3} K^{-1}$

Aluminium:  $4,03 \times 10^{-3} K^{-1}$

The cable shall be maintained at a reasonably constant temperature for at least 12 hours before the test. If it is doubtful whether the conductor temperature is the same as the ambient temperature the period should be extended to 24 hours.

### 2.3 Capacitance test

The capacitance shall be measured at power frequency by means of an a.c. bridge; the capacitance of each core shall be not greater than 8% above the declared value (see sub-clause 1.6.1.7).

2.4 Tan  $\delta$  measurement test

The tan  $\delta$  measurement of the insulation shall be made at ambient temperature between each conductor and core screen, employing the power-frequency test voltages specified below. If the measurements are made at a temperature below 20°C, the results shall be corrected to 20°C, either by subtracting from the measured value 2% of this value per °C of the difference between the test temperature and 20°C, or by the use of a correction curve appropriate to the insulant if agreement on such a curve has been reached between the purchaser and the manufacturer. No correction shall be made if the test temperature is 20°C or greater.

For cables with fully-impregnated insulation (see sub-clause 1.6.1.6 a)), the test voltage shall be increased from 0,25  $U_0$  to  $U_0$  in steps of about 0,25  $U_0$ . The tan  $\delta$  at 0,5  $U_0$  shall not exceed 0,005 and the increase in tan  $\delta$  between 0,25  $U_0$  and  $U_0$  shall be not more than 0,001 per step of 0,25  $U_0$ , the total increase between 0,25  $U_0$  and  $U_0$  being not greater than 0,002.

For cables having not-fully-impregnated insulation (see sub-clause 1.6.1.6 b)), the test voltage shall be increased from 0,25  $U_0$  to 0,5  $U_0$ . The tan  $\delta$  at 0,25  $U_0$  shall not exceed 0,005 and the increase in tan  $\delta$  between 0,25  $U_0$  and 0,5  $U_0$  shall not exceed 0,001.

## 2.5 High-voltage test

This test shall be made at ambient temperature with a power-frequency test voltage applied for 15 minutes between each conductor and core screen.

The value of the test voltage shall be:

for fully-impregnated cables:  $U_0$   
for not-fully-impregnated cables: 0,5  $U_0$

The voltage shall be gradually increased to the specified value. No breakdown of the insulation shall occur.

A d.c. test may be applied as an alternative to the a.c. test specified above, the value of the test voltage being:

for fully-impregnated cables: 5  $U_0$   
for not-fully-impregnated cables: 4  $U_0$

and the duration of the test 15 minutes. No breakdown of the insulation shall occur.

NOTE: The a.c. test may be made in conjunction with the measurement of tan  $\delta$  (see sub-clause 2.4).

## 2.6 Tests on corrosion resistant coverings

Under consideration.

## 3. Sample tests on cables

## 3.1 General

The tests specified in sub-clauses 3.2 to 3.6 inclusive shall be made on samples taken from cables manufactured for the contract, provided that the total length in the contract exceeds 2 km of three-core cable or 4 km of single-core cable, on the following basis:

Cable length km				Number of samples
Three-core cable		Single-core cable		
above	up to and including	above	up to and including	
2	10	4	20	1
10	20	20	40	2
20	30	40	60	3
and so on				

In the case of three-core cables, the electrical tests described in sub-clauses 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 shall be carried out on one core only.

For the electrical tests, the piece of cable shall be erected with suitable terminations and the gas pressure shall initially be adjusted to the minimum value declared under sub-clause 1.6.1.9.

The manufacturer may, if he wishes, carry out more than one of the sample tests specified in sub-clauses 3.2 to 3.6 inclusive, on one and the same piece of cable, the order in which the tests are performed being left to his discretion. However, if on a subsequent test the requirements are not fulfilled, this test shall be repeated on a new piece of cable and the results of this latter test only shall be valid for the ultimate assessment of the results.

By agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer, any or all of the tests prescribed in sub-clauses 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 may be omitted, provided that the test or tests has or have previously been made on pieces of cable taken from samples having similar construction to the cable included in the contract and the manufacturer produces a certificate to this effect. Similar construction means that the cable included in the contract and the cable covered by the test certificate have identical characteristics in respect of sub-clauses 1.6.1.1 a), 1.6.1.1 b), 1.6.1.4, 1.6.1.6, 1.6.1.8, 1.6.1.9, 1.6.2.1 and 1.6.2.2.

### 3.2 Tan $\delta$ measurement/temperature test

This test shall be made on a piece of cable at least 10 m long.

The tan  $\delta$  measurement of the insulation shall be made at voltages of 0,5  $U_0$ ,  $U_0$ , 1,5  $U_0$  and 2  $U_0$ .

- a) at ambient temperature,
- b) after the cable has been slowly heated to a maximum temperature 5°C above the maximum permissible operating temperature of the conductor, as stated under sub-clause 1.6.1.8,
- c) immediately after cooling to ambient temperature.

The tan  $\delta$  measurement shall, in addition, be made at  $U_0$  at temperatures of about 60°C and 40°C during cooling.

The cable shall be maintained at each temperature until a stable temperature distribution is achieved. The test temperature shall be the temperature at the hottest point in the cable as determined from thermocouples placed at intervals along it and from the increase in resistance of the conductor, making due allowance for the temperature difference between the thermocouples and the conductor.

Throughout the tests, the  $\tan \delta$  at  $U_0$  shall not exceed 0,005. For cables having a capacitance of 0,2  $\mu\text{F}/\text{km}$  or less, the increase in  $\tan \delta$  between 0,5  $U_0$  and 2  $U_0$  shall be not more than 0,0004 per step of 0,5  $U_0$ , and the total increase in  $\tan \delta$  between 0,5  $U_0$  and 2  $U_0$  shall not exceed 0,0010. For other cables, the figures 0,0004 and 0,0010 shall be multiplied by the ratio:

$$\frac{\text{Cable capacitance } (\mu\text{F}/\text{km})}{0,2 \mu\text{F}/\text{km}}$$

### 3.3 Dielectric security test

A piece of cable at least 10 m in length, excluding the terminals shall be subjected at ambient temperature to a power-frequency test voltage applied between conductor and screen. The value of the test voltage shall be 2,5  $U_0$  for fully-impregnated cables and 2,0  $U_0$  for not-fully-impregnated cables, and it shall be applied for 24 hours without the occurrence of a breakdown of the insulation.

Note: Other forms of dielectric security test are under consideration .

### 3.4 Mechanical test and hot impulse-voltage test

The test shall consist of a bending test, followed by an impulse-voltage test of the behaviour of the insulation and followed (for sheathed cables) by a physical examination of the coverings.

#### 3.4.1 Bending test

The bending test shall be made at a temperature between 10°C and 15°C, unless otherwise agreed between the purchaser and the manufacturer, on a piece of cable of sufficient length to provide one complete turn round the test cylinder.

The diameter of the test cylinder shall be (tolerance of the cylinder diameter -0%, +5%):

- a) for single-core cables with lead, lead-alloy or corrugated aluminium sheaths 25 (D + d),
- b) for three-core cables with lead, lead-alloy or corrugated aluminium sheaths 20 (D + d),
- c) for all cables with non-corrugated aluminium sheaths 30 (D + d),

where: D for sheathed cables, is the external diameter of the pressure-retaining sheath or, for pipetype cables, is the external diameter of the completed cable as it will be drawn into the pipe;

and d is the diameter of the conductor or, if a non-circular conductor is concerned, the diameter of the equivalent circular conductor.

The piece of cable shall be bent round the test cylinder at least one complete turn. It shall then be unwound and the process repeated in the opposite direction. This cycle of operations shall be carried out three times if the sheath is of lead, lead-alloy or corrugated aluminium, but twice only if the sheath is of non-corrugated aluminium.