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The text of this standard is based on the second edition, its amendments 1 and 2, and the following documents:

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1 General

1.1 Scope

This part of International Standard IEC 60227 applies to rigid and flexible cables with insulation, and sheath if any, based on polyvinyl chloride, of rated voltages U_o/U up to and including 450/750 V used in power installations of nominal voltage not exceeding 450/750 V a.c.

NOTE For some types of flexible cables the term cord is used.

The particular types of cables are specified in IEC 60227-3, IEC 60227-4, etc. The code designations of these types of cables are given in Annex A.

The test methods specified in Parts 1, 3, 4, etc. are given in IEC 60227-2, IEC 60332-1-2 and in the relevant parts of IEC 60811.

1.2 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.

IEC 60173, *Colours of the cores of flexible cables and cords*

IEC 60227-2, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltage up to and including 450/750 V – Part 2: Test methods*

IEC 60227-3, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltage up to and including 450/750 V – Part 3: Non-sheathed cables for fixed wiring*

IEC 60227-4, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltage up to and including 450/750 V – Part 4: Sheathed cables for fixed wiring*

IEC 60227-5, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 5: Flexible cables (cords)*

IEC 60228, *Conductors of insulated cables*

IEC 60332-1-2, *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions – Part 1-2: Test for vertical flame propagation for a single insulated wire or cable – Procedure for 1 kW pre-mixed flame*

IEC 60811-1-1, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables and optical cables – Part 1: Methods for general application –Measuring of thickness and overall dimensions – Tests for determining the mechanical properties*

IEC 60811-1-2, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 1: Methods for general application – Section Two: Thermal ageing methods*

IEC 60811-1-4, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 1: Methods for general application – Section Four: Tests at low temperature*

IEC 60811-3-1, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 3: Methods specific to PVC compounds – Section One: Pressure test at high temperature – Tests for resistance to cracking*

IEC 60811-3-2, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 3: Methods specific to PVC compounds – Section Two: Loss of mass test – Thermal stability tests*

IEC 62440, *Electric cables – Guide to use for cables with a rated voltage not exceeding 450/750V*[1]

2 Definitions

For the purpose of this standard the following definitions shall apply.

2.1 Definitions relating to insulating and sheathing materials

2.1.1 Polyvinyl chloride compound (PVC)

Combination of materials suitably selected, proportioned and treated, of which the characteristic constituent is the plastomer polyvinyl chloride or one of its copolymers. The same term also designates compounds containing both polyvinyl chloride and certain of its polymers.

2.1.2 Type of compound

The category in which a compound is placed according to its properties, as determined by specific tests. The type designation is not directly related to the composition of the compound.

2.2 Definitions relating to the tests

2.2.1 Type tests (symbol *T*)

Tests required to be made before supplying a type of cable covered by this standard on a general commercial basis in order to demonstrate satisfactory performance characteristics to meet the intended application. These tests are of such a nature that, after they have been made, they need not be repeated unless changes are made in the cable materials or design which might change the performance characteristics.

2.2.2 Sample tests (symbol *S*)

Tests made on samples of completed cable or components taken from a completed cable, adequate to verify that the finished product meets the design specifications.

2.3 Rated voltage

The rated voltage of a cable is the reference voltage for which the cable is designed and which serves to define the electrical tests.

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1 In preparation.