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ISO/IEC 11801-1 edition 1.1 contains the first edition (2017-11), its corrigendum 1 (2018-04) and its amendment 1 (2025-11) [documents JTC1-SC25/3285/CDV and JTC1-SC25/3337A/RVC].

In this Redline version, a vertical line in the margin shows where the technical content is modified by amendment 1. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text. A separate Final version with all changes accepted is available in this publication.

International Standard ISO/IEC 11801-1 was prepared by subcommittee 25: Interconnection of information technology equipment, of ISO/IEC joint technical committee 1: Information technology.

This first edition, together with ISO/IEC 11801-2, cancels and replaces ISO/IEC 11801:2002, Amendment 1:2008 and Amendment 2:2010. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) standard re-structured to contain those elements and requirements, that are common to generic cabling systems (in application fields such as offices and industrial premises), namely requirements for common elements of topology and transmission performance of channels, links and related components;
- b) addition of balanced cabling channel and link Classes BCT-B, I and II;
- c) addition of coaxial cabling channel and link Class BCT-C;
- d) addition of balanced cabling component requirements for Categories BCT-B, 8.1 and 8.2;
- e) addition of coaxial cabling component requirements for Category BCT-C;
- f) addition of cabled optical fibre Categories OS1a and OM5;
- g) removal of optical fibre classes;
- h) cabled optical fibre Categories OM1, OM2 and OS1 have been moved to an informative annex.

This International Standard has been approved by vote of the member bodies, and the voting results may be obtained from the address given on the second title page.

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

A list of all parts in the ISO/IEC 11801 series, published under the general title *Information technology – Generic cabling for customer premises*, can be found on the IEC website.

INTRODUCTION

This document contains general requirements in support of the other premises-specific referenced cabling design documents developed by ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25 including ISO/IEC 11801-2, ISO/IEC 11801-3, ISO/IEC 11801-4, ISO/IEC 11801-5, ISO/IEC 11801-6, related Technical Specifications and Technical Reports (including the ISO/IEC TR 11801-99xx series, ISO/IEC TR 24704, ISO/IEC TR 24750 and ISO/IEC TS 29125).

This document specifies a multi-vendor cabling system which may be implemented with material from single or multiple sources, and is related to:

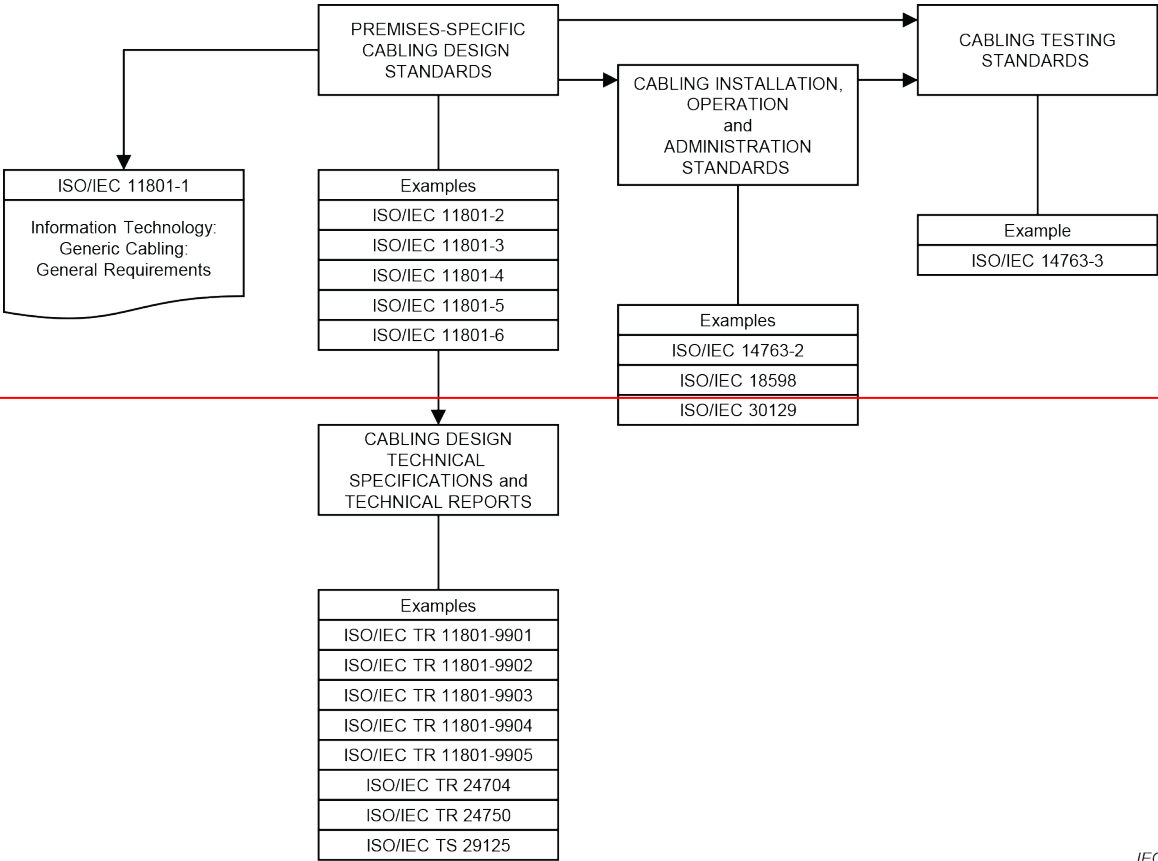
- a) International Standards for cabling components developed by technical committees of the IEC, for example copper cables and connectors as well as optical fibre cables and connectors (see Clause 2 and bibliography);
- b) standards for the testing of installed cabling (see Clause 2 and bibliography);
- c) applications developed by technical committees of the IEC, by subcommittees of ISO/IEC JTC 1, by study groups of ITU-T, for example for LANs and ISDN, and by IEEE 802;
- d) planning and installation guides and other standards which take into account the needs of specific applications for the configuration and the use of cabling systems on customer premises (e.g. ISO/IEC 14709 series, ISO/IEC 14763 series, ISO/IEC 30129, and ISO/IEC 18598).

