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INTRODUCTION

~~Balanced cords are constructed for connecting equipment using free connectors according to IEC 60603-7 series, IEC 61076-3-104 and IEC 61076-3-110. It is known that connecting hardware performance is subject to influence by the properties of the free connector termination and therefore balanced cords should be tested to determine the quality of the assembly. Moreover, the performance of balanced cords may differ due to the performances of the involved separate components depending upon the efficiency of the manufacturing procedure. Manufacturing procedures also impact upon the reliability of these balanced cords. Therefore, the primary object of this standard is to provide test methods to ensure compatibility of balanced cords to be used in cabling according to ISO/IEC 11801. Another object is to provide test methods and associated requirements to demonstrate the performance and reliability of these balanced cords during their operational lifetime.~~

~~The test methods described in this standard may also be used for any balanced cords that include twisted pairs terminated at each end.~~

This part of IEC 61935 covers testing of balanced and coaxial cords, for use as equipment cords, patch cords, and CP cords, as specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1 and related standards.

The test methods described in this document are suitable for any balanced or coaxial cords or cable assemblies that include connector terminations at each end. **1**

Coaxial cords for connecting equipment are constructed using cable conforming to the IEC 61196-1 series and connectors conforming to the IEC 61169-1 series.

Balanced cords for connecting equipment are constructed using cable conforming to the IEC 61156-1 series and connectors conforming to the IEC 60603-7 series, IEC 61076-3-104, IEC 61076-3-110, IEC 61076-2-101, and IEC 61076-2-109.

Therefore, an object of this document is to provide test methods to ensure compatibility of cords to be used in cabling in accordance with ISO/IEC 11801-1 and to demonstrate their performance and reliability during their operational lifetime.

SPECIFICATION FOR THE TESTING OF BALANCED AND COAXIAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CABLING –

Part 2: Cords as specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1 and related standards

1 Scope

~~This International Standard provides methods to ensure compatibility of balanced cords to be used in cabling according to ISO/IEC 11801 and provides test methods and associated requirements to demonstrate the performance and reliability of these balanced cords during their operational lifetime. This International Standard may also be used for providing test methods for assessing the behaviour of other balanced cords.~~

This part of IEC 61935 specifies test methods for balanced and coaxial cords, which are used as equipment cords, patch cords, and CP cords, within cabling systems, in accordance with ISO/IEC 11801-1. The test methods and associated requirements are provided to demonstrate performance and reliability and to ensure compatibility of these balanced and coaxial cords during their operational lifetime. This document may also be used for providing test methodology for assessing the performance of other cords. **2**

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IEC 60512-26-100, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 26-100: Measurement setup, test and reference arrangement and measurements for connectors according to IEC 60603-7 – Tests 26a to 26g*

IEC 60512-27-100, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 27-100: Signal integrity tests up to 500 MHz on 60603-7 series connectors – Tests 27a to 27g*

IEC 60512-28-100, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 28-100: Signal integrity tests up to 2 000 MHz – Tests 28a to 28g* **4**

IEC 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 60603-7 (all parts), Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7: Detail specifications~~

IEC 60603-7-~~2008~~, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7: Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free and fixed connectors*

IEC 60603-7-1, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-1: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors*

IEC 60603-7-2, Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-2: Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 100 MHz

IEC 60603-7-3, Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-3: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmission with frequencies up to 100 MHz

IEC 60603-7-4, Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-4: Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 250 MHz

IEC 60603-7-5, Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-5: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 250 MHz

IEC 60603-7-7, Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-7: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors for data transmission with frequencies up to 600 MHz

IEC 60603-7-41, Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-41: Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 500 MHz

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IEC 60603-7-71, Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-71: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmission with frequencies up to 1 000 MHz

IEC 60603-7-81, Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-81: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 2 000 MHz **5**

IEC 60603-7-82, Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-82: Detail specification for 8-way, 12 contacts, shielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmission with frequencies up to 2 000 MHz **5**

IEC 60966-1, Radio frequency and coaxial cable assemblies – Part 1: Generic specification – General requirements and test methods

IEC 61076-2-101, Connectors for electronic equipment – Product requirements – Part 2-101: Circular connectors – Detail specification for M12 connectors with screw-locking

