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85 **European foreword**

86 This document (prEN 50343:2023) has been prepared by CLC/SC 9XB "Electromechanical material on  
87 board rolling stock".

88 This document is currently submitted to the Enquiry.

89 The following dates are proposed:

- latest date by which the existence of this document has to be announced at national level (doa) dor + 6 months
- latest date by which this document has to be implemented at national level by publication of an identical national standard or by endorsement (dop) dor + 12 months
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90 This document will supersede EN 50343:2014.

91 prEN 50343:2023 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 50343:2014:

92 – references to EN standards updated and harmonized;

93 – modification based on IEC 62995;

94 – mechanical aspects detailed;

95 – cable lifetime considerations in accordance with Arrhenius.

96 This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CENELEC by the European Commission  
97 and the European Free Trade Association.

## 98 1 Scope

99 This document specifies requirements for the installation of cabling on railway vehicles and within  
100 electrical enclosures on railway vehicles, including magnetic levitation trains and trolley buses.

101 NOTE With respect to trolley buses, this document applies to the whole electric traction system, including  
102 current collecting circuits, power converters and the respective control circuits. The installation of other circuits is  
103 covered by street vehicle standards for example those for combustion driven buses.

104 This document covers cabling for making electrical connections between items of electrical equipment,  
105 including cables, busbars, terminals and plug/socket devices. It does not cover special effect conductors  
106 like fibre optic cables or hollow conductors (waveguides).

107 The material selection criteria given here are applicable to cables with copper conductors.

108 This document is not applicable to the following:

- 109 – special purpose vehicles, such as track-laying machines, ballast cleaners and personnel carriers;
- 110 – vehicles used for entertainment on fairgrounds;
- 111 – vehicles used in mining;
- 112 – electric cars;
- 113 – funicular railways.

114 As the field of cabling in rolling stock is also dealt with in the cable makers' standard, references are  
115 made to EN 50264 series, EN 50306 series, EN 50382 series and EN 50355.

116 This document applies in conjunction with the relevant product and installation standards. Stricter  
117 requirements than those given in this document may be necessary.

## 118 2 Normative references

119 The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content  
120 constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For  
121 undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

122 EN 45545 (all parts), *Railway applications - Fire protection on railway vehicles*

123 EN 45545-1, *Railway applications - Fire protection on railway vehicles - Part 1: General*

124 EN 45545-2, *Railway applications - Fire protection on railway vehicles - Part 2: Requirements for fire  
125 behaviour of materials and components*

126 EN 45545-5, *Railway applications – Fire protection on railway vehicles - Part 5: Fire safety requirements  
127 for electrical equipment including that of trolley buses, track guided buses and magnetic levitation  
128 vehicles*

129 EN 50121-3-1, *Railway applications - Electromagnetic compatibility - Part 3-1: Rolling stock - Train and  
130 complete vehicle*

131 EN 50121-3-2, *Railway applications - Electromagnetic compatibility - Part 3-2: Rolling stock - Apparatus*

132 EN 50124-1, *Railway applications - Insulation coordination - Part 1: Basic requirements - Clearances  
133 and creepage distances for all electrical and electronic equipment*

