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0. FOREWORD

- 0.1 This Indian Standard (First Revision) was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 30 April 1984, after the draft finalized by the Power Cables Sectional Committee had been approved by the Electrotechnical Division Council.
- 0.2 This standard was originally published in 1970 with a view to bring under a single cover the various requirements for PVC insulation and sheath of different types of cables.
- **0.3** This revision has been undertaken to update it in the light of further experience and developments and to align with international practice, where appropriate. Details about methods of test have been, by and large, taken out from this standard and are now covered in a separate standard, to which reference has been made at appropriate places.
- **0.4** This standard is complementary to the individual specification for different types of cables.
- 0.5 In preparing this standard, considerable assistance has been derived from IEC Publication 502 (1983) ' Extruded solid dielectric insulated power cables for rated voltages from 1 kV up to 30 kV', issued by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IBC) '
- 0.6 For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test shall be rounded off in accordance with IS :2-1960*. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

^{*}Rules for rounding off numerical values (revised).

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1. SCOPE

- **1.1** This standard specifies the physical and electrical requirements for PVC insulation and sheath of electric cables.
- 1.2 The types of PVC compounds covered by this standard are given below:
 - Type A General purpose insulation for maximum rated conductor temperature 70°C intended for cables with rated voltages U_{σ}/U up to and including $3\cdot3/3\cdot3\,kV$.
 - Type B General purpose insulation for maximum rated conductor temperature $70^{\circ}C$ intended for cables with rated voltages U_{o}/U above $3\cdot3/3\cdot3\,kV$.
 - Type C Heat resisting insulation for maximum rated conductor temperature 85°C intended for cables with rated voltages up to and including 1 100 volts.
 - Type ST1 General purpose sheath intended for use in cables operating at a maximum rated conductor temperature 70°C.
 - Type ST2 Heat resisting sheath intended for use in cables operating at a maximum rated conductor temperature 90°C.

2. TERMINOLOGY

- **2.0** For the purpose of this standard, the definitions given in IS: 1885 (Part 32)-1971* shall apply, in addition to the following.
- 2.1 **Variation** Difference between the median value obtained after ageing and the median value obtained without ageing, expressed as a percentage of the latter.

3. COMPOSITION

- **3.1** The insulation or sheath shall consist of a compound based on one of the following materials, which have been suitably compounded and processed to meet the requirements of this standard:
 - a) Polyvinyl chloride (PVC),
 - Suitable co-polymers of which the major constituent shall be vinyl chloride,
 - c) Mixture of (a) and (b).

4. TEST REQUIREMENTS

4.1 The insulation and sheath shall satisfy the test requirements stated in Tables 1 and 2 respectively, to the extent specified in the relevant cable standard.

^{*}Electrotechnical vocabulary: Part 32 Cables, conductors and accessories for electric supply.

TABLE 1 TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR PVC INSULATION

(Clause 4.1)

Sr No.	Test	Unit	Түре о	of Insula	TION	Method of Test
INO.			A	В	C	(REF TO PART NO. OF IS: 10810*)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
i)	Volume resistivity, Min a) at 27°C (see Note 1) b) at maximum rated temperature (see 1.2)	Ohm-cm Ohm-cm	1 x 10'3 1 x 10 ¹⁰	1 x 1014 1 × 1011	1 x 10 ¹³ l ×10 ¹⁰	43
ii)	Insulation resistance constant, Min a) at 27°C (see Note 1) b) at maximum rated temperature (see 1.2)	MΩkm MΩkm	36'7 0.037	367 0'37	36.7 0.037	43
iii)	Without ageing a) Tensile strength, <i>Min</i> b) Elongation at break, Min	N/mm² percent	12'5 150	12.5 135	12·5 125	7
iv)	After ageing in air oven Temperature (tole- a) Treatment rance ± 2° C)	°C	80	100	135	11
	[Duration b) Tensile strength	days	7	7	7	
	1) Value after ageing, Min	N/mm²	12'5	12'5	12'5	
	2) Variation, <i>Max</i>c) Elongation at break	percent	± 20	± 25	± 25	
	Value after ageing, Min	percent	150	125	125	
	2) Variation, Max	percent	± 20	± 25	± 35	
v)	[Tempera- ture (tole- a) Treatment { rance ± 2°C)	°C	80	-	_	10
	(Duration	days	7	_	_	
						(Continued)

