IEC 60811-501

Edition 1.2 2023-11
CONSOLIDATED VERSION

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

NORME INTERNATIONALE

colour inside

Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 501: Mechanical tests – Tests for determining the mechanical properties of insulating and sheathing compounds

Câbles électriques et à fibres optiques – Méthodes d'essai pour les matériaux non métalliques – Partie 501: Essais mécaniques – Détermination des propriétés mécaniques des mélanges pour les enveloppes isolantes et les gaines



IEC 60811-501:2012-03+AMD1:2018-06+AMD2:2023-11 CSV(en-fr)

THIS PUBLICATION IS COPYRIGHT PROTECTED
Copyright © 2023 IEC, Geneva, Switzerland

All rights reserved. Unless otherwise specified, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm, without permission in writing from either IEC or IEC's member National Committee in the country of the requester. If you have any questions about IEC copyright or have an enquiry about obtaining additional rights to this publication, please contact the address below or your local IEC member National Committee for further information.

Droits de reproduction réservés. Sauf indication contraire, aucune partie de cette publication ne peut être reproduite ni utilisée sous quelque forme que ce soit et par aucun procédé, électronique ou mécanique, y compris la photocopie et les microfilms, sans l'accord écrit de l'IEC ou du Comité national de l'IEC du pays du demandeur. Si vous avez des questions sur le copyright de l'IEC ou si vous désirez obtenir des droits supplémentaires sur cette publication, utilisez les coordonnées ci-après ou contactez le Comité national de l'IEC de votre pays de résidence.

IEC Secretariat
3, rue de Varembé
CH-1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Tel.: +41 22 919 02 11
info@iec.ch
www.iec.ch

About the IEC
The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is the leading global organization that prepares and publishes International Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies.

About IEC publications
The technical content of IEC publications is kept under constant review by the IEC. Please make sure that you have the latest edition, a corrigendum or an amendment might have been published.

IEC publications search - webstore.iec.ch/advsearchform
The advanced search enables to find IEC publications by a variety of criteria (reference number, text, technical committee, …). It also gives information on projects, replaced and withdrawn publications.

IEC Just Published - webstore.iec.ch/justpublished
Stay up to date on all new IEC publications. Just Published details all new publications released. Available online and once a month by email.

IEC Customer Service Centre - webstore.iec.ch/csc
If you wish to give us your feedback on this publication or need further assistance, please contact the Customer Service Centre: sales@iec.ch.

IEC Products & Services Portal - products.iec.ch
Discover our powerful search engine and read freely all the publications previews. With a subscription you will always have access to up to date content tailored to your needs.

Electropedia - www.electropedia.org
The world's leading online dictionary on electrotechnology, containing more than 22 300 terminological entries in English and French, with equivalent terms in 19 additional languages. Also known as the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) online.

A propos de l'IEC
La Commission Electrotechnique Internationale (IEC) est la première organisation mondiale qui élabore et publie des Normes internationales pour tout ce qui a trait à l'électricité, à l'électronique et aux technologies apparentées.

A propos des publications IEC
Le contenu technique des publications IEC est constamment revu. Veuillez vous assurer que vous possédez l'édition la plus récente, un corrigendum ou amendement peut avoir été publié.

Recherche de publications IEC - webstore.iec.ch/advsearchform
La recherche avancée permet de trouver des publications IEC en utilisant différents critères (numéro de référence, texte, comité d'études, …). Elle donne aussi des informations sur les projets et les publications remplacées ou retirées.

IEC Just Published - webstore.iec.ch/justpublished
Restez informé sur les nouvelles publications IEC. Just Published détaille les nouvelles publications parues. Disponible en ligne et une fois par mois par email.

Service Clients - webstore.iec.ch/csc
Si vous désirez nous donner des commentaires sur cette publication ou si vous avez des questions contactez-nous: sales@iec.ch.

IEC Products & Services Portal - products.iec.ch
Découvrez notre puissant moteur de recherche et consultez gratuitement tous les aperçus des publications. Avec un abonnement, vous aurez toujours accès à un contenu à jour adapté à vos besoins.

Electropedia - www.electropedia.org
Le premier dictionnaire d'électrotechnologie en ligne au monde, avec plus de 22 300 articles terminologiques en anglais et en français, ainsi que les termes équivalents dans 19 langues additionnelles. Egalement appelé Vocabulaire Electrotechnique International (IEV) en ligne.