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- 134 EN 50125-1, *Railway applications - Environmental conditions for equipment - Part 1: Rolling stock and*  
135 *on-board equipment*
- 136 EN 50153, *Railway applications - Rolling stock - Protective provisions relating to electrical hazards*
- 137 EN 50264 (all parts), *Railway applications - Railway rolling stock power and control cables having*  
138 *special fire performance*
- 139 EN 50306 (all parts), *Railway applications - Railway rolling stock cables having special fire*  
140 *performance - Thin wall*
- 141 EN 50355:2013, *Railway applications - Railway rolling stock cables having special fire performance -*  
142 *Guide to use*
- 143 EN 50382 (all parts), *Railway applications - Railway rolling stock high temperature power cables having*  
144 *special fire performance*
- 145 EN 50467:2011, *Railway applications - Rolling stock - Electrical connectors, requirements and test*  
146 *methods*
- 147 EN 50553, *Railway applications - Requirements for running capability in case of fire on board of rolling*  
148 *stock*
- 149 EN 60228, *Conductors of insulated cables (IEC 60228)*
- 150 EN 60423, *Conduit systems for cable management - Outside diameters of conduits for electrical*  
151 *installations and threads for conduits and fittings (IEC 60423)*
- 152 EN 60684-3-212, *Flexible insulating sleeving - Part 3: Specifications for individual types of sleeving -*  
153 *Sheet 212: Heat-shrinkable polyolefin sleeveings (IEC 60684-3-212)*
- 154 EN IEC 60684-3-216, *Flexible insulating sleeving - Part 3: Specifications for individual types of*  
155 *sleeving - Sheet 216: Heat-shrinkable, flame-retarded, limited-fire hazard sleeving (IEC 60684-3-216)*
- 156 EN 60684-3-271, *Flexible insulating sleeving - Part 3: Specifications for individual types of sleeving -*  
157 *Sheet 271: Heat-shrinkable elastomer sleeveings, flame retarded, fluid resistant, shrink ratio 2:1*  
158 *(IEC 60684-3-271)*
- 159 EN 61180, *High-voltage test techniques for low-voltage equipment - Definitions, test and procedure*  
160 *requirements, test equipment (IEC 61180)*
- 161 EN 61386-1, *Conduit systems for cable management - Part 1: General requirements (IEC 61386-1)*
- 162 HD 60364-5-54:2011,<sup>1</sup> *Low-voltage electrical installations - Part 5-54: Selection and erection of*  
163 *electrical equipment - Earthing arrangements and protective conductors (IEC 60364-5-54:2011)*

**164 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations**

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

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

167 — ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp/>

168 — IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

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<sup>1</sup> As impacted by HD 60364-5-54:2011/A1:2022.



169 **3.1 Terms and definitions**

170 **3.1.1**

171 **cable**

172 assembly consisting of

173 — one or more cores (screened or unscreened),

174 — their individual covering(s) (if any),

175 — assembly protection (if any),

176 — screen(s) (if any),

177 — sheath (if any)

178 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-461, 461-06-01, mod.]

179 **3.1.2**

180 **conductor <of a cable>**

181 part of a cable which has the specific function of carrying current

182 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-461:2008, 461-01-01]

183 **3.1.3**

184 **core**

185 assembly comprising a conductor with its own insulation (and screens if any)

186 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-461:2008, 461-04-04]

187 **3.1.4**

188 **solid conductor**

189 conductor consisting of a single wire

190 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-461:2008, 461-01-06, mod.]

191 **3.1.5**

192 **stranded conductor**

193 conductor consisting of a number of individual wires or strands all or some of which generally have a  
194 helical form

195 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-461:2008, 461-01-07, mod.]

196 **3.1.6**

197 **busbar**

198 conductor consisting of a rigid metal profile

199 **3.1.7**

200 **screen <of a cable>**

201 conducting layer(s) having the function of control of the electro magnetic field within the cable and/or to  
202 protect the cable from external electro magnetic influences

203 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-461, 461-03-01, mod.]

