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This document includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 50697:2019:

- a) Technically revised to cover the measurement of end-to-end links, MPTL and direct attach cabling;
- b) Annex A updated to contain examples of end-to-end link Category 5 and Category 6 test head performance;
- c) Annex B on test regime for reference performance and installation performance of end-to-end link, MPTL and direct attach cabling added.

This document is based upon ISO/IEC 14763-4:2021, “Information technology – Implementation and operation of customer premises cabling – Part 4: Measurement of end-to-end (E2E) links, modular plug terminated links (MPTLs) and direct attach cabling”.

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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.

This document describes the measurement of the three cabling structures specified in EN 50173-20 which verifies the performance of their terminating connectors.

This measurement includes the transmission performance of the connector components which terminate the cabling under test.

This document is one of a number of documents prepared in support of European Standards and Technical Reports on information and communication technology cabling produced by CLC/TC 215.

1 Scope

This document specifies the measurement of two- and four-pair balanced cabling of the following cabling configurations specified in EN 50173-20:

- a) end-to-end (E2E) link Class D, E and E_A;
- b) modular plug terminated links (MPTLs) of Class D, E, E_A, F, F_A and of Class I and II;
- c) direct attach cabling of Class D, E, E_A, F, F_A and of Class I and II.

The free connectors which terminate two and four pairs in field and laboratory conditions are included.

This document specifies laboratory and field measurement procedures. The requirements for accuracy to measure cabling parameters identified in EN 50173-20 are provided in IEC 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 50173-20, *Information technology — Generic cabling systems — Part 20: Alternative cabling configurations*

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

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)*

IEC 61935-1:2019, *Specification for the testing of balanced and coaxial information technology cabling — Part 1: Installed balanced cabling as specified in ISO/IEC 11801 and related standards*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 50173-20 apply.

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