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

a) additional balance levels with respect to MICE implementation by certain cabling specifications;

b) reference to current standards and technical reports with respect to measurement techniques and remote powering.

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

FDIS	Report on voting
46C/1140/FDIS	46C/1144/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This International Standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 61156-1:2007 and IEC 61156-1:2007/AMD1:2009.

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- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

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Part 5: Symmetrical pair/quad cables with transmission characteristics up to 1 000 MHz – Horizontal floor wiring – Sectional specification

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61156 describes the cables intended primarily for horizontal floor wiring as defined in ISO/IEC 11801 (all parts).

It covers cable designs comprising individually screened, common screened and unscreened pairs or quads. The transmission characteristics and the frequency range (see Table 1) of the cables are specified at 20 °C.

Table 1 – Cable categories

Cable designation	**Maximum referenced frequency** MHz
Category 5e	100
Category 6	250
Category 6_A	500
Category 7	600
Category 7_A	1 000

These cables can be used for various communication channels which use as many as four pairs simultaneously. In this sense, this document provides the cable characteristics required by system developers to evaluate new systems.

The cables covered by this document are intended to operate with voltages and currents normally encountered in communication systems. While these cables are not intended to be used in conjunction with low impedance sources, for example the electric power supplies of public utility mains, they are intended to be used to support the delivery of low voltage remote powering applications such as IEEE 802.3af (Power over Ethernet) or further developments for example according to IEEE 802.3at or IEEE 802.3bt. More information on the capacity to support these applications according to the installation practices are given in IEC 61156-1-4, IEC TR 61156-1-6 and ISO/IEC TS 29125.

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 61156-1:2007, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 1: Generic specification*
IEC 61156-1:2007/AMD1:2009

IEC 62153-4-3, *Metallic communication cables test methods – Part 4-3: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Surface transfer impedance – Triaxial method*

IEC 62153-4-5, *Metallic communication cables test methods – Part 4-5: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Coupling or screening attenuation – Absorbing clamp method*

IEC 62153-4-9, *Metallic communication cable test methods – Part 4-9: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Coupling attenuation of screened balanced cables, triaxial method*