204 **3.1.8**

205 **bundle**

206 group of cables tied together

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- 207 **3.1.9**  
208 **bolted connection**  
209 connection in which the pressure to the conductor is applied by bolting
- 210 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-461:2008, 461-19-05]
- 211 **3.1.10**  
212 **crimp**  
213 cable termination in which a permanent connection is made by applying pressure, inducing the  
214 deformation or reshaping of a barrel part of the termination around the conductor
- 215 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-461, 461-19-01, mod.]
- 216 **3.1.11**  
217 **spring-clamp connection**  
218 terminal connection in which the pressure between the conductor and terminal is applied by a spring
- 219 **3.1.12**  
220 **penetration <connection>**  
221 terminal connection in which the contact with the conductor is achieved by jaws which penetrate the  
222 insulation
- 223 **3.1.13**  
224 **plug**  
225 connector intended to be coupled at the free end of an insulated conductor or cable, to be inserted into a  
226 matching socket, or readily removed when required
- 227 **3.1.14**  
228 **socket**  
229 connector intended to be mounted on a rigid surface and to hold a matching plug, such that the  
230 conductors contained within the socket make electrical contact individually with those in the plug
- 231 **3.1.15**  
232 **heat-shrinkable sleeve**  
233 tube that on exposure to heat during installation, will at a critical temperature, permanently reduce in  
234 diameter, while increasing in wall thickness
- 235 **3.1.16**  
236 **manufacturer**  
237 organisation that has the responsibility for the supply of vehicle(s), equipment or groups of equipment to  
238 the purchaser
- 239 **3.1.17**  
240 **purchaser**  
241 organisation that orders the vehicle or equipment or groups of equipment and has the responsibility for  
242 direct negotiations with the manufacturer
- 243 **3.1.18**  
244 **cable tie**  
245 mechanical construction needed for either keeping cables or assemblies of cables together, or for  
246 attaching them in a defined place
- 247 **3.1.19**  
248 **short time current**  
249 certain operation case where an electrical circuit carries a current that will introduce an amount of heat  
250 into the electrical circuit, which in general will increase its temperature
- 251 Note 1 to entry: "Short time" means that the heat exchange against the surrounding material is not significant.

## 252 3.2 Abbreviations

253 For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviations apply.

EMC	Electromagnetic compatibility
CSA	Cross sectional area
IP	Ingress protection
UV	Ultraviolet
rms	root mean square

## 254 4 Technical requirements

### 255 4.1 General requirements

256 Cables and installation materials shall be type tested, selected for size and installed so as to be suitable  
257 for their function under their operating conditions. Size and installation of cables (including busbars and  
258 bare conductors) shall take into account the particular stresses to be expected in rolling stock. The  
259 materials used and methods of cabling shall be such as to prevent strain or chafing and excessive  
260 lengths of unsupported cable shall be avoided.

261 Cables on rolling stock shall not be used for any purpose other than for transmission, distribution and  
262 collection of electrical energy, electrical controls or monitoring systems. All components of cabling shall  
263 be selected, installed, protected, used and maintained so as to prevent danger (e.g. electrical or fire  
264 hazard, EMC problems).

265 The electrical connections shall be made in such a way that they cannot be unintentionally disconnected  
266 or interrupted during service.

267 Effects that have impact on electrical connections and should be considered are at least:

- 268 – the thermal effects,
- 269 – the dynamic loads, as shock, vibration, car-body motions, and
- 270 – the material creepage.

271 The working conditions of the connections, and especially electrical characteristics and maximum  
272 temperatures, must be considered to define cables and their installation and usage (peak currents,  
273 etc...).

274 For consideration of environmental conditions, EN 50125-1 shall apply.

275 When considering operating conditions and environmental conditions, the locations as presented in  
276 Annex K (informative) should be taken into account.

277 Conductors and cables shall be installed in such way that any humidity or water flowing along them shall  
278 not be able to reach any cable entry (connector, cable gland, etc...) into the sealed cabinet.

279 For correct use of connectors, EN 50467:2011 shall apply.

280 For protection against electrical hazards, the cabling installed shall be in accordance with EN 50153.

### 281 4.2 Selection of type and size of cables

#### 282 4.2.1 General

283 When selecting cables or busbars, the expected operating conditions should be taken into account.  
284 These should include, but are not limited to, the following parameters:

- 285 – voltage;

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- 286 – current;
- 287 – higher harmonics by electrical converters (skin-effect);
- 288 – overload current;
- 289 – short time current;
- 290 – voltage drop;
- 291 – short-circuit current;
- 292 – shape and frequency of current;
- 293 – fusing characteristic of the protection device;
- 294 – grouping of cables;
- 295 – ambient temperature and temperature due to load current;
- 296 – methods of installation;
- 297 – predicted cable lifetime;
- 298 – presence of rain or steam or snow, or accumulation of condensing water;
- 299 – presence of corrosive, polluting or damaging substances;
- 300 – mechanical stresses;
- 301 – radiation such as sunlight.