SL	Test	Unit	Тург	or Insu	LATION	Метнор
No.	1231	ONT	A	В	c	OF TEST (REB TO PABT NO. OF IS: 108105)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
vi)	Hot deformation test					15
	 a) Test temperature (tolerance ± 2°C) b) Time under load (see Note 2) 	°C	80	80	95	
	First case	hours	4	منينس		
	Second case	hours	6	6	6	
	c) Depth of indentation, Max	percent	50	50	50	
vii)	Heat shock test					14
	Tempera- I ture (tole- a) Treatment{ rance 1 ± 2°C)	°C	150	150	150	
	[Duration	hour	I	1	1	
	b) Visual examination		No signs	of cracks	or scales	
viii)	Shrinkage test					12
	∫ Tempera-) ture (tole- a) Treatment ⟨ rance ± 2°C)	°C	150	150	150	
	Duration	minutes	15	15	15	
	b) Shrinkage, <i>Max</i>	percent	4	4	4	
ix)	Cold bend test (for diameter ≤ 12'5 mm)					20
	 a) Test temperature (tole- rance ± 2°C) 	°C	 15	- 5	- 15	
	b) Visual examination		No sign	s of cracks	or scales	
x)	Cold impact test (for dia- meter > 12.5 mm)					21
	a) Test temperature (tole- rance ±2°C)	"C	- 5	- 5	- 5	
	b) Visual examination		No sign	s of cracks	or scales	

	TABLE 1 TEST REQUIRE	EMENTS	FOR P	VC INSUL	ATION -	- Contd
SL	TEST	Unit	Ty	PE OF INSU	LATION	Метнор
No.			Ā	В	c	OF TEST (REP TO PART NO. OF IS: 10810°)
(1)	(2)	(8)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
xi)	Colour fastness to daylight exposure, <i>Min</i>	rating	4	4	4	18
xii)	Colour fastness to water					(see Note 3)
	Tempera- ture (tole- a) Treatment { rance	.c	70	70	70	
	\ \pm 2°C) (Duration	hours	48	48	48	
	b) Visual examination	—		from traces		
xiii)	Thermal stability					(see Note 4)
ŕ	a) Test temperature (tolerance ±0.5°C)	°C	200	200	200	· · · · ·
	b) Time, <i>Min</i>	minutes	80	100	100	
xiv)	Bleeding and blooming test					19
	Tempera- ture (tole- a) Treatment { rance \pm 2 °C)	°C	50	50	50	
	Duration	hours	72	72	72	
	b) Observation		indic	ppreciable a ator com paper		
xv)	Water absorption test (gravimetric)					33
	Tempera- l,ture (tote- a) Treatment {rance	°C		85	_	
	b) Water absorted , Max	days mg/cm³	_	14 10	_	
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Note 1 — Volume resistivity and insulation resistance tests may be done at room temperature instead of 27°C. However, in case of doubt or dispute, the test results shall be confirmed by testing at 27°C.

NOTE 2 — Time under load:

First case- Cables having a rated voltage not exceeding 3:3/3:3*kV and a conductor cross-section notexceeding 35 mm³.

Second case-Cables not covered under first case.

Note 3 — Under preparation. In the meantime, test method given in Appendix A shall be followed.

Note 4 — Under preparation. In the meantime, test methods given in Appendix B shall be followed.

*Methods of testforcables.

TAELE 2 TEST REQUIREMENTS ${f FOR}$ PVC SHEATH

(Clause 4.1

SL No.	TEST UNIT TYPE OF SHEAT		SHEATH METHOD OF		
140.			ST1	ST2	Test (Ref Part No. of IS: 10810*)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
i)	Without ageing				7
	a) Tensile strength, <i>Min</i>b) Elongation at break, <i>Min</i>	N/mm² percent	12'5 150	12'5 150	
ii)	After ageing in air oven				11
	Temperature (tole-	°C	80	100	
	i ± 2°C) (Duration b) Tensile strength	days	7	7	
	1) Value after ageing, <i>Min</i>	N/mm*	12.5	12.5	
	2) Variation, <i>Max</i> c) Elongation at break	percent	± 20	± 25	
	1) Value after ageing, Min	percent	150	150	
	2) Variation, Max	percent	± 20	± 25	
iii)	Loss of mass in air oven				10
	Tempera- i ture (tole- a) Treatment{ rance	°C	80	100	
	(Duration	days	7	7	
	b) Loss of mass, <i>Max</i>	mg/cm ²	2	2	4.5
iv)	Hot deformation test				15
	a) Test temperature (tolerance ● 2°C)	°C	80	30	
	b) Time under load (see Note 1) First case Second case c) Depth of indentation, Max	hours hours percent	4 6 50	6 50	
	IVIGA				(Continued)

