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Fire performance of communication cables installed in buildings



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- b) Normative References updated to be in line with the most recent technical definitions and new additions;
- c) new additional terms and definitions added to Annex F since these are not used in the document;
- d) new inclusions to the list of abbreviated terms, some corrections;
- e) project reports are now in Annex E, for information only;

- f) Subclause 4.2 Mitigation of fire hazards, about fire protection, updated with clearer information on standards plus updates where new standards have been published or amended;
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INTRODUCTION

IEC TR 62222:2005 was the first attempt in understanding the potential fire hazards concerning new installations where large quantities of data cable are involved. Although it is important to remember that data cables will probably not spontaneously combust and offices are still filled with other highly flammable products, the increase of "flood wiring" should be a building design concern. IEC TR 62222:2012 attempted to align all the installation guides found and further improve safety with fire and its possible transmission.

FIRE PERFORMANCE OF COMMUNICATION CABLES INSTALLED IN BUILDINGS

1 Scope

This document describes the test methods for various parameters relating to the reaction to fire properties of metallic and optical fibre communications cables. The parameters have particular importance for cables intended to be installed within buildings and other structures.

This document also maps the test methods and associated limits applied to the fire hazards created by particular installation conditions and which can be referenced by other international, regional and national standards. For example, it is important that compliance with the requirements and recommendations for installation methods in ISO/IEC 14763-2 taking into consideration this document improve safety concerning fire.

2 Normative references

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3.1 Terms and definitions

3.1.1

asphyxiant

toxicant that causes hypoxia, which can result in central nervous system depression or cardiovascular effects

[SOURCE: ISO 13943:2017, 3.23, modified – The note to entry has been removed.]

3.1.2

cabling

system of telecommunication cables, cords and connecting hardware that supports the connection of information technology equipment

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 3.1.21]

3.1.3

chimney effect

upward movement of hot fire effluent caused by convection currents confined within an essentially vertical enclosure

[SOURCE: ISO 13943:2017, 3.50, modified – The note to entry has been removed.]