Physical layer requirements for the applications listed in Annex E have been analysed to determine their compatibility with cabling classes specified in this document. These application requirements, together with statistics concerning premises-specific topologies and cabling models of the supported standards, have been used to develop the requirements for balanced, coaxial and optical fibre cabling.

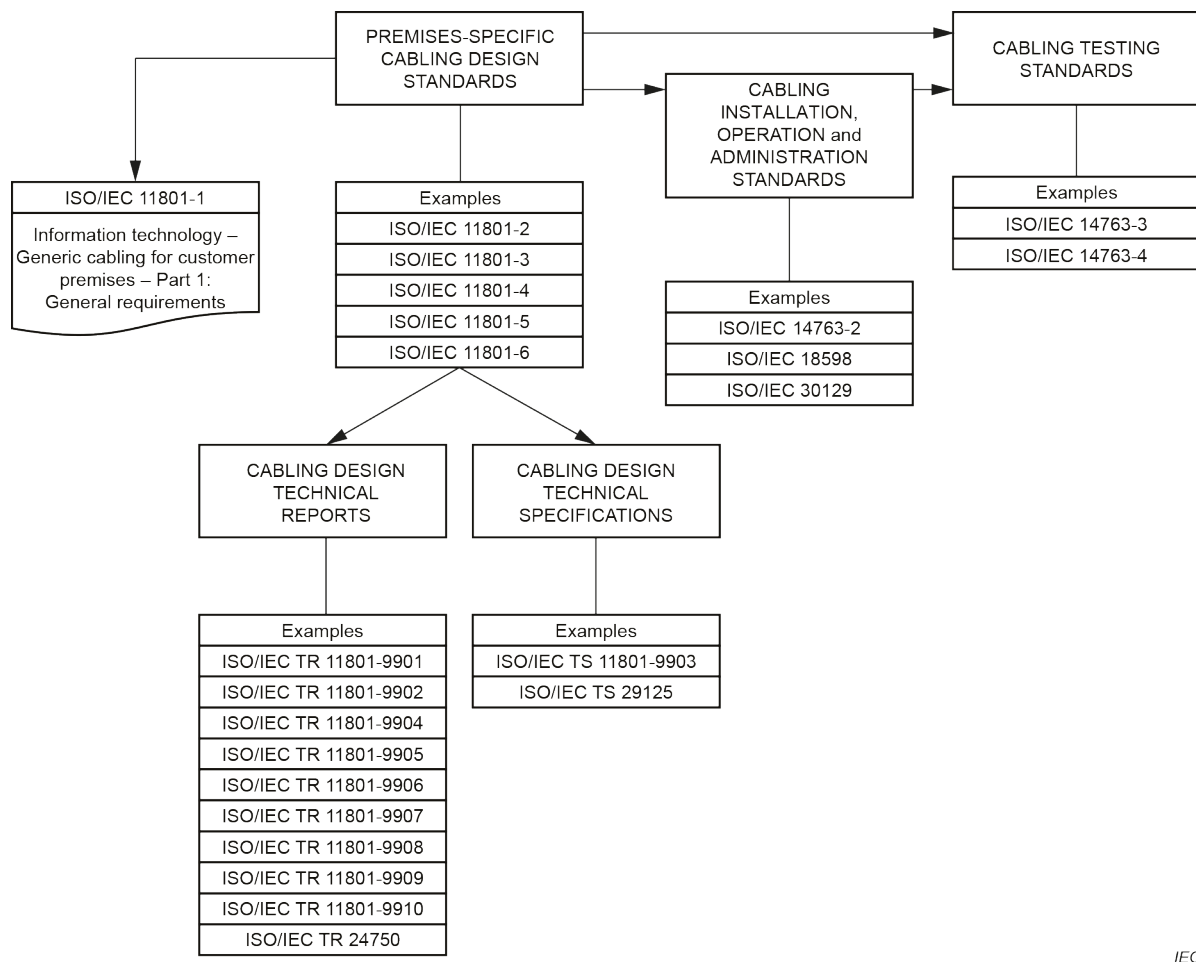
As a result, generic cabling defined within this document:

- 1) specifies balanced cabling channel and link Classes A, B, C, D, E, E_A, F, F_A, I and II meeting both the requirements of standardized applications and to support the development and implementation of future applications;
- 2) specifies balanced cabling channel and link Class BCT-B to support the delivery of BCT applications;
- 3) specifies coaxial cabling channel and link Class BCT-C to support the delivery of BCT applications;
- 4) specifies optical fibre cabling meeting the requirements of standardized applications and exploiting component capabilities to ease the implementation of applications developed in the future;
- 5) invokes component requirements and specifies cabling implementations that ensure performance of links and of channels that meet or exceed the requirements for cabling classes.

Figure 1 shows the schematic and contextual relationships between the standards relating to information technology cabling produced by ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25, namely the ISO/IEC 11801 series of standards for generic cabling design, standards for the installation, operation and administration of generic cabling and for testing of installed generic cabling.



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Figure 1 – Relationships between the generic cabling documents produced by ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25

This document refers to International Standards for components and test methods wherever appropriate International Standards are available.

INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

This document specifies single pair component Categories T1-A, T1-B, and T1-C, as well as cabling channels and link Classes T1-A, T1-B, and T1-C to support single pair applications. Balanced single pair channels and links specified in this document are not a replacement for the generic 4-pair channels in ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017. They are an additional media type intended for use in intelligent building and industrial automation devices (e.g. in network sensors, actuators, and controllers). Because of the different types and locations of these devices, single pair cabling will have distinct structures and distribution architectures that are detailed in other parts of the ISO/IEC 11801 series.

This document also provides modifications and corrections to ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017.

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 11801 specifies requirements that are common to the other parts of the ISO/IEC 11801 series. Cabling specified by this document supports a wide range of services including voice, data, and video that may also incorporate the supply of power.

This document specifies:

- a) the fundamental structure and configuration of generic cabling requirements within the types of premises defined by the other parts of the ISO/IEC 11801 series,
- b) channel transmission ~~and~~, environmental and power delivery performance requirements,
- c) link performance requirements,
- d) backbone cabling reference implementations in support of the parts of the ISO/IEC 11801 series,
- e) component performance requirements, referring to available International Standards for components and test methods where appropriate,
- f) test procedures to verify conformance to the cabling transmission performance requirements of the ISO/IEC 11801 series.

NOTE This document does not contain specific conformance requirements. The cabling design documents supported by ISO/IEC 11801-1 incorporate the requirements of this document as part of their individual conformance requirements.

In addition, this document provides information regarding the applications supported by the cabling channels.

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.

