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This part of IEC 61196 applies to radiating coaxial communication cables, and specifies the terms and definitions, material and construction, IEC type designation, standard rating and characteristics, identification, marking and labelling, requirements of finished cables, quality assessment, delivery and storage, etc. Radiating coaxial communication cables are widely used in wireless communication systems for long, narrow, semi-enclosed and indoor environments, such as high-speed railways, subways, tunnels, and indoor environments.

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IEC 61196-1-112, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1-112: Electrical test methods – Test for return loss (uniformity of impedance)*

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- b) mise à jour de différentes normes à l'Article "2 Références normatives";

- c) ajout des définitions de câble de type uniformément rayonnant, bande de fréquences d'arrêt et perte de liaison;
- d) ajout de différents matériaux et de différentes constructions en 4.2 à 4.5;
- e) ajout de l'Article "5 Désignation de type IEC";
- f) ajout d'une plage de températures assignée détaillée de différents matériaux en "6.2 Plage de températures assignée";
- g) ajout de fréquences détaillées en "6.3 Bande de fréquences opérationnelles";
- h) ajout de "6.4 Bande de fréquences d'arrêt" et "6.5 Caractéristiques de rayonnement";
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- j) suppression de "7.4.4 Ovalité du conducteur extérieur";
- k) ajout de "8.2.11 Perte de liaison", "8.4.9 Adhérence du diélectrique", "8.4.10 Rétraction des enveloppes isolantes", "8.4.11 Force de traction maximale du câble";
- l) utilisation de l'IEC 61196-1-123 et de l'IEC 61196-1-124 dans les exigences électriques pour remplacer les Annexes A et B, respectivement, et suppression des Annexes A et B;
- m) ajout de la "Figure A.1 Exemple d'essai d'affaiblissement de couplage autour de l'orientation circonférentielle du câble rayonnant (Y-Z)" dans l'Annexe A.

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## CÂBLES COAXIAUX DE COMMUNICATION –

### Partie 4: Spécification intermédiaire pour câbles rayonnants

#### 1 Domaine d'application

La présente partie de l'IEC 61196 s'applique aux câbles de communication coaxiaux rayonnants et spécifie les termes et définitions, les matériaux et la construction, la désignation de type IEC, les valeurs normalisées et les caractéristiques, l'identification, le marquage et l'étiquetage, les exigences des câbles finis, l'évaluation de la qualité, la livraison et le stockage, etc. Les câbles de communication coaxiaux rayonnants sont largement utilisés dans les systèmes de communication sans fil destinés aux environnements longs, étroits, semi-fermés et intérieurs, tels que les lignes ferroviaires à grande vitesse, les souterrains, les tunnels et les environnements intérieurs.

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IEC 60068-2-61, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-61: Méthode d'essai: Essai Z/ABDM: Séquence climatique*

IEC 60332-1-2, *Essais des câbles électriques et à fibres optiques soumis au feu – Partie 1-2: Essai de propagation verticale de la flamme sur conducteur ou câble isolé – Procédure pour flamme à prémélange de 1 kW*

IEC 60754-1, *Essai sur les gaz émis lors de la combustion des matériaux prélevés sur câbles – Partie 1: Détermination de la quantité de gaz acide halogéné*

IEC TS 60695-7-50<sup>1</sup>, *Essais relatifs aux risques du feu – Partie 7-50: Toxicity of fire effluent – Estimation of toxic potency – Apparatus and test method (disponible en anglais seulement)*

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IEC 60811-406, *Câbles électriques et à fibres optiques – Méthodes d'essai pour les matériaux non-métalliques – Partie 406: Essais divers - Résistance des mélanges polyéthylène et polypropylène aux craquelures*

IEC 60811-502, *Câbles électriques et à fibres optiques – Méthodes d'essai pour les matériaux non-métalliques – Partie 502: Essais mécaniques – Essai de rétraction des enveloppes isolantes*

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IEC 61196-1:2005, *Câbles coaxiaux de communication – Partie 1: Spécification générique – Généralités, définitions et exigences*

IEC 61196-1-1, *Câbles coaxiaux de communication – Partie 1-1 Agrément de savoir-faire pour câbles coaxiaux*

IEC 61196-1-100, *Câbles coaxiaux de communication – Partie 1-100: Méthodes d'essais électriques – Exigences générales*

IEC 61196-1-101, *Câbles coaxiaux de communication – Partie 1-101: Méthodes d'essais électriques – Essai de la résistance en courant continu des conducteurs des câbles*

IEC 61196-1-102, *Câbles coaxiaux de communication – Partie 1-102: Méthodes d'essais électriques – Essai pour la résistance d'isolation du diélectrique du câble*

IEC 61196-1-103, *Câbles coaxiaux de communication – Partie 1-103: Méthodes d'essais électriques – Essais sur la capacité du câble*

IEC 61196-1-105, *Câbles coaxiaux de communication – Partie 1-105: Méthodes d'essais électriques – Essai pour la tension d'épreuve du diélectrique du câble*

IEC 61196-1-108, *Câbles coaxiaux de communication – Partie 1-108: Méthodes d'essais électriques – Essai de l'impédance caractéristique, du retard de phase et de groupe, de la longueur électrique et de la vitesse de propagation*

IEC 61196-1-110, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1-110: Electrical test methods – Test for continuity (disponible en anglais seulement)*

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IEC 61196-1-123<sup>3</sup>, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1-123: Electrical test methods – Test for attenuation constant of radiating cable (disponible en anglais seulement)*

IEC 61196-1-124, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1-124: Electrical test methods – Test for coupling loss of radiating cable (disponible en anglais seulement)*

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IEC 61196-1-300, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1-300: Mechanical test methods – General requirements (disponible en anglais seulement)*

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IEC 61196-1-317, *Câbles coaxiaux de communication – Partie 1-317: Méthodes d'essai mécanique – Essai de résistance à l'écrasement des câbles*

IEC TR 62222, *Fire performance of communication cables installed in buildings (disponible en anglais seulement)*

IEC 62230, *Câbles électriques – Méthode d'essai au défilement à sec (Sparker)*