IEC 61076-2-109, Connectors for electronic equipment – Product requirements – Part 2-109: Circular connectors – Detail specification for connectors with M 12 × 1 screw-locking, for data transmission frequencies up to 500 MHz

IEC 61076-3-104, Connectors for electronic equipment – Product requirements – Part 3-104: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded free and fixed connectors for data transmissions with frequencies up to ~~1000~~ 2 000 MHz

IEC 61076-3-110, Connectors for electronic equipment – Product requirements – Part 3-110: ~~Rectangular connectors~~ – Detail specification for ~~shielded~~, free and fixed connectors for data transmission with frequencies up to ~~1000~~ 3 000 MHz

~~IEC 61156 (all parts), Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications~~

IEC 61156-1, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC TR 61156-1-2, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 1-2: Electrical transmission characteristics and test methods of symmetrical pair/quad cables*

IEC 61156-5, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 5: Symmetrical pair/quad cables with transmission characteristics up to 1 000 MHz – Horizontal floor wiring – Sectional specification*

IEC 61156-6, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 6: Symmetrical pair/quad cables with transmission characteristics up to 1 000 MHz – Work area wiring – Sectional specification*

IEC 61156-9, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 9: Cables for channels with transmission characteristics up to 2 GHz – Sectional specification* **6**

IEC 61156-10, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 10: Cables for cords with transmission characteristics up to 2 GHz – Sectional specification* **6**

IEC 61169-1, *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 1: Generic specification – General requirements and measuring methods*

IEC 61169-1 (all parts), *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 1*

IEC 61169-2, *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 2: Sectional specification – Radio frequency coaxial connectors of type 9,52*

IEC 61169-24, *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 24: Sectional specification – Radio frequency coaxial connectors with screw coupling, typically for use in 75 Ω cable networks (type F)*

IEC 61196-1 (all parts), *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1*

IEC 61935-1:~~2009~~, *Specification for the testing of balanced and coaxial information technology cabling – Part 1: Installed balanced cabling as specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1 and related standards*

IEC 61935-1-1, *Specification for the testing of balanced and coaxial information technology cabling – Part 1-1: Additional requirements for the measurement of transverse conversion loss and equal level transverse conversion transfer loss*

IEC 61935-1-2, *Specification for the testing of balanced and coaxial information technology cabling – Part 1-2: Installed balanced cabling as specified in ISO/IEC 11801 – Additional requirements for measurement of resistance unbalance with field test instrumentation*

IEC 62153-4-11, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-11: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Coupling attenuation or screening attenuation of patch cords, coaxial cable assemblies, pre-connectorized cables – Absorbing clamp method*

IEC 62153-4-15, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-15: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Test method for measuring transfer impedance and screening attenuation – or coupling attenuation with triaxial cell*

ISO/IEC 11801-1, *Information technology – Generic cabling for customer premises – Part 1: General requirements*

ISO/IEC 14763-4, *Information technology – Implementation and operation of customer premises cabling – Part 4: Measurement of end-to-end (E2E) links*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions given in IEC 61935-1 and the following apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
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3.1

cable assembly

combination of cable(s) and connector(s) with specified performance, used as a single unit intended to be a part of a cabling link as defined in ISO/IEC 11801-1 (or equivalent)

3.2

consolidation point cord

cabling between the consolidation point to the telecommunications outlet(s)

3.3

cord

cable, cable unit or cable element with a minimum of one termination; a cable assembly as defined in IEC 61935-1 whatever its targeted use

NOTE In this document, the usage of balanced cord covers, amongst others, work area cord, patch cord and equipment cord. The terminology “modular plug cord” is an alternative expression.

3.4

equipment cord

cord connecting to equipment

3.5

patch cord

cord specifically used to establish connections on a patch panel

3.6

work area cord

cord specifically connecting to work area equipment

4 General Requirements and test configuration

4.1 Cable and connector design

When compliance with ISO/IEC 11801 is required, the design of the cables and connectors should conform to the applicable parts of IEC 61156 and IEC 60603-7, IEC 61076-3-110 and IEC 61076-3-104 respectively.