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IEC 60352-3, *Solderless connections – Part 3: Solderless accessible insulation displacement connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60352-4, *Solderless connections – Part 4: Solderless non-accessible insulation displacement connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60352-5, *Solderless connections – Part 5: Press-in connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60352-6, *Solderless connections – Part 6: Insulation piercing connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60352-7, *Solderless connections – Part 7: Spring clamp connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60352-8, *Solderless connections – Part 8: Compression mount connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60512-4-1, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 4-1: Voltage stress tests – Test 4a: Voltage proof*

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IEC 60512-6-3, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 6-3: Dynamic stress tests – Test 6c: Shock*

IEC 60512-6-4, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 6-4: Dynamic stress tests – Test 6d: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60512-11-4, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 11-4: Climatic tests – Test 11d: Rapid change of temperature*

IEC 60512-11-7, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 11-7: Climatic tests – Test 11g: Flowing mixed gas corrosion test*

IEC 60512-11-9, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 11-9: Climatic tests – Test 11i: Dry heat*

IEC 60512-11-10, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 11-10: Climatic tests – Test 11j: Cold*

IEC 60512-11-12, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 11-12: Climatic tests – Test 11m: Damp heat, cyclic*

IEC 60512-16-4, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 16-4: Mechanical tests on contacts and terminations – Test 16d: Tensile strength (crimped connections)*

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IEC 60512-19-3, *Electromechanical components for electronic equipment – Basic testing procedures and measuring methods – Part 19: Chemical resistance tests – Section 3: Test 19c – Fluid resistance*

IEC 60512-23-3, *Electromechanical components for electronic equipment – Basic testing procedures and measuring methods – Part 23-3: Test 23c: Shielding effectiveness of connectors and accessories*

IEC 60512-99-001, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 99-001: Test schedule for engaging and separating connectors under electrical load – Test 99a: Connectors used in twisted pair communication cabling with remote power*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60603-7, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7: Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free and fixed connectors*

IEC 60603-7-1, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-1: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors*

IEC 60603-7-2, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-2: Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 100 MHz*

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IEC 60793-2-10, *Optical fibres – Part 2-10: Product specifications – Sectional specification for category A1 multimode fibres*

IEC 60793-2-50, *Optical fibres – Part 2-50: Product specifications – Sectional specification for class B single-mode fibres*

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IEC 60794-3, *Optical fibre cables – Part 3: Outdoor cables – Sectional specification*

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IEC 60966-2-6, *Radio frequency and coaxial cable assemblies – Part 2-6: Detail specification for cable assemblies for radio and TV receivers – Frequency range 0 MHz to 3 000 MHz, IEC 61169-24 connectors*

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IEC 61076-3-104, *Connectors for electrical and electronic equipment – Product requirements – Part 3-104: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded free and fixed connectors for data transmissions with frequencies up to 2000 MHz*

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IEC 61300-2-9, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-9: Tests – Shock*

IEC 61300-2-18, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-18: Tests – Dry heat – High temperature endurance*

IEC 61300-2-22, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-22: Tests – Change of temperature*

IEC 61300-2-34, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-34: Tests – Resistance to solvents and contaminating fluids of interconnecting components and closures*

IEC 61300-2-44, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-44: Tests – Flexing of the strain relief of fibre optic devices*

IEC 61300-2-46, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-46: Tests – Damp heat, cyclic*

IEC 61753-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Performance standard – Part 1: General and guidance for performance standards*

IEC 61753-021-2, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Performance standard – Part 021-2: Grade C/3 single-mode fibre optic connectors for category C – Controlled environment*

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IEC 61156-12, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications - Part 12: Symmetrical single pair cables with transmission characteristics up to 1,25 GHz - Work area wiring - Sectional specification*

IEC 61156-13, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications - Part 13: Symmetrical single pair cables with transmission characteristics up to 20 MHz - Horizontal floor wiring - Sectional specification*

IEC 61156-14, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications - Part 14: Symmetrical single pair cables with transmission characteristics up to 20 MHz - Work area wiring - Sectional specification*

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IEC 63171-1, *Connectors for electronic equipment - Part 1: Detail specification for two-way, shielded or unshielded, free and fixed connectors - Mechanical mating information, pin assignment and additional requirements for Type 1 copper LC style*

IEC 63171-6, *Connectors for electrical and electronic equipment - Part 6: Detail specification for 2-way and 4-way (data/power), shielded, free and fixed connectors for power and data transmission with frequencies up to 600 MHz*

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