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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition published in 2010. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) inclusion of cords up to category 8.1 and category 8.2, as defined in ISO/IEC 11801-1.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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46/868/FDIS	46/869/RVD

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

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

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– withdrawn, or
– revised.

INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61935 covers testing of balanced and coaxial cords, for use as equipment cords, patch cords, and CP cords, as specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1 and related standards.

The test methods described in this document are suitable for any balanced or coaxial cords or cable assemblies that include connector terminations at each end.

Coaxial cords for connecting equipment are constructed using cable conforming to the IEC 61196-1 series and connectors conforming to the IEC 61169-1 series.

Balanced cords for connecting equipment are constructed using cable conforming to the IEC 61156-1 series and connectors conforming to the IEC 60603-7 series, IEC 61076-3-104, IEC 61076-3-110, IEC 61076-2-101, and IEC 61076-2-109.

Therefore, an object of this document is to provide test methods to ensure compatibility of cords to be used in cabling in accordance with ISO/IEC 11801-1 and to demonstrate their performance and reliability during their operational lifetime.

INTRODUCTION to the Amendment

The goal of this amendment is:

– to extend component requirements for balanced and coaxial cords to balanced single-pair cords.

– to extend transmission requirements for balanced and coaxial cords to balanced single-pair cords.

– to extend test procedures for balanced and coaxial cords to balanced single-pair cords.

SPECIFICATION FOR THE TESTING OF BALANCED AND COAXIAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CABLING –

Part 2: Cords as specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1 and related standards

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61935 specifies test methods for balanced and coaxial cords, which are used as equipment cords, patch cords, and CP cords, within cabling systems, in accordance with ISO/IEC 11801-1. The test methods and associated requirements are provided to demonstrate performance and reliability and to ensure compatibility of these balanced and coaxial cords during their operational lifetime. This document may also be used for providing test methodology for assessing the performance of other cords.

Balanced cords can be one of two types specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1:

1) balanced twisted-pair cords, or
2) balanced single-pair cords.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

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IEC 60512-26-100, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 26-100: Measurement setup, test and reference arrangement and measurements for connectors according to IEC 60603-7 – Tests 26a to 26g*

IEC 60512-27-100, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 27-100: Signal integrity tests up to 500 MHz on 60603-7 series connectors – Tests 27a to 27g*

IEC 60512-28-100, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 28-100: Signal integrity tests up to 2 000 MHz – Tests 28a to 28g*

IEC 60512-29-100, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 29-100: Signal integrity tests up to 500 MHz on M12 style connectors – Tests 29a to 29g*

IEC 60603-7, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7: Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free and fixed connectors*

IEC 60603-7-1, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-1: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors*

IEC 60603-7-2, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-2: Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 100 MHz*

IEC 60603-7-3, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-3: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmission with frequencies up to 100 MHz*

IEC 60603-7-4, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-4: Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 250 MHz*

IEC 60603-7-5, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-5: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 250 MHz*

IEC 60603-7-7, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-7: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors for data transmission with frequencies up to 600 MHz*

IEC 60603-7-41, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-41: Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 500 MHz*

IEC 60603-7-51, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-51: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 500 MHz*

IEC 60603-7-71, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-71: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmission with frequencies up to 1 000 MHz*

IEC 60603-7-81, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-81: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 2 000 MHz*

IEC 60603-7-82, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-82: Detail specification for 8-way, 12 contacts, shielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmission with frequencies up to 2 000 MHz*

IEC 60966-1, *Radio frequency and coaxial cable assemblies – Part 1: Generic specification – General requirements and test methods*

IEC 61076-2-101, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Product requirements – Part 2-101: Circular connectors – Detail specification for M12 connectors with screw-locking*

IEC 61076-2-109, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Product requirements – Part 2-109: Circular connectors – Detail specification for connectors with M 12 × 1 screw-locking, for data transmission frequencies up to 500 MHz*