	TABLE 2 TEST REQUI	REMENTS	FOR PV	C SHEATH	Contd
SL	Тезт	Unit	TYPE O	SHEATH	Method of
No.			STI	ST2	PART No. OF IS: 10810*)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
v)	Heat shock test				14
	Tempera- l ture (tole- a) Treatment{ rance ± 2°C)	°C	150	150	
	Duration	hour	1	1	
	b) Visual examination	_		of cracks or ales	
vi)	Shrinkage test				12
	Tempera- ture (tole- a) Treatment{ rance \pm 2°C)	°C	150	150	
	$\left(\begin{array}{c} \pm & 2 \\ \overline{D}uration \end{array}\right)$	minutes	15	15	
	b) Shrinkage, Mux	percent	4	4	
vii)	Cold bend test for diameter ≤ 12'5 mm				20
	a) Test temperature (tolerance ± 2°C'	°C	- 15	 15	
	b) Visual examination			s of cracks cales	
viii)	Cold impact test for diameter > 12.5 mm				21
	a) Test temperature (tolerance ± 2°C)	. C	- 5	- 5	
	b) Visual examination	-		ns of cracks scales	
ix)	Colour fastness to daylight exposure, <i>Min</i>	rating	4	4	18
x)	Colour fastness to water				(See Note 2)
	Tempera- ture (tole- ture (tole- ture (tole- ± 2°C)	°C	70	70	
	Duration	hours	48	48	
	b) Visual examination			om traces colou rs	
			31		(Continue

	TABLE 2 TEST REQUI	REMENTS	FOR PV	SHEATH	— Contd
SL	TEST	Unit	Туре о	F S НЕАТН	METHOD OF TEST (REP TO
No.			ST1	ST2	PART No. OF IS:10810*)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
xi)	Thermal stability				(See Note 3)
	a) Test temperature (tolerance ±0.5°C)	°C	200	200	
	b) Time, <i>Min</i>	minutes	40	80	
xii)	Bleeding and blooming				19
	Tempera- ture (tole- a) Treatment rance	$^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$	50	50	
	± 2°C) Duration	hours	72	72	
	b) Observations		staining	appreciable of indicator id or filter	

NOTE 1 - Time under load:

xiii) Oxygen index

First case-4 hours for test piece having an outer diameter not exceeding $12^{\circ}5$ mm.

(Under consideration)

Second case--6 hours for test piece having an outer diameter exceeding 12.5 mm.

Note 2 — Under preparation. In the meantime, test method given in Appendix A shall be followed.

Note 3 — Under preparation. In the meantime, test method given in Appendix B shall be followed.

^{*}Methods of test for cables.

APPENDIX A

[Tuble 1, Item(xii) and Table 2, Item(x)]

TEST FOR COLOUR FASTNESS TO WATER

A-l. A piece about 100 mm long of insulation or sheath is out into small pieces and immersed for the specified period in about 10 times its own volume of distilled water maintained at the specified temperature. At the end of the period, the water shall be examined. It shall be free from any trace of colour.

APPENDIX B

[Table 1, Item(xiii) and Table 2, Item(xi)]

THERMAL STABILITY TEST

B-1. Testing Equipment

- **B-1.1** Class tubes closed at one end 110 mm long with an outer diameter of approximately 5 mm and an inner diameter of 4.0 ± 0.5 mm.
- B-l.2 Universal indicating paper with a pH range of 1 to 10.
- **B-1.3** Thermostatically controlled heating apparatus for the specified temperature.
- B-1.4 Thermometer calibrated in divisions of 0.1°C.
- B-1.5 Stop-watch or a suitable time meter.

B-2. Testing Method

- a) From the insulation of each core to be tested or from the sheath to be tested, three samples, each of 50 ± 5 mg, shall be taken in the form of strip, if possible. For small thickness the sample may consist of two or more strips. Each sample shall be inserted into a glass tube as specified in B-1.1. The sample shall occupy the bottom of the tube and not project more than 30 mm above the bottom.
- b) A strip of dry universal indicating paper as specified in B-1.2, about 15 mm long and 3 mm wide, shall be inserted into the open end (top) of the glass tube so that the strip protrudes about 5 mm out of the tube and can be bent to keep it in position.

