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Indian Standard



METHODS OF TEST FOR CABLES

PART 5 CONDUCTOR RESISTANCE TEST

- 1. Scope Covers a method to determine the dc resistance of copper and aluminium conductors.
- 2. Significance Accurate control of resistance is necessary to meet system design parameters Resistance is influenced by conductor dimensions and construction, processing, conditions, temperature and resistivity (composition/impurities and temper of the material). It is expressed in terms of ohms per kilometre corrected to 20°C.
- 3. Terminology As given in IS: 1885 (Part 32)-1971 'Electrotechnical vocabulary: Part 32 Cables, conductors and accessories for electricity supply'.

4. Apparatus

4.1 Kelvin double bridge of accuracy 0.2 percent having current and potential terminals;

or

Wheatstone bridge of accuracy 0.5 percent.

Note 1 — For resistance values up to 1 Ω , only kelvin double bridge shall be used.

Note 2 - Digital meters having these accuracies may also be used.

- 4.2 DC source corresponding to the requirement 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 drum length of cable or sample length of cable or conductor as indicated below shall constitute the test specimen:

a) All solid circular conductor

Drum length or 1 m

b) All stranded or sector shaped solid conductors up to and including 25 mm² size

Drum length or 5 m

c) All stranded or sector shaped solid conductors greater than 25 mm² size

Drum length or 10 m

Note — The length of the test specimen is the length which lies between the potential terminals.

- 6.2 Number of specimens One.
- 7. Conditioning It shall be ensured that the test specimen has attained the ambient temperature.

8. Procedure

- 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.
- **8.2** The resistance of the test specimen is measured and the ambient temperature recorded. During the resistance measurement the magnitude of the current shall be such that there is no heating up of the test specimen.
- 8.3 The measured resistance is converted to the standard temperature and standard length.

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9, Tabulation of Observations

No. ductor Size AliCu Conductor rature, t Resistan mm 2 m $^{\circ}$ C Ω	Sample No.	Nominal Con- ductor Size mm²	<i>Length</i> m	Material Al∤Cu	Class of Conductor	Tempe- rature, t °C	Observed Resistance Ω
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10. Calculation — The value of resistance R shall be calculated from observed resistance at a particular temperature as indicated below:

$$R = \frac{R_t \times k}{L} \times 1000 \,\Omega/\text{km}$$
 at 20°C

Where

 R_t = observed resistance,

k = temperature correction factor (see Table 1), and

L = length of test specimen in m.

11. Report

11.1 Reference Specification _____

No. ductor	Nominal Con-	Material Al Cu	Class of Conductor	Resistance at 20°C	
	mm²			Obtained Ω/km	Specified Ω/km

11.2 Conclusion — The sample meets/does not meet the requirements of the specification.

TABLE 1 TEMPERATURE CORRECTION FACTORS FOR CONDUCTOR RESISTANCE TO CORRECT THE MEASURED RESISTANCE AT t°C to 20°C

(Clause 10)

Temperature of Conductor at Time	Temperature Correction Factor	
of Measurement, t °C	k	
5	1.064	
6	1.059	
7	1.055	
8	1.050	
9	1.046	
10	1.042	
· 11	1.037	
12	1.033	
13	1.029	
14	1.025	
15	1-020	
		(Continued)

TABLE 1 TEMPERATURE CORRECTION FACTORS FOR CONDUCTOR RESISTANCE TO CORRECT THE MEASURED RESISTANCE AT $\mathfrak{t}^\circ C$ to $20^\circ C$ — Contd

Temperature of Conductor at Time of Measurement, t	Temperature Correction Factor		
°C	k		
16	1-016		
17	1.012		
18	1.008		
19	1.004		
20	1.000		
21	0.996		
22	0.992		
23	0.988		
24	0.984		
25	0.980		
26	0.977		
27	0.973		
28	0.969		
29	0.965		
30	0.962		
31	0.958		
32	0.954		
33	0.951		
34	0.947		
35	0.943		
36	0.940		
37	0.936		
38	0-933		
39	0.929		
40	0-926		
41	0.923		
42	. 0-919		
43	0.916		
44	0.912		
45	0.909		
46	0.906		
47	0.903		
48	0.899		
49	0.896		
50	0.893		
or any other temperature, the correction fa	ctor may be calculated from the follow		
<u>k _ 1 1 </u>			

Note -- For a owing formula:

$$k = \frac{1}{1 + 0.004 (t - 20)}$$