IEC 61076-3-104, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Product requirements – Part 3-104: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded free and fixed connectors for data transmissions with frequencies up to 2 000 MHz*

IEC 61076-3-110, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Product requirements – Part 3-110: Detail specification for free and fixed connectors for data transmission with frequencies up to 3 000 MHz*

IEC 61156-1, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC TR 61156-1-2, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 1-2: Electrical transmission characteristics and test methods of symmetrical pair/quad cables*

IEC 61156-5, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 5: Symmetrical pair/quad cables with transmission characteristics up to 1 000 MHz – Horizontal floor wiring – Sectional specification*

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 61156-9, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 9: Cables for channels with transmission characteristics up to 2 GHz – Sectional specification*

IEC 61156-10, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 10: Cables for cords with transmission characteristics up to 2 GHz – Sectional specification*

IEC 61156-11, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications - Part 11: Symmetrical single pair cables with transmission characteristics up to 1,25 GHz - Horizontal floor wiring - Sectional specification*

IEC 61156-12, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications - Part 12: Symmetrical single pair cables with transmission characteristics up to 1,25 GHz - Work area wiring - Sectional specification*

IEC 61156-13, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications - Part 13: Symmetrical single pair cables with transmission characteristics up to 20 MHz - Horizontal floor wiring - Sectional specification*

IEC 61156-14, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications - Part 14: Symmetrical single pair cables with transmission characteristics up to 20 MHz - Work area wiring - Sectional specification*

IEC 61169-1, *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 1: Generic specification – General requirements and measuring methods*

IEC 61169-1 (all parts), *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 1*

IEC 61169-2, *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 2: Sectional specification – Radio frequency coaxial connectors of type 9,52*

IEC 61169-24, *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 24: Sectional specification – Radio frequency coaxial connectors with screw coupling, typically for use in 75 Ω cable networks (type F)*

IEC 61196-1 (all parts), *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1*

IEC 61935-1, *Specification for the testing of balanced and coaxial information technology cabling – Part 1: Installed balanced cabling as specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1 and related standards*

IEC 61935-1-1, *Specification for the testing of balanced and coaxial information technology cabling – Part 1-1: Additional requirements for the measurement of transverse conversion loss and equal level transverse conversion transfer loss*

IEC 61935-1-2, *Specification for the testing of balanced and coaxial information technology cabling – Part 1-2: Installed balanced cabling as specified in ISO/IEC 11801 – Additional requirements for measurement of resistance unbalance with field test instrumentation*

IEC 61935-4:–[1], *Specification for the testing of balanced and coaxial information technology cabling – Part 4: Installed balanced single-pair cabling as specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1 and related standards*

IEC 62153-4-7, *Metallic cables and other passive components test methods – Part 4-7: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Test method for measuring of transfer impedance Z_T and screening attenuation α_S or coupling attenuation α_C of connectors and assemblies - Triaxial tube in tube method*

IEC 62153-4-11, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-11: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Coupling attenuation or screening attenuation of patch cords, coaxial cable assemblies, pre-connectorized cables – Absorbing clamp method*

IEC 62153-4-15, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-15: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Test method for measuring transfer impedance and screening attenuation – or coupling attenuation with triaxial cell*

IEC 63171 (all parts), *Connectors for electrical and electronic equipment*

ISO/IEC 11801-1, *Information technology – Generic cabling for customer premises – Part 1: General requirements*

ISO/IEC 14763-4, *Information technology – Implementation and operation of customer premises cabling – Part 4: Measurement of end-to-end (E2E) links*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

3.1
cable assembly
combination of cable(s) and connector(s) with specified performance, used as a single unit intended to be a part of a cabling link as defined in ISO/IEC 11801-1 (or equivalent)

3.2
consolidation point cord
cabling between the consolidation point to the telecommunications outlet(s)

3.3
cord
cable, cable unit or cable element with a minimum of one termination; a cable assembly as defined in IEC 61935-1 whatever its targeted use

3.4
equipment cord
cord connecting to equipment

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