
Road vehicles — Automotive cables —

**Part 2:
Test methods**

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Partie 2: Méthodes d'essai



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The main changes are as follows:

- new parts have been added to the ISO 19642 series (ISO 19642-11 and ISO 19642-12);
- both new International Standards refer to this document for definition of test procedures. Some new test procedures are needed for the new standards of the ISO 19642 series and have been added accordingly;
- some new test procedures for screened RF cables have been added for a new standard of the ISO 19642 series.

A list of all parts in the ISO 19642 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

Introduction

This document was prepared following a joint resolution to improve the general structure of the ISO Automotive Electric Cable standards. This new structure adds more clarity and, by defining a new standard family, opens up the standard for future amendments.

Many other standards currently refer to ISO 6722-1, ISO 6722-2 and ISO 14572. These standards will stay valid at least until the next scheduled systematic review and will be replaced later on by the ISO 19642 series.

For new automotive cable projects customers and suppliers are advised on using the ISO 19642 series.

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1 Scope

This document defines test methods for electrical cables in road vehicles, which are used in other parts of the ISO 19642 series.

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.

ISO 1817¹⁾, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of the effect of liquids*

ISO 4141-1, *Road vehicles — Multi-core connecting cables — Part 1: Test methods and requirements for basic performance sheathed cables*

ISO 4892-2, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps*

ISO 4926, *Road vehicles — Hydraulic braking systems — Non-petroleum-based reference fluid*

ISO 6931-1, *Stainless steels for springs — Part 1: Wire*

ISO 19642-1, *Road vehicles — Automotive cables — Part 1 — Vocabulary and design guidelines*

ISO 19642-3, *Road vehicles — Automotive cables — Part 3: Dimensions and requirements for 30 V a.c. or 60 V d.c. single core copper conductor cables*

ISO 19642-4, *Road vehicles — Automotive cables — Part 4: Dimensions and requirements for 30 V a.c. and 60 V d.c. single core aluminium conductor cables*

ISO 19642-5, *Road vehicles — Automotive cables — Part 5: Dimensions and requirements for 600 V a.c. or 900 V d.c. and 1 000 V a.c. or 1 500 V d.c. single core copper conductor cables*

ISO 19642-6, *Road vehicles — Automotive cables — Part 6: Dimensions and requirements for 600 V a.c. or 900 V d.c. and 1 000 V a.c. or 1 500 V d.c. single core aluminium conductor cables*

SAE RM-66-06, *Motor Vehicle Brake Fluid — High Boiling Compatibility/Reference Fluid*

IEC 60216-4-1, *Electrical insulating materials — Thermal endurance properties — Part 4-1: Ageing ovens — Single-chamber ovens*

IEC 60216-4-2, *Electrical insulating materials — Thermal endurance properties — Part 4-2: Ageing ovens — Precision ovens for use up to 300 °C*

1) Eight edition under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: ISO/DIS 1817:2023.

IEC 60811-201, *Electric and optical fibre cables — Test methods for non-metallic materials — Part 201: General tests — Measurement of insulation thickness*

IEC 60811-202, *Electric and optical fibre cables — Test methods for non-metallic materials — Part 202: General tests — Measurement of thickness of non-metallic sheath*

IEC 60811-401, *Electric and optical fibre cables — Test methods for non-metallic materials — Part 401: Miscellaneous tests - Thermal ageing methods - Ageing in an air oven*

IEC 60811-403, *Electric and optical fibre cables — Test methods for non-metallic materials — Part 403: Miscellaneous tests — Ozone resistance test on cross-linked compounds*

IEC 60811-501, *Electric and optical fibre cables — Test methods for non-metallic materials — Part 501: Mechanical tests — Tests for determining the mechanical properties of insulating and sheathing compounds*

IEC 60811-508:2012, *Electric and optical fibre cables — Test methods for non-metallic materials — Part 508: Mechanical tests — Mechanical tests - Pressure test at high temperature for insulation and sheaths*

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

IEC TR 61156-1-2:2009+AMD1:2014, *CSV Consolidated version, Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications — Part 1-2: Electrical transmission characteristics and test methods of — Symmetrical pair/quad cables*

IEC 61196-1, *Coaxial communication cables — Part 1: Generic specification — General, definitions and requirements*

IEC 61196-1-100, *Coaxial communication cables — Part 1-100: Electrical test methods — General requirements*

IEC 61196-1-103, *Coaxial communication cables — Part 1-103: Electrical test methods — Test for capacitance of cable*

IEC 61196-1-108, *Coaxial communication cables — Part 1-108: Electrical test methods — Test for characteristic impedance, phase and group delay, electrical length and propagation velocity*

IEC 61196-1-112, *Coaxial communication cables — Part 1-112: Electrical test methods — Test for return loss (uniformity of impedance)*

IEC 61196-1-113, *Coaxial communication cables — Part 1-113: Electrical test methods — Test for attenuation constant*

IEC 61196-1-114, *Coaxial communication cables — Part 1-114: Electrical test methods — Test for inductance*

IEC 61196-1-116, *Coaxial communication cables — Part 1-116: Electrical test methods — Test for impedance with time domain reflectometry (TDR)*

IEC 62153-4-3, *Metallic communication cable test methods — Part 4-3: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Surface transfer impedance — Triaxial method*

IEC 62153-4-4, *Metallic communication cable test methods — Part 4-4: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Test method for measuring of the screening attenuation as up to and above 3 GHz, triaxial method*

IEC 62153-4-5, *Metallic communication cables test methods — Part 4-5: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Coupling or screening attenuation — Absorbing clamp method*

IEC 62153-4-9, *Metallic communication cables test methods — Part 4-9: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Coupling attenuation of screened balanced cables, triaxial method*

EN 50289-1-1, *Communication cables— Specifications for test methods— Electrical test methods — General requirements*

EN 50289-1-5, *Communication cables— Specifications for test methods— Electrical test methods — Capacitance*

EN 50289-1-12, *Communication cables— Specifications for test methods— Electrical test methods — Inductance*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 19642-1 and the following apply.

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

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Specifications

4.1 General test conditions

Unless specified otherwise, the device under test (DUT) shall be preconditioned continuously for at least 16 h at a room temperature (RT) (see ISO 19642-1). Unless specified otherwise, all tests other than “in process” shall be conducted in these conditions.

Where no tolerance is specified, all values shall be considered to be approximate.

When AC tests are performed, they shall be at 50 Hz or 60 Hz. Applications at higher frequencies may require additional testing.

Use the temperature tolerances shown in [Table 1](#) unless specified in the individual tests.

Table 1 — Test temperature tolerance

Test temperature (T) °C	Temperature tolerance °C
$T \leq 100$	± 2
$100 < T \leq 200$	± 3
$T > 200$	± 4

Unintentional direct contact between different metals shall not occur with any of the test methods, in order to avoid electrochemical effects on the test results.

All tests shall be performed on the same manufactured batch of cable. If, for any reason, a different batch of cable is used for any of the tests, it should be noted accordingly on the test report and test summary.

Unless otherwise specified, each test is to be performed on at least three test specimens.

If suppliers and customers agree upon modifications or changes to the methods and requirements, it is required that all the changes and modifications be clearly documented.

4.1.1 General information on dimensional tests

Measure with a device accurate to at least 0,01 mm.