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## CONDUCTORS OF INSULATED CABLES

### FOREWORD

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- a) Milliken conductors description
- b) Nominal cross-sectional areas above 2500 mm<sup>2</sup>
- c) Guidance for dimensional limits of stranded compacted circular conductors made with pre-shaped wires (Class 2)
- d) New 2500 mm<sup>2</sup> aluminium resistance value.

113 For legacy systems where the conductor was designed taking into account the values  
 114 presented in previous editions and no longer tabulated, then the original design can be  
 115 maintained and still utilized.

116 The suppliers can furthermore utilize such superseded design either in systems already  
 117 designed and qualified but not delivered or e.g. to produce repair and additional spare  
 118 lengths for delivered systems.

119 The choice of utilizing the original superseded design or a new one based on the new  
 120 resistance tabulated values is to be agreed between supplier and final users.

121 The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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 123 Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on  
 124 voting indicated in the above table.

125 This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

126 The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until  
 127 the stability date indicated on the IEC web site under "http://webstore.iec.ch" in the data  
 128 related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

- 129 • reconfirmed,
- 130 • withdrawn,
- 131 • replaced by a revised edition, or
- 132 • amended.

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 134 Conductors described in IEC 60228 are specified in metric sizes.

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139 The National Committees are requested to note that for this publication the stability date  
 140 is 20XX.

141 THIS TEXT IS INCLUDED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND WILL BE DELETED  
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## INTRODUCTION

145 IEC 60228 is intended as a fundamental reference standard for IEC Technical Committees  
146 and National Committees in drafting standards for electric cables, and to the National  
147 Committees in drafting specifications for use in their own countries. These committees should  
148 select from the tables of this general standard the conductors appropriate to the particular  
149 applications with which they are concerned and either include the applicable details in their  
150 cable specifications or make appropriate references to this standard.

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## CONDUCTORS OF INSULATED CABLES

### 157 **Scope**

158 This International Standard specifies the nominal cross-sectional areas, in the range 0,5 mm<sup>2</sup>  
159 to 3500 mm<sup>2</sup>, for conductors in electric power cables and cords of a wide range of types.  
160 Requirements for numbers and sizes of wires and resistance values are also included. These  
161 conductors include solid, stranded and Milliken, copper, aluminium and aluminium alloy  
162 conductors in cables for fixed installations and flexible copper conductors.

163 The standard does not apply to conductors for telecommunication purposes.

164 The applicability of this standard to a particular type of cable is as specified in the standard  
165 for the type of cable.

166 Unless indicated to the contrary in a particular clause, this standard relates to the conductors  
167 in the finished cable and not to the conductor as made or supplied for inclusion into a cable.

168 Informative annexes are included giving supplementary information covering temperature  
169 correction factors for resistance measurement (Annex B) and dimensional limits of circular  
170 conductors (Annex C).

### 171 **Normative references**

172 There are no normative references in this document. [228:2022](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/4f4c7ff5-f292-4e21-8f28-540609ad24eb/osist-pren-iec-60228-2022)

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### 173 **Terms and definitions**

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

#### 175 **3.1 Metal-coated**

176 Coated with a thin layer of suitable metal, such as tin or tin alloy

#### 177 **3.2 Nominal cross-sectional area**

178 Value that identifies a particular size of conductor but is not subject to direct measurement

179 NOTE 1 to entry: Each particular size of conductor in this standard is required to meet a maximum resistance  
180 value.

#### 181 **3.3 Milliken conductor**

182 Stranded conductor comprising an assembly of shaped conductors, lightly insulated from each  
183 other.

### 184 **Classification**

185 The conductors have been divided into four classes, 1, 2, 5 and 6. Those in classes 1 and 2  
186 are intended for use in cables for fixed installations. Classes 5 and 6 are intended for use in  
187 flexible cables and cords but may also be used for fixed installations.

188 - Class 1: solid conductors.

- 189 - Class 2: stranded conductors.  
 190 - Class 5: flexible conductors.  
 191 - Class 6: flexible conductors made with smaller diameter wires than class 5 for the same  
 192 nominal conductor cross section.

## 193 **Materials**

### 194 **5.1 Introduction**

195 The conductors shall consist of one of the following (except for the Milliken central element):

- 196 - plain or metal-coated annealed copper;  
 197 - aluminium or aluminium alloy.

