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The previous editions of European Standards EN 50173:1995 and EN 50173-1:2002 have been developed to enable the application-independent cabling to support ICT applications in office premises. Their basic principles, however, are applicable to other types of applications and in other types of premises.

TC 215 has decided to establish relevant European Standards which address the specific requirements of these premises. In order to point out the commonalities of these cabling design standards, these ENs are published as individual parts of the series EN 50173, thus also acknowledging that standards users recognize the designation “EN 50173” as a synonym for generic cabling design.

At the time of publication of this European Standard, series EN 50173 comprises the following standards:

- EN 50173-1 Information technology – Generic cabling systems – Part 1: General requirements
- EN 50173-2 Information technology – Generic cabling systems – Part 2: Office premises
- EN 50173-3 Information technology – Generic cabling systems – Part 3: Industrial premises
- EN 50173-4 Information technology – Generic cabling systems – Part 4: Homes
- EN 50173-5 Information technology – Generic cabling systems – Part 5: Data centres

This edition of EN 50173-1:

- a) contains a change of electromagnetic parameters in the MICE classification (Table 8);
- b) introduces new component Categories 6_A and 7_A in accordance with the channel Classes E_A and F_A defined in EN 50173-1:2007/A1:2009;
- c) modifies insertion loss requirements for coaxial channels;
- d) modifies optical fibre Class OF-100 media and defines a new cabled optical fibre Category OM4;
- e) amends and modifies connecting hardware requirements, defines both a new interface for 2 optical fibres and for 12 and 24 fibres;
- f) introduces limits for additional parameters in Annexes A, B and D.2;
- g) revises D.3 regarding test requirements for mechanical and environmental performance of connecting hardware;
- h) updates Annex F “Supported applications”;

- i) introduces a new normative Annex I “Test procedures to assess conformance with EN 50173 standards”;
- j) amends various other subclauses, tables and figures.

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Introduction

This European Standard contains general requirements in support of the other standards in the EN 50173 series.

It should be noted that generic cabling is a passive system and cannot be tested for EMC compliance individually. Application-specific equipment, designed for one or more cabling media, is required to meet relevant EMC standards on those media. Care should be taken that the installation of any of those media in a cabling system does not degrade the characteristics of the system. The installation methods of EN 50174 series should be used to minimise the effect of electromagnetic disturbances. For EMC requirements of BCT cabling see EN 50083-8.

Series EN 50174 and EN 50310 specify requirements for earthing and equipotential bonding.

Figure 1 and Table 1 show the schematic and contextual relationships between the standards produced by TC 215 for information technology cabling, namely:

- 1) this and other parts of the EN 50173 series;
- 2) application dependent cabling design (e.g. EN 50098 series);
- 3) installation (EN 50174 series);
- 4) testing of installed cabling (EN 50346);
- 5) equipotential bonding requirements (EN 50310).

In addition, a number of Technical Reports have been developed to support or extend the application of these standards, including:

- CLC/TR 50173-99-1, *Cabling guidelines in support of 10 GBASE-T*;
- CLC/TR 50173-99-2, *Information technology – Implementation of BCT applications using cabling in accordance with EN 50173-4*.