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- c) The glass tube shall be placed into the heating apparatus, as specified in **B-1.3**, which has already attained the test temperature specified. The glass tube shall be inserted. into the heating apparatus for a depth of 60 mm.
- d) The time taken for the universal indicating paper to change colour from a pH value of 5 to a pH value of 3 shall be measured, or the test continued for the specified duration without the colour change occurring. The colour change point shall be considered to have been reached when the red colouring of the universal indicating paper characteristic of a pH value of 3 is just becoming visible. The universal indicating paper shall be renewed (especially for long duration stabilities) 'towards the end of the expected test time every 5 to 10 min, so that the change point is better visible.

B-3. Evaluation

B-3.1 The average value of the thermal stability times of the three **samples** shall not be lower than the value specified in Table 1 or Table 2 as applicable.

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[Page 5, Table 1, Sl No,(v), item (a)] - Insert the following after this item:

- '(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7)
 - b) Loss of mg/cm² 2 - mass,
 Max

[Page 6, Table 1, Sl No, (vi), item (b), first case, col(6)] - Substitute '4' for '-'.

[Page 7, Table 1, Sl No. (xv)]:

- a) Substitute 'tolerance' for 'toterance'.
- b) Substitute 'absorbed' for 'absorted'.

[Page 8, Table 2, Sl No.(iv), item(a), col(5)] - Substitute '80' for '30'.

(Page 11, clause A-1, line 1) - Substitute 'cut' for 'out"

(Page 11, clause B-1.1, 'line 1) - Substitute 'Glass' for 'Class'.

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(Page 4, clause 1.2) -- Add the following matter between 'Type C' and 'Type ST1':

'Type D General purpose insulation for maximum rated conductor temperature 70'C intended for flexible cables with rated voltage U₀/U up to and including 3·3/3·3kV.'

(Page 4, clause 1.2) — Add the following new para for Type ST3 Compound:

'Type \$13 General purpose sheath intended for use in flexible cables operating at maximum rated conductor temperature 70°C.'

[Page 7, Table 1, col 7, Sl No. (xiii)] — Substitute '60' for '(see Note 4)'.

(Page 7, Table 1, Note 4) - Delete.

(Pages 5, 6 and 7, Table 1) Add the following test requirements for the new insulation type 'Type D' under column heading 'Type of Insulation' as col 7 of this table and renumber the existing col 7 as col 8:

Table 1 Test Requirements for PVC Insulation (Clause 4.1)

SI No	Test	Unit	Type of Insulation
	ì		D
(1)	(2)	(3)	(7)
i)	Volume resistivity, Min		
	a) at 27°C (scc Note 1)	Ohm-cm	1 × 1018
	b) at maximum rated temperature (see 1.2)	Ohm-cm	1 × 10°
ii)	Insulation resistance constant, Min		
	a) at 27°C (see Note 1)	$M\Omega km$	3 67
	b) at maximum rated temperature (see 1.2)	MΩkm	0 004
iii)	Without ageing		
	o) ensile strongth, Min	N/mm²	10
	b) Hongation at break, Alin	Percent	150

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SI No	Test	Unit	1 ype of Insulation
			v = v = v
(1	(2)	(3)	(7)
iv)	After ageing in air oven		
	Temperature { Temperature ± 2°C	, c	70
4 6	€ Duration	days	7 ,
•	b) Tensile strength	N11	10
ţ	1) Value after agoing, Min	N/mm ^a	10
	2) Variation. Max	percent	± 20
	d) Elongation at break	_	
	1) Value after ageing, Min	percent	150
	2) Variation, Max	percent	士 20
v) l	Loss of mass in uir oven	•	
* ` , `	Temperature	°C	80
• •	a) Treatment { (tolerance ± 2°C		7
	L Duration	days mg/cm²	2
	b) Loss of mass, Max	шқ/сш	2
vi)	Hot deformation test	04.	80
	n) Test temperature (tolerance ± 2°C)	3 -4	****
	b) Time under load (see Note 2)		
	1) First case	hours	4
	2) Second case	hours	
	c) Depth of Indentation, Max	percent	65
vii)	Heat shock test		
****	Temperature	°C	150
	a) Treatment { (tolerance ± 2°C Duration	hour	J
	-b) Visual examination		Nosigns of cracks
			or scales
viii)	Shrinkage test	, ,	150
	Temperature 2.C.	, *C	130
	n) Treatment { (tolerance ± 2°C)	ninutes	15
•	b) Shrinkage, Max	percent	6
ix)	Cold bend test (for diameter < 12.5 mm)		
	a) Test temperature (tolerance ± 2°C)	°C	15
	b) Visual examination		No signs of cracks or scales
x)	Cold impact test (for diameter		
	> 12'5 111111) a) Test temperatute (tolerance	°C	- 5
	± 2°C) b) Visual examination		No signs of cracks or scales