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199 The wires of Milliken conductors can be oxidised or enamelled.

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### 201 **5.2 Solid aluminium conductors**

202 Circular and shaped solid aluminium conductors shall be made from aluminium such that the  
 203 tensile strength of the completed conductor is within the following limits:

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| Nominal cross-sectional area<br>mm <sup>2</sup> | Tensile strength<br>N/mm <sup>2</sup> |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 10 and 16                                       | 110 to 165                            |
| 25 and 35                                       | 60 to 130                             |
| 50  | 60 to 110                             |
| 70 and above                                    | 60 to 90                              |

205 There are no limits defined for tensile strength of aluminium alloy solid conductors.

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### 207 **5.3 Circular and shaped stranded aluminium conductors**

208 Stranded aluminium conductors shall be made from aluminium such that tensile strength of  
 209 the individual wires is within the following limits:

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| Nominal cross-sectional area<br>mm <sup>2</sup> | Tensile strength<br>N/mm <sup>2</sup> |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 10  | up to 200                             |
| 16 and above                                    | 125 to 205                            |

211 There are no limits defined for tensile strength of aluminium alloy solid conductors.

212 This data can only be checked on wires taken before stranding and not on wires taken from a  
 213 stranded conductor.

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## 215 **Solid conductors and stranded conductors**

### 216 **6.1 Solid conductors (class 1)**

#### 217 **6.1.1 Construction**

- 218 a) Solid conductors or conductor wires shall consist of one of the materials specified in  
 219 Clause 5.

220 b) Solid copper conductors shall be of circular cross-section.

221 NOTE Solid copper conductors having nominal cross-section areas of 25 mm<sup>2</sup> and above are for particular  
222 types of cable, e.g. mineral insulated, and not for general purposes.

223 c) Solid aluminium and solid aluminium alloy conductors of sizes 10 mm<sup>2</sup> to 35 mm<sup>2</sup> shall be  
224 of circular cross-section. Larger sizes shall be of circular cross-section for single-core  
225 cables and may be of either circular or shaped cross-section for multi-core cables.

### 226 6.1.2 Resistance

227 The resistance of each conductor at 20 °C, when determined in accordance with Clause 8,  
228 shall not exceed the appropriate maximum value given in Table 1.

229 NOTE For solid aluminium alloy conductors, having the same nominal cross-sectional area as an aluminium  
230 conductor the resistance value given in Table 1 should be multiplied by a factor of 1,162 unless otherwise agreed  
231 between manufacturer and the purchaser.

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## 233 6.2 Stranded circular non-compacted conductors (class 2)

### 234 6.2.1 Construction

235 a) Stranded circular non-compacted conductors (class 2) shall consist of one of the materials  
236 specified in Clause 5.

237 b) Stranded aluminium or aluminium alloy conductors shall have a cross-sectional area not  
238 less than 10 mm<sup>2</sup>.

239 c) The wires in each conductor shall all have the same nominal diameter.

240 d) The number of wires in each conductor shall be not less than the appropriate minimum  
241 number given in Table 2.

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### 243 6.2.2 Resistance

244 The resistance of each conductor at 20 °C, when determined in accordance with Clause 8,  
245 shall not exceed the appropriate maximum value given in Table 2.

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## 247 6.3 Stranded compacted circular conductors and stranded shaped conductors (class 248 2)

### 249 6.3.1 Construction

250 a) Stranded compacted circular conductors and stranded shaped conductors (class 2) shall  
251 consist of one of the materials specified in Clause 5. Stranded compacted circular  
252 aluminium or aluminium alloy conductors shall have a nominal cross-sectional area not  
253 less than 10 mm<sup>2</sup>. Stranded compacted circular copper conductors shall have a nominal  
254 cross-sectional area not less than 1,5 mm<sup>2</sup>. Stranded shaped copper, aluminium or  
255 aluminium alloy conductors shall have a nominal cross-sectional area of not less than 25  
256 mm<sup>2</sup>.

257 b) The ratio of the diameters of two different wires in the same conductor shall not exceed 2.

258 c) The number of wires in each conductor shall be not less than the appropriate minimum  
259 number given in Table 2.

260 These requirements apply to conductors made with wires of circular cross-section before  
261 compaction. Requirements b) and c) do not apply to conductors made with pre-shaped wires.