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## European foreword

This document (EN 50697:2019) has been prepared by CLC/TC 215 “Electrotechnical aspects of telecommunication equipment”, based upon ISO/IEC 14763-4:2018 “Information technology – Implementation and operation of customer premises cabling – Part 4: Measurement of end-to-end (E2E) links”.

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## Introduction

Balanced cabling is constructed for connecting equipment using free connectors. It is known that field termination in all parts of the channel has an influence on the channel performance.

Poor termination can cause problems in the channel performance and can affect reliable data transmission.

Until now, a verification of the field terminated cabling was done by measurement of the channel performance of Channel Class D or E according to EN 50173-1. The measurement of Channel Class D or E excludes the connections at the end of the cable. The measurement of Channel Class D or E does not identify the influence to the performance caused by bad terminations of the connections at the end.

The measurement of performance of end-to-end (E2E) link includes the termination on both ends of balanced cabling.

This document describes the measurement of E2E links of two- and four-pair balanced cabling of 100 MHz of Class D and 250 MHz of Class E using laboratory and field tester measurement procedures.

The performance of E2E links is described in ISO/IEC TR 11801-9902.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies the measurement at frequencies of E2E links of two- and four-pair balanced cabling of 100 MHz of Class D and 250 MHz of Class E including free connectors which terminate two and four pairs in both field and laboratory conditions.

The specifications for E2E links are described in ISO/IEC TR 11801-9902.

This document specifies laboratory and field measurement procedures. The requirements for accuracy to measure cabling parameters identified in ISO/IEC TR 11801-9902 are provided in EN 61935-1 and EN 61935-2.

## 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 50173-1, *Information technology – Generic cabling systems – Part 1: General requirements*

EN 50174-1, *Information technology — Cabling installation — Part 1: Installation specification and quality assurance*

EN 50174-2, *Information technology — Cabling installation — Part 2: Installation planning and practices inside buildings*

EN 60512-29-100, *Connectors for electronic equipment - Tests and measurements - Part 29-100: Signal integrity tests up to 500 MHz on M12 style connectors - Tests 29a to 29g (IEC 60512-29-100)*

EN 61918, *Industrial communication networks — Installation of communication networks in industrial premises (IEC 61918)*

EN 61935-1, *Specification for the testing of balanced and coaxial information technology cabling - Part 1: Installed balanced cabling as specified in the standards series EN 50173 (IEC 61935-1)*

EN 61935-2, *Specification for the testing of balanced and coaxial information technology cabling - Part 2: Cords as specified in ISO/IEC 11801 and related standards (IEC 61935-2)*

ISO/IEC/TR 11801-9902:2017, *Information technology — Generic cabling for customer premises — Part 9902: Specifications for End-to-end link configurations*

## 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 50173-1 and the following apply.

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

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

#### 3.1.1

##### end-to-end link

end-to-end transmission path formed by structured cabling based on passive components including the portion of the end connection that is attached to the end equipment

**EN 50697:2019 (E)****3.2 Abbreviations**

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviations of EN 50173-1 and the following apply.

E2E end-to-end  
N/A not applicable

**4 Conformance**

For a measurement of E2E link to conform to this document, the following applies:

- a) The requirements of the applicable generic cabling design standards shall be applied;
- b) The configuration and structure shall conform to the requirements outlined in Clause 5;
- c) The test configuration of E2E link shall meet the requirements in Clause 6 when subjected to the test of E2E link;
- d) E2E link testing shall be undertaken according to Clause 7. The laboratory testing is specified in Clause 8 and the field testing is specified in Clause 9;
- e) The test head shall meet the requirements of Clause 10.

This document shall apply to measurement methods of E2E link up to 100 MHz of Class D and up to 250 MHz of Class E of balanced cabling that includes the connections located at both ends.

**5 Configuration and limits of performance of E2E link**

E2E link measurement shall meet the following requirements:

- a) the configurations and structure shall conform to the specifications outlined in ISO/IEC TR 11801-9902;
- b) the test limits shall be in accordance with the outlined maximum limits described in ISO/IEC TR 11801-9902;
- c) the use of compatible cabling components shall be in accordance with the requirements of EN 50173-1;
- d) if present, screens shall be handled as specified in EN 50174-2;
- e) the installation shall be performed in accordance with EN 50174-1, EN 50174-2 and EN 61918;
- f) an E2E link shall meet the transmission limits of ISO/IEC TR 11801-9902 and, with its designated Category and with appropriate test head as described in Annex A, the transmission requirements of all lower Categories.

E2E link testing should be used to provide assurance of installed cabling terminated at both ends in accordance with EN 60603-7 (all parts), EN 61076-3-106, EN 61076-3-117, EN 61076-2-101 or EN 61076-2-109.

**6 Test configuration of E2E link**

The E2E link includes the end connection at both ends.

Reference planes and configuration of E2E link measurement are shown in Figure 1.



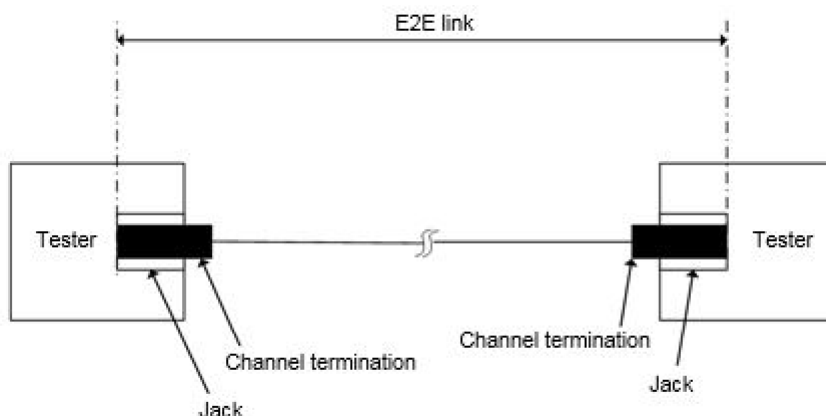


Figure 1 — Reference planes and configuration of E2E link

## 7 E2E link testing

Performance testing can be undertaken either in a laboratory or in the field after installation. This testing is independent from any requirements for acceptance testing contained within an installation specification, as required for balanced cabling by EN 50174-1.

There are three kinds of conformance testing:

- Laboratory testing: This testing is performed on a sample of cabling in a laboratory where an assessment against the limits of ISO/IEC TR 11801-9902 is required.
- Installed cabling in the field: This testing is performed on installed cabling in the field where an assessment against the conformance criteria of ISO/IEC TR 11801-9902 is required.
- Production testing: This testing is performed in a production environment where an E2E-link assessment against the limits of ISO/IEC TR 11801-9902 is required.

Testing of these kinds can be performed by independent or third party organizations in order to give greater assurance of compliance.

## 8 Laboratory testing of E2E link

The test configuration shall be carried out according to EN 61935-2 for 100  $\Omega$  cabling. The test head shall conform to Clause 10.

The test regime for laboratory testing is listed in ISO/IEC TR 11801-9902:2017, Table 22, as reference conformance testing. The tests shall be applicable to Class D and E of E2E link.

The test method of the test regime of ISO/IEC TR 11801-9902:2017, Table 22, of E2E link shall be carried out and calculated according to the reference laboratory measurement procedures on cabling topologies of EN 61935-1.