302 Consideration should be given to the expected lifetime of the cabling compared with the expected  
 303 lifetime of the vehicle.

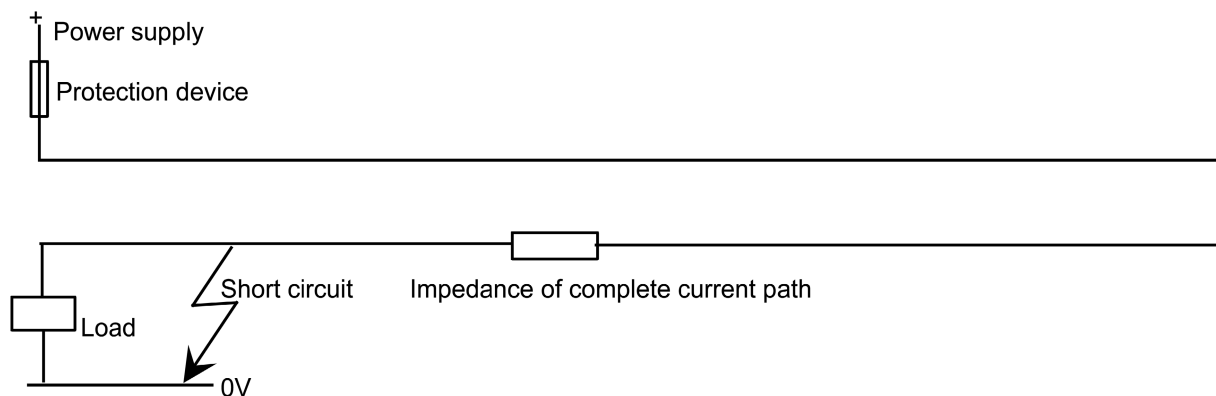
304 The cable type (i.e. cable family) shall be selected in accordance with EN 50264 series, EN 50382  
 305 series or EN 50306 series, as applicable.

306 Once the cable type has been selected, the selection of conductor size for normal load shall be  
 307 determined based on the methods specified in 4.2.2. up to 4.2.6. For cables intended for power  
 308 distribution two methods are available: the selection of conductor size if the cable is intended for power  
 309 distribution shall be based on either load current and current carrying capacity calculated in accordance  
 310 with 4.2.3 or based on protection device size in accordance with 4.2.4.

311 The conductor size shall also be checked in relation to short-circuit conditions and overload conditions.

312 These should be checked with respect to the fusing characteristic of the protection device and the  
 313 resistance of the chosen cable. See the example in Figure 1.

314 The switching level of the protection device shall be below the short time current carrying capacity of the  
 315 cable (see 4.2.7).



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**Figure 1 — Example of short-circuit condition  
where cable size will have influence on protection device behaviour**

319 The cross-sectional area of any conductor shall be not less than the value specified in 4.5.

320 Cables and cabling shall be conform to the fire safety requirements specified in EN 45545-2.

321 The number of different types of cables installed on any one type of vehicle should be minimized for  
322 practical reasons.

#### 323 4.2.2 Selection of cable size for control cables

324 Control cables, which are intended to carry control and data signals only, shall have a minimum  
325 conductor cross-sectional area as specified in 4.5. This is also valid if the load current would make a  
326 smaller cross-sectional area possible.