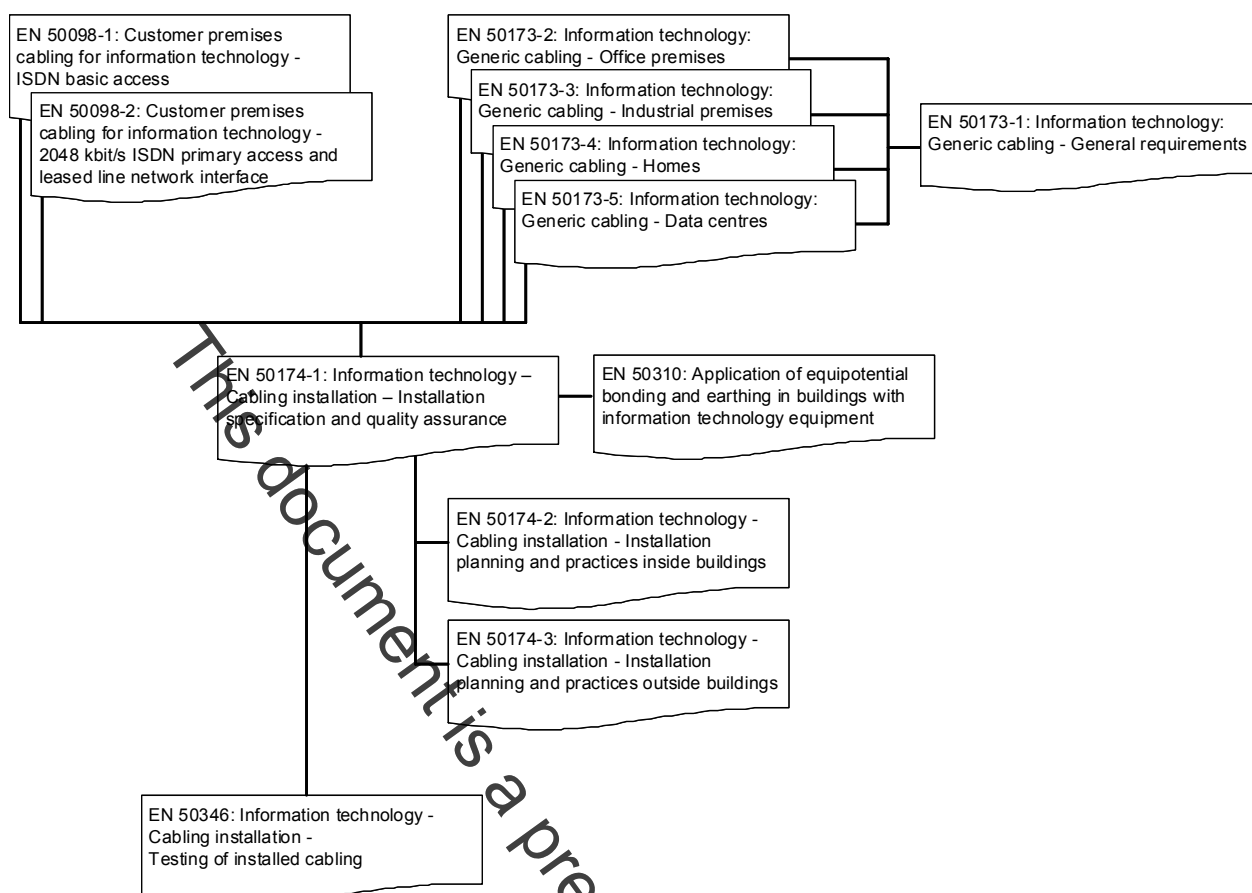


Figure 1 – Schematic relationship between the EN 50173 series and other relevant standards

Table 1 – Contextual relationship between EN 50173 series and other standards relevant for information technology cabling systems

Building design phase	Generic cabling design phase	Specification phase	Installation phase	Operation phase
EN 50310 6. Bonding networks	EN 50173 series except EN 50173-4 4: Structure 5: Channel performance 7: Cable requirements 8: Connecting hardware requirements 9: Requirements for cords and jumpers A: Link performance limits and EN 50173-4 4 and 5: Structure 6: Channel performance 8: Cable requirements 9: Connecting hardware requirements 10: Requirements for cords and jumpers A: Link performance limits	EN 50174-1 4 Requirements for specifying installations of information technology cabling 5: Requirements for installers of information technology cabling		EN 50174-1 4: Requirements for specifying installations of information technology cabling
		Planning phase		
		EN 50174-2 4: Requirements for planning installations of information technology cabling 6: Segregation of metallic information technology cabling and power supply cabling 7: Electricity distribution systems and lightning protection and EN 50174-3 and (for equipotential bonding) EN 50310	EN 50174-2 5: Requirements for the installation of information technology cabling 6: Segregation of metallic information technology cabling and power supply cabling 8: Office (commercial) premises 9: Industrial premises 10: Homes 11: Data centres and EN 50174-3 and (for equipotential bonding) EN 50310 and EN 50346 4: General requirements 5: Test parameters for balanced cabling 6: Test parameters for optical fibre cabling	

1 Scope and conformance

1.1 Scope

This European Standard specifies:

- a) the structure and configuration of the backbone cabling subsystems of generic cabling systems within the types of premises defined by the other standards in the EN 50173 series;
- b) channel performance requirements in support of the standards in the EN 50173 series;
- c) link performance requirements in support of the standards in the EN 50173 series;
- d) backbone cabling reference implementations in support of the standards in the EN 50173 series;
- e) component performance requirements in support of the standards in the EN 50173 series.

Safety (electrical safety and protection, optical power, fire, etc.) and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements are outside the scope of this European Standard and are covered by other standards and regulations. However, information given in this European Standard may be of assistance in meeting these standards and regulations.

1.2 Conformance

This European Standard does not contain specific conformance requirements. The other standards in the EN 50173 series incorporate the requirements of this standard as part of their individual conformance requirements.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 50083 (series), *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services*

NOTE EN 50083 series is gradually replaced by EN 60728 series.

EN 50117-1, *Coaxial cables – Part 1: Generic specification*

EN 50117-4-1, *Coaxial cables – Part 4-1: Sectional specification for cables for BCT cabling in accordance with EN 50173 – Indoor drop cables for systems operating at 5 MHz – 3 000 MHz*

EN 50174-1:2009, *Information technology – Cabling installation – Part 1: Installation specification and quality assurance*

EN 50174-2, *Information technology – Cabling installation – Part 2: Installation planning and practices inside buildings*

EN 50174-3, *Information technology – Cabling installation – Part 3: Installation planning and practices outside buildings*

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3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document and the other standards in the EN 50173 series, the following terms and definitions apply.

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methodology defining the documentation requirements of a cabling system and its containment, the labelling of functional elements and the process by which moves, additions and changes are recorded