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The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61156 specifies cables intended to be used for ~~transmission of 1 Gbit/s over a~~ single ~~twisted~~ balanced pair cabling for office, home and industrial application described in ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017 and ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017/AMD1[1]. An example of existing application is 1000BASE-T1, see ISO/IEC TR 11801-9906. The transmission characteristics of these cables are specified up to a frequency of ~~600 MHz~~ 1,25 GHz and at a temperature of 20 °C. ~~The cable type recognised is intended to be used for the work area wiring of shielded channels with a nominal length of 40 m. Possible designs are U/FTP, X/UTP and X/FTP, where X stands for F, S or SF.~~ The T1-B type cable is specified from 0,1 MHz to 600 MHz, the T1-C type cable from 0,1 MHz to 1,25 GHz. Depending on the MICE environment and the installation conditions, either unscreened or screened cables can be used. A blank detail specification can be found in Annex A.

These cables can comprise more than one pair in the event that several systems are operated in parallel. In this case, refer to Clause 7.

The cables covered by this document are intended to operate with voltages and currents normally encountered in communication systems. While these cables are not intended to be used in conjunction with low impedance sources, for example the electric power supplies of public utility mains, they are intended to be used to support the delivery of low-voltage remote powering applications.

~~Annex A provides a blank detail specification (BDS) that can be used to summarize design and performance requirements agreed upon between the supplier and the user of a specific cable type.~~

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IEC 60708, *Low-frequency cables with polyolefin insulation and moisture barrier polyolefin sheath*

IEC 61156-1~~:2007~~, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 1: Generic specification*
~~IEC 61156-1:2007/AMD1:2009~~[2]

IEC 61156-6, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 6: Symmetrical pair/quad cables with transmission characteristics up to 1 000 MHz – Work area wiring – Sectional specification*

IEC 62153-4-3, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-3: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Surface transfer impedance – Triaxial method*

IEC 62153-4-5, *Metallic communication cables test methods – Part 4-5: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Screening or coupling attenuation – Absorbing clamp method*

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IEC 62153-4-9:2018, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-9: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Coupling attenuation of screened balanced cables, triaxial method*
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