327 The cable sizes are selected on the general basis of a nominal current rating of 5 A/mm<sup>2</sup> of conductor;  
328 therefore it is not necessary for the conductor size of these cables to be selected according to 4.2.3.

#### 329 4.2.3 Selection of cable size for cables for power distribution, on the basis of continuous load 330 current

331 This subclause specifies a method for calculation of continuous maximum load current, of time duration  
332 longer than 5 s, of different cable sizes dependent on their method of installation and ambient  
333 temperature, to enable cables to be selected so as to ensure that the predicted lifetime is achieved.

334 For short time current, up to 5 s, see 4.2.7.

335 Correction factors from cable manufacturers should not be combined with correction factors given in this  
336 standard, in order to avoid miscalculation or oversizing.

337 The continuous maximum conductor temperature for the cable types defined in the various parts of  
338 EN 50264, EN 50306 and EN 50382 is 90 °C, 105 °C, 120 °C or 150 °C. This is based either on proven  
339 experience and reliability over many years or, in the case of newer, less well defined insulations, upon  
340 an acceptance test, using long-term thermal endurance ageing to demonstrate a lifetime of at least  
341 20 000 h at 110 °C, 125 °C, 140 °C or 170 °C respectively (i.e. 20 °C above the continuous rating). Data  
342 from this thermal testing can, with care, be extrapolated to the conductor temperature to provide a  
343 predicted lifetime of the cable when continuously loaded. This predicted lifetime may be used in  
344 conjunction with the known duty cycle of the vehicle, and its predicted time out of service, to estimate  
345 the ability of the cable to function reliably for the predicted lifetime of the whole vehicle.

346 NOTE 1 Because the cable standards allow a variety of solutions for insulation type, it is important to confirm  
347 lifetime extrapolations with the cable manufacturer.

348 NOTE 2 A predicted lifetime of cable of 100 000 h is used as a theoretical basis value for cables according to  
349 EN 50264 (all parts), EN 50306 (all parts) or EN 50382 (all parts), and their specific maximum conductor  
350 temperature at continuous operation.

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351 This subclause only deals with thermal degradation of insulation material and it should be noted that  
 352 mechanical stresses (bending, wear, etc.) and other environmental factors (for example the presence of  
 353 fluids such as cleaning detergents or aggressive atmosphere) may be the limiting factor determining  
 354 predicted cable lifetime.

355 For cables intended for power distribution, the cable size shall be selected on the basis of the load  
 356 current and the current carrying capacity in accordance with the following procedure (i.e. the three steps  
 357 a), b) and c)).

358 a) The load current

359 The load current  $I_{load}$ , in amperes (A), which a cable has to carry for sustained periods during normal  
 360 service, shall be a basic value for cable sizing.

361 When the circuit(s) being supplied by the cable is in continuous or sustained cyclic operation,  $I_{load}$  shall  
 362 be calculated according to the following formula:

$$363 \quad I_{load} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{t_1} \int i^2 dt}$$

364 where

$t_1$  is the duration of a typical duty cycle during service, in minutes (min);

$i$  is the instantaneous current, including overload, if any, in amperes (A).

365 NOTE 3 For continuous direct current operation, the above formula has the simple form  $I_{load} = i$ .

366 When operation is not continuous or sustained cyclic,  $I_{load}$  shall be calculated according to Annex A.

367 b) The current carrying capacity

368 The permissible continuous current carrying capacity  $I_{cable}$  in amperes (A) of a single-core cable or a  
 369 single core within a multi-core cable being operated in free air shall be another basic value for cable  
 370 sizing. A particular value of  $I_{cable}$  is valid for a particular reference ambient temperature  $T_{ref}$  and for a  
 371 particular maximum conductor temperature in service,  $T_{c(max)}$ .

372  $I_{cable}$  within the reference values  $T_{ref}$  and  $T_{c(max)}$ , shall be those provided by the cable manufacturer.

