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## COAXIAL COMMUNICATION CABLES –

### Part 1-103: Electrical test methods – Test for capacitance of cable

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61196 applies to coaxial communications cables. It specifies test methods for determining the capacitance.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050 (all parts), *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary*, available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

IEC 61196-1, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1: Generic specification – General, definitions and requirements*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050 and in IEC 61196-1 apply.

#### 4 Test method

##### 4.1 Equipment

The capacitance shall be measured by means of equipment capable of measuring accurately to within <1 % of the values to be determined at a frequency range between 500 Hz and 2 kHz.

##### 4.2 Test sample

The length of the cable under test (CUT) shall be approximately 15 m, except that for cables with solid outer conductors the CUT shall be approximately 3 m known to within  $\leq 1$  %.

Both ends of the CUT shall be prepared to avoid stray capacitance.

##### 4.3 Procedure

The capacitance shall be measured between the inner and outer conductor. The test shall be carried out on the CUT after a contact and continuity test.

The ambient temperature shall be recorded.

## 5 Expression of test results

### 5.1 Expression

The test results should be normalized to the reference length of 1 m.

$$C = \frac{C_m}{L} (\text{pF/m})$$

where

$C$  is the capacitance of reference length at measuring temperature;

$C_m$  is the measured capacitance value of the CUT in picofarads;

$L$  is the length of the sample in metres.

NOTE Capacitance is usually given in pF/m (picofarads/meter) which is equal to nF/km (nanofarads/kilometer).

## 6 Test report

The test report shall give the test conditions:

- temperature,
- sample length,
- test frequency,
- measured cable capacitance

and record the calculated values for the reference length of 1 m.

## 7 Requirements

The capacitance of the CUT shall comply with the requirements of the relevant detailed specification.

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