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IEC 60227-1: General requirements;

IEC 60227-2: Test methods (withdrawn and replaced by IEC 63294);

IEC 60227-3: Non-sheathed cables for fixed wiring;

IEC 60227-4: Sheathed cables for fixed wiring;

IEC 60227-5: Flexible cables (cords);

IEC 60227-6: Lift cables and cables for flexible connections;

IEC 60227-7: Flexible cables screened and unscreened with two or more conductors and of rated voltages up to and including 300/500 V.

This part of IEC 60227, when used in conjunction with each of the other parts of the IEC 60227 series, forms the complete standard for the type of cable specified in the specific part.

POLYVINYL CHLORIDE INSULATED CABLES OF RATED VOLTAGES UP TO AND INCLUDING 450/750 V –

Part 1: General requirements

~~1~~ **General**

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60227 applies to rigid and flexible cables with insulation, and sheath if any, based on polyvinyl chloride, of rated voltages U_0/U up to and including 450/750 V used in power installations of nominal voltage not exceeding 450/750 V AC.

NOTE For some types of flexible cables the term "cord" is used.

The particular types of cables are specified in IEC 60227-3, IEC 60227-4, IEC 60227-5, IEC 60227-6 and IEC 60227-7. The code designations of these types of cables are provided in this document.

The test methods specified in this document, IEC 60227-3, IEC 60227-4, IEC 60227-5, IEC 60227-6 and IEC 60227-7 are given in ~~IEC 60227-2~~ IEC 63294, IEC 60332-1-2 and in the relevant parts of the IEC 60811 series.

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~~IEC 60227-2, Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltage up to and including 450/750 V – Part 2: Test methods~~

IEC 60227-3, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 3: Non-sheathed cables for fixed wiring*

IEC 60227-4, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 4: Sheathed cables for fixed wiring*

IEC 60227-5, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 5: Flexible cables (cords)*

IEC 60227-6, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 6: Lift cables and cables for flexible connections*

IEC 60227-7, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 7: Flexible cables screened and unscreened with two or more conductors and of rated voltages up to and including 300/500 V*

IEC 60228, *Conductors of insulated cables*

IEC 60332-1-2, *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions – Part 1-2: Test for vertical flame propagation for a single insulated wire or cable – Procedure for 1 kW pre-mixed flame*

~~IEC 60811-1-1, Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables and optical cables – Part 1: Methods for general application – Measuring of thickness and overall dimensions – Tests for determining the mechanical properties~~

~~IEC 60811-1-2, Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 1: Methods for general application – Section Two: Thermal ageing methods~~

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IEC 60811-401:2012, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 401: Miscellaneous tests – Thermal ageing methods – Ageing in an air oven*
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IEC 60811-404, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 404: Miscellaneous tests – Mineral oil immersion tests for sheaths*

IEC 60811-405, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 405: Miscellaneous tests – Thermal stability test for PVC insulations and PVC sheaths*

IEC 60811-409, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 409: Miscellaneous tests – Loss of mass test for thermoplastic insulations and sheaths*

IEC 60811-501, *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*

IEC 60811-504, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 504: Mechanical tests – Bending tests at low temperature for insulation and sheaths*

IEC 60811-505, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 505: Mechanical tests – Elongation at low temperature for insulations and sheaths*

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IEC 60811-508, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 508: Mechanical tests – Pressure test at high temperature for insulation and sheaths*

IEC 60811-509, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 509: Mechanical tests – Test for resistance of insulations and sheaths to cracking (heat shock test)*

IEC 62440, *Electric cables with a rated voltage not exceeding 450/750 V – Guide to use*~~for cables with a rated voltage not exceeding 450/750 V~~⁴

IEC 63294:2021, *Test methods for electric cables with rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

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