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Applications ferroviaires -  
Câbles pour matériel roulant ferroviaire  
ayant des performances particulières  
de comportement au feu -  
Câbles à isolation d'épaisseur normale  
Partie 1: Prescriptions générales

Bahnanwendungen -  
Kabel und Leitungen für Schienen-  
fahrzeuge mit verbessertem Verhalten  
im Brandfall -  
Standard Isolierwanddicken  
Teil 1: Allgemeine Anforderungen

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### Foreword

This European Standard was prepared for Technical Committee CENELEC TC 20 “Electric cables” by Working Group 12 “Railway cables” as part of the overall programme of work in CENELEC TC 9X “Electrical and electronic applications for railways”.

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## Introduction

The railway industry is generally concerned with the movement of people as well as goods. It is therefore essential that a high level of safety is achieved, even when failures occur which may involve fire, howsoever caused, affecting railway rolling stock.

Hence it is necessary to provide cables for use in railway environments which minimize the hazard to people when a fire may damage the cable, irrespective of whether the fire is caused by an external source or from within the electrical system.

European Standard EN 50264 specifies cables which, in the event of fire, will limit the risk to people and improve the safety on railways in general. It covers cables with standard wall thickness of insulation, both sheathed and unsheathed, based on halogen free materials, for use in railway rolling stock. In the event of a fire affecting cables to EN 50264 they will have a limited flame spread and limited emission of toxic gases. In addition these cables when burnt, produce limited amounts of smoke. This last characteristic will minimize loss of visibility in the event of a fire and will aid reduced evacuation times.

The objects of this standard are

- to standardize cables that are safe and reliable when properly used,
- to state the characteristics, performance, and construction requirements directly or indirectly bearing on safety,
- to specify methods for checking conformity with these requirements.

EN 50264, which covers a range of cables rated at up to 3,6/6 kV with conductor sizes 1,0 mm<sup>2</sup> up to 400 mm<sup>2</sup>, is divided into 3 parts:

Part 1: General requirements;

Part 2: Single core cables;

Part 3: Multicore cables.

These cables are intended for a limited number of applications. Further information on these applications is given in the guide to use (EN 50355 – under development).

Special test methods referred to in EN 50264 are given in EN 50305.

A separate European Standard, EN 50306 covers cables for similar applications but with thin wall insulation, restricted to 300 V rating and a maximum conductor size of 2,5 mm<sup>2</sup>.

## 1 Scope

Part 1 of EN 50264 specifies the general requirements applicable to the cables given in part 2 and part 3 of EN 50264. It includes the detailed requirements for the insulating and sheathing materials and other components called up in the separate parts. In particular EN 50264-1 specifies those requirements relating to fire safety which enable the cables to satisfy Hazard Levels 2, 3 and 4 of EN 45545-1.

NOTE 1 Requirements for the emission of smoke and gases are not specified for Hazard Level 1 of EN 45545-1.

NOTE 2 EN 45545-1 is still under development and should be consulted.

Based on proven experience and reliability over many years these cables are rated for occasional thermal stresses causing ageing equivalent to continuous operational life at a temperature of 90 °C. The maximum temperature for short circuit conditions is 200 °C based on a duration of 5 seconds.

This part 1 should be used in conjunction with the other parts of EN 50264.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of these references apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN 10002-1	Tensile testing of metallic materials - Method of test at ambient temperature
EN 45545-1 <sup>1)</sup>	Railway applications - Fire protection of railway vehicles - Part 1: General
EN 50264-2	Railway applications - Railway rolling stock cables having special fire performance - Standard wall - Part 2: Single core cables
EN 50264-3	Railway rolling stock cables having special fire performance - Standard wall - Part 3: Multicore cables
EN 50265-2-1	Common test methods for cables under fire conditions - Test for resistance to vertical flame propagation for a single insulated conductor or cable - Part 2-1: Procedures - 1 kW pre-mixed flame
EN 50266-2-4	Common test methods for cables under fire conditions - Test for vertical flame spread of vertically-mounted bunched wires or cables - Part 2-4: Procedures - Category C
EN 50267-2-1	Common test methods for cables under fire conditions - Tests on gasses evolved during combustion of materials from cables - Part 2-1: Procedures - Determination of the amount of halogen acid gas

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<sup>1)</sup> At draft stage.

EN 50267-2-2	Common test methods for cables under fire conditions - Tests on gases evolved during combustion of materials from cables - Part 2-2: Procedures - Determination of degree of acidity of gases for materials by measuring pH and conductivity
EN 50268-2	Common test methods for cables under fire conditions - Measurement of smoke density of cables burning under defined conditions - Part 2: Procedure
EN 50305	Railway applications - Railway rolling stock cables having special fire performance - Test methods
EN 50334	Marking by inscription for the identification of cores of electric cables
EN 60684-2	Flexible insulating sleeving - Part 2: Methods of test
EN 60811-1-1	Insulating and sheathing materials of electric and optical cables - Common test methods - Part 1-1: General application - Measurement of thickness and overall dimensions - Tests for determining the mechanical properties
EN 60811-1-2	Insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables - Common test methods - Part 1-2: General application - Thermal ageing methods
EN 60811-1-3	Insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables - Common test methods - Part 1-3: General application - Methods for determining the density - Water absorption tests - Shrinkage test
EN 60811-1-4	Insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables - Common test methods - Part 1-4: General application - Tests at low temperature
EN 60811-2-1	Insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables - Common test methods - Part 2-1: Methods specific to elastomeric compounds - Ozone resistance test - Hot set test - Mineral oil immersion test
HD 383	Conductors of insulated cables - First supplement: Guide to the dimensional limits of circular conductors

### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of all parts of EN 50264, the following definitions apply.

The types or combination of insulating and sheathing compounds covered in this EN are listed below.

#### 3.1

##### **cross-linked ethylene propylene rubber (EPR)**

a compound based on ethylene propylene rubber or similar (EPM or EPDM) which when cross-linked complies with the requirements given in the particular specifications

#### 3.2

##### **cross-linked ethylene copolymers**

a compound in which the characteristic constituent is a copolymer of ethylene such as EVA or other, which, when cross linked, complies with the requirements given in the particular specifications