IEC 60811-501

Edition 1.2 2023-11
CONSOLIDATED VERSION

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

NORME INTERNATIONALE

colour inside

Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 501: Mechanical tests – Tests for determining the mechanical properties of insulating and sheathing compounds

Câbles électriques et à fibres optiques – Méthodes d'essai pour les matériaux non métalliques – Partie 501: Essais mécaniques – Détermination des propriétés mécaniques des mélanges pour les enveloppes isolantes et les gaines

INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

COMMISSION ELECTROTECHNIQUE INTERNATIONALE

ICS 29.035.01, 29.060.20

ISBN 978-2-8322-7790-4

Warning! Make sure that you obtained this publication from an authorized distributor.
Attention! Veuillez vous assurer que vous avez obtenu cette publication via un distributeur agréé.

® Registered trademark of the International Electrotechnical Commission
Marque déposée de la Commission Electrotechnique Internationale

IEC 60811-501

Edition 1.2 2023-11
CONSOLIDATED VERSION

REDLINE VERSION

VERSION REDLINE

colour inside

Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 501: Mechanical tests – Tests for determining the mechanical properties of insulating and sheathing compounds

Câbles électriques et à fibres optiques – Méthodes d'essai pour les matériaux non métalliques – Partie 501: Essais mécaniques – Détermination des propriétés mécaniques des mélanges pour les enveloppes isolantes et les gaines



IEC 60811-501:2012-03+AMD1:2018-06+AMD2:2023-11 CSV(en-fr)

CONTENTS

FOREWORD 3
INTRODUCTION 5
1 Scope 6
2 Normative references 6
3 Terms and definitions 6
4 Test method 7
4.1 General 7
4.2 Insulation 7
4.2.1 General 7
4.2.2 Sampling 7
4.2.3 Preparation and conditioning of test pieces 8
4.2.4 Determination of cross-sectional area 10
4.2.5 Ageing treatment 11
4.2.6 Tensile testing procedure 11
4.2.7 Expression of results 12
4.3 Sheath 12
4.3.1 General 12
4.3.2 Sampling 12
4.3.3 Preparation and conditioning of test pieces 12
4.3.4 Determination of cross-sectional area 13
4.3.5 Ageing treatment 13
4.3.6 Tensile testing procedure 13
4.3.7 Expression of results 13
5 Test report 13
Annex A (informative) Principle of operation of a typical machine for preparing test pieces 16
Bibliography 17

Figure 1 – Dumb-bell test piece 14
Figure 2 – Small dumb-bell test piece 14
Figure 3 – Punch end showing groove 15
Figure 4 – Test pieces cut by grooved punch 15
Figure A.1 – Machine for preparing test pieces 16

INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

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

Part 501: Mechanical tests – Tests for determining the mechanical properties of insulating and sheathing compounds

FOREWORD

1) The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a worldwide organization for standardization comprising all national electrotechnical committees (IEC National Committees). The object of IEC is to promote international co-operation on all questions concerning standardization in the electrical and electronic fields. To this end and in addition to other activities, IEC publishes International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports, Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) and Guides (hereafter referred to as "IEC Publication(s)"). Their preparation is entrusted to technical committees; any IEC National Committee interested in the subject dealt with may participate in this preparatory work. International, governmental and non-governmental organizations liaising with the IEC also participate in this preparation. IEC collaborates closely with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in accordance with conditions determined by agreement between the two organizations.
2) The formal decisions or agreements of IEC on technical matters express, as nearly as possible, an international consensus of opinion on the relevant subjects since each technical committee has representation from all interested IEC National Committees.
3) IEC Publications have the form of recommendations for international use and are accepted by IEC National Committees in that sense. While all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that the technical content of IEC Publications is accurate, IEC cannot be held responsible for the way in which they are used or for any misinterpretation by any end user.
4) In order to promote international uniformity, IEC National Committees undertake to apply IEC Publications transparently to the maximum extent possible in their national and regional publications. Any divergence between any IEC Publication and the corresponding national or regional publication shall be clearly indicated in the latter.
5) IEC itself does not provide any attestation of conformity. Independent certification bodies provide conformity assessment services and, in some areas, access to IEC marks of conformity. IEC is not responsible for any services carried out by independent certification bodies.
6) All users should ensure that they have the latest edition of this publication.
7) No liability shall attach to IEC or its directors, employees, servants or agents including individual experts and members of its technical committees and IEC National Committees for any personal injury, property damage or other damage of any nature whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, or for costs (including legal fees) and expenses arising out of the publication, use of, or reliance upon, this IEC Publication or any other IEC Publications.
8) Attention is drawn to the Normative references cited in this publication. Use of the referenced publications is indispensable for the correct application of this publication.
9) Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this IEC Publication may be the subject of patent rights. IEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

This consolidated version of the official IEC Standard and its amendments has been prepared for user convenience.

