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- a) the reference to tests according to IEC 60227-2 has been withdrawn and replaced with a reference to IEC 63294;
- b) normative references have been updated.

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INTRODUCTION

The IEC 60227 series, published under the general title *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*, consists of the following parts:

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IEC 60227-2, Test methods (withdrawn and replaced by IEC 63294);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 IEC 60227-1, forms the complete standard for flexible cables (cords).

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

Part 5: Flexible cables (cords)

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60227 details the particular specifications of polyvinyl chloride insulated flexible cables (cords), of rated voltages up to and including 300/500 V.

This document provides the particular requirements for flexible cables (cords) which apply in addition to the appropriate requirements specified in IEC 60227-1, which apply to all cables.

The tests for cables specified in the IEC 60227 series are described in IEC 63294.

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.

IEC 60227-1:—², *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 1: General requirements*

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

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*

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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*

IEC 60811-506, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 506: Mechanical tests – Impact test at low temperature for insulations and sheaths*

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*

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