373 Examples for  $I_{cable}$  for single-core cables are presented in Annex B.

374  $I_{cable}$  for maximum conductor temperatures other than  $T_{c(max)} = 90 \text{ °C}$  shall be calculated according to  
 375 Annex C.

376 The current carrying capacity of the cable in service,  $I_{corr}$ , in amperes (A), shall be calculated from  $I_{cable}$   
 377 using correction factors  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4, k_5$ , in accordance with the following formula:

$$378 \quad I_{corr} = I_{cable} \times k_1 \times k_2 \times k_3 \times k_4 \times k_5$$

379 where

380  $k_1$  is a correction factor for the expected ambient temperature. It shall be calculated according to the  
 381 following formula:

382

$$383 \quad k_1 = \sqrt{\frac{T_{c(max)} - T}{T_{c(max)} - T_{ref}}}$$

384 where

$T_{c(max)}$  is the maximum conductor temperature, in degrees Celsius (°C), in service, which

will allow the predicted lifetime of the cable to be achieved;

$T$  is the estimated value of the actual ambient temperature, in degrees Celsius (°C) during operation, on the outside of the bundle or of the tube – if any.  $T$  is an average value;

$T_{\text{ref}}$  is the reference ambient temperature, in degrees Celsius (°C), for which the  $I_{\text{cable}}$  value is valid.

385 Examples of  $k_1$  values are given in Table D.1.

386  $k_2$  is a correction factor for installation type (grouping and installation conditions).

387 Values for  $k_2$  given in Table 2 shall be used. Interpolation between the different number of cables in  
388 Table 2 is allowed.

389  $k_3$  is a correction factor to allow for a decrease in predicted cable lifetime, calculated according to the  
390 formula in Annex E. In all cases where the standard predicted cable lifetime shall be used, the value of  
391  $k_3$  shall be 1,0.

392  $k_4$  is a correction factor to take into account short time current when operation is not continuous,  
393 calculated according to the procedure in Annex A. When operation is continuous, the value of  $k_4$  shall be  
394 1,0.

395  $k_5$  is a correction factor for multi-core cables; the correction factor  $k_5$  is applicable for each individual  
396 core within a multi-core cable. Values for  $k_5$  are given in Table 1. Interpolation between the different  
397 number of loaded cores in Table 1 is allowed. When single-core cables are used, the value of  $k_5$  shall be  
398 1,0. If single-core cables and multi-core cables are lying together on the same cable tray, open or close,  
399 by the correction factor  $k_5$ , different values for  $I_{\text{corr}}$  are obtained for single-core cables and multi-core  
400 cables.

401 **Table 1 — Modification factor  $k_5$  for individual cores within a multi-core cable; number of cores**  
402 **are simultaneously loaded**

Number of loaded cores	2	3	4	5	7	9	12	19
Correction factor $k_5$	0,91	0,78	0,63	0,59	0,51	0,46	0,41	0,38
NOTE Extrapolation to higher number of loaded cores could be negotiated with the cable manufacturer.								

403 c) Selection of cable size

404 The cable size shall be selected such that the current carrying capacity of the cable in service,  
405 calculated in accordance with item b) above, is greater than or equal to the predicted load current,  
406 calculated in accordance with item a), i.e.:

$$407 \quad I_{\text{load}} \leq I_{\text{corr}}$$

408 The minimum cross-sectional area of the conductor shall be as specified in 4.5.

409 NOTE 4 Combining the formulae from 4.2.3 a) and b) and c), would lead to the following formula:

$$410 \quad I_{\text{cable}} \geq \frac{I_{\text{load}}}{k_1 \times k_2 \times k_3 \times k_4 \times k_5}$$

411 This formula will in practice be easier to use, because in cases with defined cable type and defined load  
412 conditions, the last term is constant and so it is easy to find the right cable size via  $I_{\text{cable}}$  in the current  
413 ratings table (see examples in Table B.1).

414 For a calculation example, refer to Annex F.