

Common test methods for cables under fire conditions — Test for vertical flame spread of vertically-mounted bunched wires or cables —

Part 2-3: Procedures — Category B

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A F/R	BS EN 50266-2-1
A	BS EN 50266-2-2
B	BS EN 50266-2-3
C	BS EN 50266-2-4
—	BS EN 50266-2-5 ^b
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Foreword

This European Standard was prepared by Working Group 10 of the Technical Committee CENELEC TC 20, Electric cables.

When used in conjunction with EN 50266-1 this European Standard supersedes HD 405.3 S1 in respect of test category B.

All pre-existing categories of test from HD 405.3 S1 have been retained and updated in the different parts 2. A new category (Category D) has been added to cater for testing at very low non-metallic volumes.

The description of the apparatus given in EN 50266-1 updates that in HD 405.3 S1.

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In this standard, annex A is normative and annex B is informative.

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