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METHODS OF TEST FOR CABLES



PART 12 SHRINKAGE TEST

1. Scope — Covers determination of shrinkage characteristics of thermoplastic insulation and sheath of electric cables after exposure to specified elevated temperature.

2. Significance — The extruded polymeric materials may have residual strain which is relieved on heating causing shrinkage. Purpose of this test is to determine such shrinkages so that this may not cause any problem in terminations when cable gets heated due to energization.

Note — The test is not expected to predict the behaviour of thermoplastic in cable and core conditions but rather provides a means to indicate the level of annealing of thermoplastic and the degree of its grip, on a relative basis.

3. Terminology

3.1 Shrinkage — Decrease in original length of the test specimen after heat treatment expressed as percentage of the original length of the test specimen.

4. Apparatus

4.1 Electrically operated and thermostatically controlled heating cabinet (oven) with natural replacement of air.

4.2 Suitable scale, least count 0.5 mm.

5. Materials - No material other than the test specimen is required for performing this test.

6. Test Specimen

61 A sample of the cable about 220 mm in length shall be taken. In case of test on insulation, this shall be stripped of all coverings over the insulation. The insulation or sheath shall then be cut down to a length of 200 mm measured with an accuracy of 0.5 mm.

6.2 Number of Specimens - One.

7. Conditioning — No pre-conditioning is required.

8. Procedure

8.1 The specimen prepared in accordance with 6 shall be kept horizontally in the oven at a temperature and for a duration specified in relevant specification.

8.2 After this period, the specimen shall be taken out [of the oven and cooled down in air to $27 \pm 2^{\circ}$ C.

8.3 The longitudinal shrinkage of the insulation or sheath shall be measured with an accuracy of 0.5 mm. Also the specimen shall be examined visually for any cracks.

9. Tabulation of Observations

Length of Specimen Before Shrinkage Test, I ₁ mm	Length of Specimen After Shrinkage Test, I ₂ mm	Visual Examination of Surface Condition
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10. Calculation

Percentage shrinkage = $\frac{l_1 - l_2}{l_1} \times 100$

11. Report

11.1 Shrinkage Test on Core Insulation and Outer Sheath

Cable Type Batch No./Lot No.

Cable No./Drum No.

11.2 Results

11.3 Conclusion — Specimen meets/does not meet the requirements of specification.