SI No.	Test	Unit	Type of Insulation
			D
(1)	(2)	(3)	(7)
xi)	Colour fastness to daylight exposure, Min	rating	4
xii)	Colour fastness to water		
	Temperature a) Treatment { (tolerance ± 2°C)	"C	70
	\ Duration	hours	48
	b) Visual examination		Free from traces of colour
xiii)	Thermal stability		
	a) Test temperature (tolerance	°C	200
	b) Time, Min	Minute	80
xiv)	Bleeding and blooming test		
·	a) Treatment $\begin{cases} Temperature \\ (tolerance \pm 2^{\circ}C) \end{cases}$	$^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$	50
	Duration	hours	72
	b) Observation		No appreciable staining of indicator compound or filter paper
xv)	Water absorption test (gravimetric)		
	(Temperature	"C	-
	a) 'I reatment' ((tolerance ± 2°C) UDuration	days	
		mg/cm²	

[Page 10, Table 2, col 6, SI No. (xi)] --- Substitute '60' for '(See Note 3)'.

(Page 10, Note 3) Delete.

(Pages 8, 9 and 10, Table 2)—Add the following Test Requirements for the new PVC Compound 'Type ST3' under column heading 'Type of Sheath' as col 6 of this table and renumber the existing col 6 as col 7:

Table 2 Test Requirements for PVC Sheath

(Clause 4.1)

SI No.	Test	Unit	Type of Sheath
			ST3
(1)	(2)	(3)	(6)
i) Without agein	g		
a) Tensile strength, Min		N/mm²	10.0
b) Elongation at break, Min		percent	150

\$1 No.	Test (2)	Unit	Typeo heath
ii)	After ageing in air oven	(3)	(6)
11)		°C	7 80
	f Temperature a) Treatment { (tolerance ± 2°C)	C	• • • •
	C Duration	days	7
	b) Tensile strength		40.0
	1) Value after ageing, Min	N/mm ^a	10.0
	2) Variation, Max	percent	士 20
	c) Flongation at break		4.50
	1) Value after ageing, Min	percent	150
	, 2) Tarraction, sind	percent	± 20
iii)	Loss of mass in air oven		
	1 Temperature (tolerance ± 2°C)	°C'	80
	UDuration	days	7
	b) Loss of mass, Max	mg/cm²	2'0
iv)	Hot deformation test		
11)	a) Test temperature	٠,(٠	70
	(tolerance ± 2°C)	•	
	b) Time under load (see Note 1)		
	1) First case	hours	4
	2) Second case	hours	6
	c) Depth of indentation. Max	percent	65
. •	Heat shock test	•	
	(Temperature	"C	150
	a) 'I reatment ((tolerance土 2°C)		
	L Duration	hour	l la sima Caralian
	b) Visual examination		No signs of cracks or scales
vi)	Shrinkage test		Search.
V1)	[Temperature	٠ <u>(</u> .	150
	a) Treatment ((tolerance ± 2°C)		
	(Duration	minutes	15
	b) Shrinkage, Max	percent	6
vii)	Cold bend test for diameter < 12.5 mm		
1	a) 'lest temperatute	°C	15
	(tolerance ± 2°C)	C	
	b) Visual examination		Nn signs oferacks or scales
viii)	Cold impact test for diameter >12.5 mm		
	a) Test temperature . (volerance ± 2°C)	$^{\circ}C$	- 5
, #t - t -	b) Visual examination		No signs of cracks nr scales

Table 2 (Concluded)

SI No.	Test	Unit	Type of Sheath
(1)	(2)	(3)	(6)
(zi	Colour fastness to daylight exposure, Min	rating	4
χ)	Colour fastness to water		
	a) Treatment { Temperature (tolerance ± 2°C) Duration	aC	70
	\ Duration	hours	48
	b) Visual examination	,,,,,,	Free from traces of colours
xi)	Thermal stability		
	a) Test temporature (tolerance ± 0.5°C)	°C	200
	b) Time, Min	Minutes	40
xii)	Bleeding and blooming		
	a) Treatment $\begin{cases} Temperature \\ (tolerance \pm 2^{\circ}C) \\ Duration \end{cases}$	°C	50
	t Duration	hours	72
	b) Observation		No appreciable stain- ing of indicator com- pound or filter paper

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