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METHODS OF TEST FOR CABLES

PART 42 RESISTIVITY TEST OF ARMOUR WIRES AND STRIPS AND CONDUCTANCE TEST OF ARMOUR (WIRES/STRIPS)

- 1. Scope Covers method for determination of the resistivity of the armour wires and strips used in electric cables and the conductance of the armour of electric cables.
- 2. Significance In case of short circuit faults the armour has to carry the short circuit current. The resistivity of the armour must be maintained within the designed value so that there is no excess temperature rise above the designed value and also there is no excess voltage rise.
- 3. Terminology See IS: 1885 (Part 32)-1971 'Electrotechnical vocabulary: Part 32 Cables, conductors and accessories for electricity supply'.

4. Apparatus

4.1 Kelvin Double Bridge — Accuracy 0.2 percent having current and potential terminals.

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Wheatstone Bridge - Accuracy 0.5 percent.

- 4.2 Source for dc Supply Corresponding to the requirements of the bridge.
- 4.3 Sensitive Galvanometer
- 4.4 Suitable Connecting Leads
- 4.5 Thermometer Least count 1°C.
- 5. Material No material other than the specimen is required.
- 6. Test Specimen
- 6.1 The length of sample of 1 m of armour wire/strip shall constitute the test specimen.

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The drum length of cable shall constitute the test specimen.

- **6.2** The length of the test specimen should be the length which lies between the potential terminals.
- 6.3 Number of Specimens One.
- 7. Conditioning No special conditioning is necessary except that it is to be ensured that the test specimen has attained the ambient temperature.

8. Procedure

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8.1 The test specimen is connected to the resistance measuring bridge. Adequate care is to be taken in this connection to minimize contact resistance.

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- 8.2 The resistance of the test specimen is measured and the ambient temperature is recorded.
- 8.3 The armour resistivity of individual wires/strips and conductance of armour is calculated.

Size of Armour

9. Tabulation of Observations

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No.	m [·]	Wire Strip	Description	°C	Resistance ohms
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10. Calculation

10.1 The resistivity of the armour wires/strips is calculated from the observed resistance as indicated below:

$$\rho = \frac{R_{20} \times A}{100 \times L}$$

where

ρ = armour wire/strip resistivity in ohm cm at 20°C;

 $R_{20} = \text{armour resistance at 20°C} = \text{observed resistance at ambient}$ temperature \times temperature correction factor according to Table 1;

L = length of test specimen (m); and

A = area of test specimen (mm²).

Note — The area of armouring wires/strips is determined as indicated below:

- a) For round wires from diameter by the formula $\frac{\pi}{4}d^2$, and
- b) For strips from the volume obtained by immersion in a measuring cylinder and the length.

10.2 The conductance of the armour of electric cable is calculated as indicated below:

Percent conductance =
$$\frac{R_c \times L}{R_t \times k \times 1000} \times 100$$

where

 R_t = observed armour resistance in ohms at ambient temperature;

k =temperature correction factor of armour (see Table 1):

/ = length of test specimen (m); and

 $R_c = \text{conductor resistance of the cable in conductor in the ohm/km at 20°C}$ (Refer test for conductor resistance).

11. Report

Obtained

Sample No. Armour Wire/ Strip Size

11.1 Reference Specification___

Cable Description Resistivity, ohm-cm at 20°C

Specified

Conductance, Percent

Obtained Specified

^{11.2} Conclusion — Specimen meets/does not meet the requirements of the specification.

TABLE 1 TEMPERATURE CORRECTION FACTORS FOR MILD STEEL WIRES AND STRIPS

(Clause 10.2)

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Temperature	Temperature Correction Factor
°C	k
10	1.052 6
11	1.047 1
12	1.041 7
13	1.036 3
14	1.030 9
15	1:025 6
16	1.020 4
17	1.015 2
18	1.010 1
19	1.005 0
20	1.000 0
21	0.995 0
22	0.990 1
23	0.985 2
24	0-980 4
25	0.975.6
26	0.970 9
27	0.9662
28	0.961 2
29	0.956 9
30	0.952 4
31	0.947 9
32	0.943 4
33	0.939 0
34	0.934 6
35	0.930 5
36	0.925 9
37	0.921 7
38	0.917 4
39	0.913 2
40	0·909 1
45	0.888 a
50	0.869 6
55	0.851 1
60	0∙83მ ᢏ
65	0.816 3
70	0.800 0
75	0.784 3

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(Page 2, clause 10.1) — Substitute:

$$^{\prime}\rho = \frac{R_{20} \times A'}{10\ 000 \times L}$$
 for $^{\prime}\rho = \frac{R_{20} \times A'}{100 \times L}$

(Page 2, clause 10.2, line 6) — Substitute symbol 'L' for 'l'.

(Page 2, clause 10.2, line 7) — Substitute the following for the existing:

'Rc = resistance of main/power conductor in cable in ohm/km at 20°C (as per IS 8130).'

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