

Insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables

Part 1. Methods of test for general application

Section 1.4 Tests at low temperature

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National foreword

This Section of BS 6469 has been prepared under the direction of the Cables and Insulation Standards Policy Committee. BS 6469 : Parts 1 to 5 and Part 99 supersede BS 6469 : 1990 which is withdrawn.

Parts 1 to 5 implement CENELEC HD 505 : Parts 1 to 5 which were derived from IEC 811 : Parts 1 to 5. Part 99 describes test methods having national applicability only.

The International Electrotechnical Commission has completed its comprehensive update of the test methods previously given in IEC 538, IEC 538A and IEC 540, which are now largely brought together in IEC 811. Electrical tests from IEC 540 have been incorporated into IEC 885. The technical changes introduced during this update, and endorsed by CENELEC in HD 505, are now included in BS 6469.

BS 6469 : Section 4.2 includes a number of test methods described in BS 6234. Other test methods from BS 6234, from BS 6746 and from BS 6899 have been incorporated in BS 6469 : Part 99. The status of these test methods in BS 6234, BS 6746 and BS 6899 will be reviewed separately.

BS 6469 describes methods of test, but does not specify requirements for products or materials. These will be specified in the relevant cable standards or cable material standards.

This Section of BS 6469 implements CENELEC Harmonization Document HD 505.1.4 S1 : 1988, which is identical with IEC 811-1-4 : 1985 plus Corrigendum 1986.

Definitions of terms relating to electric cables are given in BS 4727 : Part 2 : Group 08.

It has been assumed in the preparation of this British Standard that the execution of its provisions will be entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced people, for whose use it has been produced.

WARNING. The methods of test described in this British Standard do not necessarily detail all precautions necessary to meet the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. Attention should be paid to any appropriate safety precautions and the tests should be carried out only by trained personnel.

The complete IEC standard (IEC 811) will eventually replace IEC Publications 538 and 540. To enable users to compare the relevant clauses in all three publications, a table of cross-references is given in appendix A.

Cross-references between the relevant clauses in BS 6469 : 1990 and those in BS 6469 : Parts 1 to 5 and Part 99 are given in table NB.1. Tests included in BS 6469 : Sections 1.3 and 5.1 which were not given in BS 6469 : 1990 are listed in table NC.1.

References to page numbers in the text relate to the IEC page numbers and should be ignored.

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Section four — Tests at low temperature

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Méthodes d'essais communes pour les matériaux
d'isolation et de gainage des câbles électriques
Première partie: Méthodes d'application générale
Section quatre: Essais à basse température
(CEI 811-1-4 : 1985)

Allgemeine Prüfungen für Isolier- und
Mantelwerkstoffe für Kabel und isolierte
Leitungen
Teil 1: Allgemeine Prüfverfahren
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(IEC 811-1-4 : 1985)

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Foreword

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- to announce the existence of this Harmonization Document at national level by or before 1988-09-01

- to publish their new harmonized national standard by or before 1989-03-01

- to withdraw all conflicting national standards by or before 1989-03-01.

Harmonized national standards are listed on the HD information sheet, which is available from the CENELEC National Committees or from the CENELEC Central Secretariat.

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COMMON TEST METHODS FOR INSULATING AND SHEATHING MATERIALS OF ELECTRIC CABLES

Part 1: Methods for general application

SECTION FOUR — TESTS AT LOW TEMPERATURE

1. Scope

This standard specifies the test method to be used for testing polymeric insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables for power distribution and telecommunications including cables used on ships.

This Section Four of Part 1 gives the methods for tests at low temperature which apply to PVC and PE compounds.

2. Test values

Full test conditions (such as temperatures, durations, etc.) and full test requirements are not specified in this standard; it is intended that they should be specified by the standard dealing with the relevant type of cable.

Any test requirements which are given in this standard may be modified by the relevant cable standard to suit the needs of a particular type of cable.

3. Applicability

Conditioning values and testing parameters are specified for the most common types of insulating and sheathing compounds and of cables, wire and cords.

4. Type tests and other tests

The test methods described in this standard are intended, in the first instance, to be used for type tests. In certain tests, where there are essential differences between the conditions for type tests and those for more frequent tests, such as routine tests, these differences are indicated.

Note. – For multicore cables and cords, not more than three cores (of different colours, if any) need be tested unless otherwise specified in the relevant cable standard.

5. Pre-conditioning

All the tests shall be carried out not less than 16 h after the extrusion or vulcanization (or cross-linking), if any, of the insulating or sheathing compounds.

6. Test temperature

Tests shall be carried out at the temperature specified in the relevant cable standard.

7. Median value

When several test results have been obtained and ordered in an increasing or decreasing succession, the median value is the middle value if the number of available values is odd, and is the mean of the two middle values if the number is even.