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This standard is to be read in conjunction with EN 60811-100.

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NOTE When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

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IEC 60811-410	-	Electric and optical fibre cables - Test methods for non-metallic materials - Part 410: Miscellaneous tests - Test method for copper-catalyzed oxidative degradation of polyolefin insulated conductors	EN 60811-410	-
ISO 188	-	Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic - Accelerated ageing and heat-resistance tests	-	-

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INTRODUCTION

The IEC 60811 series specifies the test methods to be used for testing non-metallic materials of all types of cables. These test methods are intended to be referenced in standards for cable construction and for cable materials.

NOTE 1 Non-metallic materials are typically used for insulating, sheathing, bedding, filling or taping within cables.

NOTE 2 These test methods are accepted as basic and fundamental and have been developed and used over many years principally for the materials in all energy cables. They have also been widely accepted and used for other cables, in particular optical fibre cables, communication and control cables and cables for ships and offshore applications.

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ELECTRIC AND OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES – TEST METHODS FOR NON-METALLIC MATERIALS –

Part 408: Miscellaneous tests – Long-term stability test of polyethylene and polypropylene compounds

1 Scope

This Part 408 of IEC 60811 gives the procedure to establish as to whether or not the quality of a cable's components will be satisfactory over the proposed life of a communication cable.

This test is considered only as a material selection test to ensure that the chosen materials are satisfactory for the intended life of the cable. The test duration makes the test unsuitable for routine quality control testing; one method found suitable for monitoring raw materials is given in IEC 60811-410.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60811-100:2012, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 100: General*

IEC 60811-410, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 410: Miscellaneous tests – Test method for copper-catalyzed oxidative degradation of polyolefin insulated conductors*

ISO 188, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Accelerated ageing and heat resistance tests*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60811-100 apply.

4 Test method

4.1 Test method for unfilled cables

4.1.1 General

This part of IEC 60811 shall be used in conjunction with IEC 60811-100.

NOTE This test method is only applicable to communication cables containing copper pairs. A similar test method applicable to electric cables for power distribution is under consideration.

The need to establish whether or not the quality of a cable's components will be satisfactory over the proposed life of the cable is well recognized. In particular, polyolefin insulation shall have sufficient resistance to ageing in service.

The definition of test duration, temperature, atmosphere and failure criteria shall be carefully chosen.