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International Standard IEC 60840 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 20: Electric cables.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition, published in 2004, and constitutes a major technical revision.

The significant technical change with respect to the previous edition is as follows:

– introduction of a prequalification test procedure for cables with high electrical stresses and tested as a cable system including accessories.

NOTE For a more detailed history of events leading up to this fourth edition, see the Introduction.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
20/1267/FDIS	20/1277A/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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- reconfirmed,
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- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

The first edition of IEC 60840, published in 1988, dealt only with cables. Accessories were added to the second edition, published in February 1999, which separately covered test methods and test requirements for

a) cables alone,

b) cables together with accessories (a cable system).

Some countries then suggested that a better discrimination be made between systems, cables and accessories, particularly for the lower voltages of the scope, e.g. 45 kV. This was taken into account in the third edition and is retained in this revision, which gives the type approval requirements and the range of approvals for

a) cable systems,

b) cables alone,

c) accessories alone.

Manufacturers and users may choose the most appropriate option for type approval.

At its meeting in November 2004, TC 20 decided to prepare a further major revision of IEC 60840 and concluded that this edition should incorporate the recommendations for testing HV and EHV extruded cables that were under preparation by CIGRE study committee B1 WG B1.06. This work was made available as CIGRE technical brochure No. 303, before the meeting of TC 20 in October 2006. The brochure, entitled “Revision of qualification procedures for extruded (extra) high voltage a.c. underground cables”, has therefore been considered by TC 20, and considerable parts implemented in this standard. Cables with high electrical stresses at the conductor screen and/or insulation screen are now required to undergo a prequalification test procedure (simplified compared to that in IEC 62067) as a cable system inclusive of accessories.

Additionally the following other significant changes to this standard have been introduced:

a) The clause numbering of this standard and IEC 62067 (which has been revised at the same time as this standard) has been coordinated to achieve as much commonality as possible to assist users who use both standards.

b) In the case of the sample test, the lightning impulse voltage test is no longer followed by a power frequency voltage test.

A list of relevant CIGRE references is given in the bibliography.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies test methods and requirements for power cable systems, cables alone and accessories alone, for fixed installations and for rated voltages above 30 kV (U_m = 36 kV) up to and including 150 kV (U_m = 170 kV).

The requirements apply to single-core cables and to individually screened three-core cables and to their accessories for usual conditions of installation and operation, but not to special cables and their accessories, such as submarine cables, for which modifications to the standard tests may be necessary or special test conditions may need to be devised.

This standard does not cover transition joints between cables with extruded insulation and paper insulated cables.

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.

NOTE The IEC 60811 series is currently undergoing a revision, which will lead to a restructuring of its parts. A description of this, as well as a cross-reference table between the current and planned parts will be given in IEC 60811-100.

IEC 60060-1, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60183, *Guide to the selection of high-voltage cables*

IEC 60228, *Conductors of insulated cables*

IEC 60229:2007, *Electric cables – Tests on extruded oversheaths with a special protective function*

IEC 60230, *Impulse tests on cables and their accessories*

IEC 60287-1-1:2006, *Electric cables – Calculation of the current rating – Part 1-1: Current rating equations (100 % load factor) and calculation of losses – General*

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 60811-1-1:1993, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 1: Methods for general application – Section 1: Measurement of thickness and overall dimensions – Tests for determining the mechanical properties*
Amendment 1 (2001)

IEC 60811-1-2:1985, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 1: Methods for general application – Section Two: Thermal ageing methods*
Amendment 1 (1989)
Amendment 2 (2000)

IEC 60811-1-3:1993, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 1-3: General application – Methods for determining the density – Water absorption tests – Shrinkage test*
Amendment 1 (2001)

IEC 60811-1-4:1985, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 1: Methods for general application – Section Four: Tests at low temperature*
Amendment 1 (1993)
Amendment 2 (2001)

IEC 60811-2-1:1998, *Common test methods for Insulating and sheathing materials of electric and optical cables –Part 2-1: Methods specific to elastomeric compounds – Ozone resistance, hot set and mineral oil immersion tests*
Amendment 1 (2001)

IEC 60811-3-1:1985, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 3-1: Methods specific to PVC compounds –Pressure test at high temperature – Tests for resistance to cracking*
Amendment 1 (1994)
Amendment 2 (2001)

IEC 60811-3-2:1985, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 3: Methods specific to PVC compounds –Loss of mass test – Section two: Thermal stability test*
Amendment 1 (1993)
Amendment 2 (2003)

IEC 60811-4-1:2004, *Insulating and sheathing materials of electric and optical cables – Common test methods – Part 4-1: Methods specific to polyethylene and polypropylene compounds – Resistance to environmental stress cracking –Measurement of the melt flow index – Carbon black and/or mineral filler content measurement in polyethylene by direct combustion – Measurement of carbon black content by thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) – Assessment of carbon black dispersion in polyethylene using a microscope*

IEC 60885-3, *Electrical test methods for electric cables – Part 3: Test methods for partial discharge measurements on lengths of extruded power cables*

ISO 48, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Determination of hardness (hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD)*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1 Definitions of dimensional values (thicknesses, cross-sections, etc.)

3.1.1
nominal value
value by which a quantity is designated and which is often used in tables

NOTE Usually, in this standard, nominal values give rise to values to be checked by measurements taking into account specified tolerances.