IEC 60811-501 edition 1.2 contains the first edition (2012-03) [documents 20/1297/FDIS and 20/1346/RVD], its amendment 1 (2018-06) [documents 20/1795/FDIS and 20/1809/RVD] and its amendment 2 (2023-11) [documents 20/2128/FDIS and 20/2138/RVD].

In this Redline version, a vertical line in the margin shows where the technical content is modified by amendments 1 and 2. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text. A separate Final version with all changes accepted is available in this publication.

International Standard IEC 60811-501 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 20: Electric cables.

This Part 501 of IEC 60811 cancels and replaces Clause 9 of IEC 60811-1-1:1993, which is withdrawn. Full details of the replacements are shown in Annex A of IEC 60811-100:2012.

There is one significant technical change with respect to the previous edition:

– the requirements for the (minimum) thickness of dumb-bell test pieces have changed.

See also the Foreword to IEC 60811-100.

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

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

A list of all the parts in the IEC 60811 series, published under the general title *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this document and its amendments will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under webstore.iec.ch in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

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

IMPORTANT – The *'colour inside'* logo on the cover page of this publication indicates that it contains colours which are considered to be useful for the correct understanding of its contents. Users should therefore print this document using a colour printer.

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.

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

Part 501: Mechanical tests – Tests for determining the mechanical properties of insulating and sheathing compounds

1 Scope

This Part 501 of IEC 60811 gives the procedure for determining the mechanical properties, which typically applies to cross-linked and thermoplastic compounds used for insulating and sheathing materials.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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

IEC 60811-201, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 201: General tests – Measurement of insulation thickness*

IEC 60811-202, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 202: General tests – Measurement of thickness of non-metallic sheaths*

IEC 60811-203, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 203: General tests – Measurement of overall dimensions*

IEC 60811-401, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 401: Miscellaneous tests – Thermal ageing methods – Ageing in an air oven*

IEC 60811-404, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 404: Miscellaneous tests – Mineral oil immersion tests for sheaths made with cross-linked compounds*

IEC 60811-606, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 606: Physical tests – Methods for determining the density*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1
maximum tensile force
highest value reached by the load during the test

3.2
tensile stress
tensile force per unit of the cross-sectional area of the unstretched test piece

3.3
tensile strength
maximum tensile stress recorded in extending the test piece to breaking point

3.4
elongation at break
increase of the length between the reference marks of the test piece, expressed as the percentage of the length between the reference marks of the unstretched test piece at breaking point

4 Test method

4.1 General

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

Unless otherwise specified, before any test, all test pieces, aged and unaged, shall be kept for at least 3 h at a temperature of (23 ± 5) °C.

4.2 Insulation

4.2.1 General

These tests are to determine the tensile strength and elongation at break of the insulating material (exclusive of any semi-conducting layers) of the cable in the condition as manufactured (i.e. without any ageing treatment) and, when required, after one or more accelerated ageing treatment(s), which are prescribed in the relevant cable standard.

When the ageing treatment is to be carried out on prepared test pieces (in accordance with IEC 60811-401), the test pieces for the ageing treatment shall be from positions adjacent to the test pieces used for the test without ageing ~~and the tensile tests on the aged and unaged test pieces shall be made in immediate succession~~. The preparation and conditioning of test pieces for the ageing treatment and test pieces without ageing shall be the same.

~~NOTE~~ Where further increased test reliability is necessary, ~~it is recommended that~~ then the tests on aged and unaged test pieces ~~are~~ shall be performed by the same person using the same testing method and the same apparatus, in the same laboratory.

It is recommended that the tensile tests on the aged and unaged test pieces are made in immediate succession. Further, it is recommended to retain unaged samples at laboratory conditions for possible future testing.

4.2.2 Sampling

One sample of each core to be tested (or of the insulation from each core to be tested) shall be taken of sufficient size to provide a minimum of five test pieces each for the tensile tests without ageing and the tensile tests after each of the required ageing treatments, bearing in mind that a 100 mm length is needed for the preparation of each test piece.

The cores of unsheathed flat cables shall not be separated.

Any sample that shows signs of mechanical damage shall not be used for the test.