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**Generic cabling systems -  
Specification for the testing of balanced communication cabling in  
accordance with EN 50173-4 -  
Unscreened straight patch cords and straight work area cords for class D  
applications -  
Detail specification**

Systèmes de câblage générique -  
Spécification relative aux essais de  
câblage de télécommunications  
symétriques selon l'EN 50173-4 –  
Cordons droits de brassage et cordons  
droits de zone de travail non écrantés  
pour les applications de classe D -  
Spécification particulière

Anwendungsneutrale  
Kommunikationsverkabelung -  
Spezifikation zur Prüfung der  
symmetrischen  
Kommunikationsverkabelung nach  
EN 50173-4 -  
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## Foreword

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## 1 Scope

This detail specification describes patch cords and application-specific cords enabling the construction of Class D channels as defined in the EN 50173 series of standards.

This detail specification describes cords of which the transmission characteristics are up to 100 MHz for digital communication. The test configuration is detailed in EN 61935-2.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 50173-4, *Information technology — Generic cabling systems — Part 4: Homes*

EN 50288-1, *Multi-element metallic cables used in analogue and digital communication and control — Part 1: Generic specification*

EN 50288-3-2, *Multi-element metallic cables used in analogue and digital communication and control — Part 3-2: Sectional specification for unshielded cables characterised up to 100 MHz — Work area and patch cord cables*

EN 50289-1-13, *Communication cables — Specifications for test methods — Part 1-13: Electrical test methods — Coupling attenuation or screening attenuation of patch cords / coaxial cable assemblies / pre-connectorised cables*

EN 50289-4-17, *Communication cables — Specifications for test methods — Part 4-17: Test methods for UV resistance evaluation of the sheath of electrical and optical fibre cable*

EN 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 60603-7-2)*

EN 60794-1-2, *Optical fibre cables — Part 1-2: Generic specification — Basic optical cable test procedures (IEC 60794-1-2)*

EN 61935-2:2010, *Testing of balanced communication cabling in accordance with standards series EN 50173 — Part 2: Patch cords and work area cords (IEC 61935-2:2010)*

EN 61935-2-20, *Testing of balanced communication cabling in accordance with series EN 50173 — Part 2-20: Patch cords and work area cords — Blank detail specification for class D applications (IEC 61935-2-20)*

EN 62012-1:2002, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications to be used in harsh environments — Part 1: Generic specification (IEC 62012-1:2002)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **straight cord**

cord of which the respective pins of the connectors are mated together (1 to 1, 2 to 2,...)

### 3.2

#### **cross over cord**

cord that is not a straight cord and of which the respective pins of connectors are mated following a specific combination, (e.g. : 1 to 3, 2 to 6, 3 to 1, 4 to 4, 5 to 5, 6 to 2, 7 to 7, 8 to 8)