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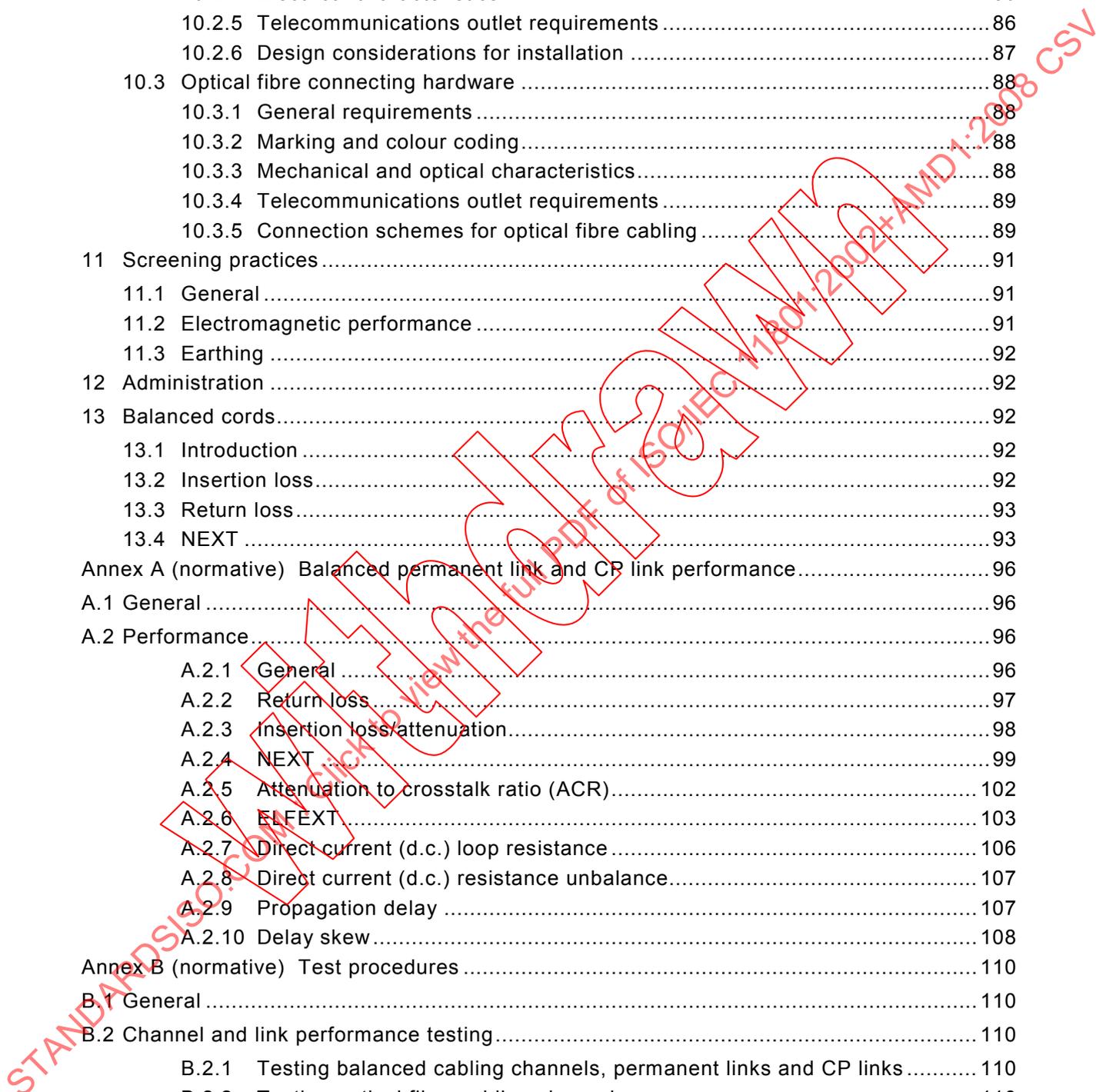
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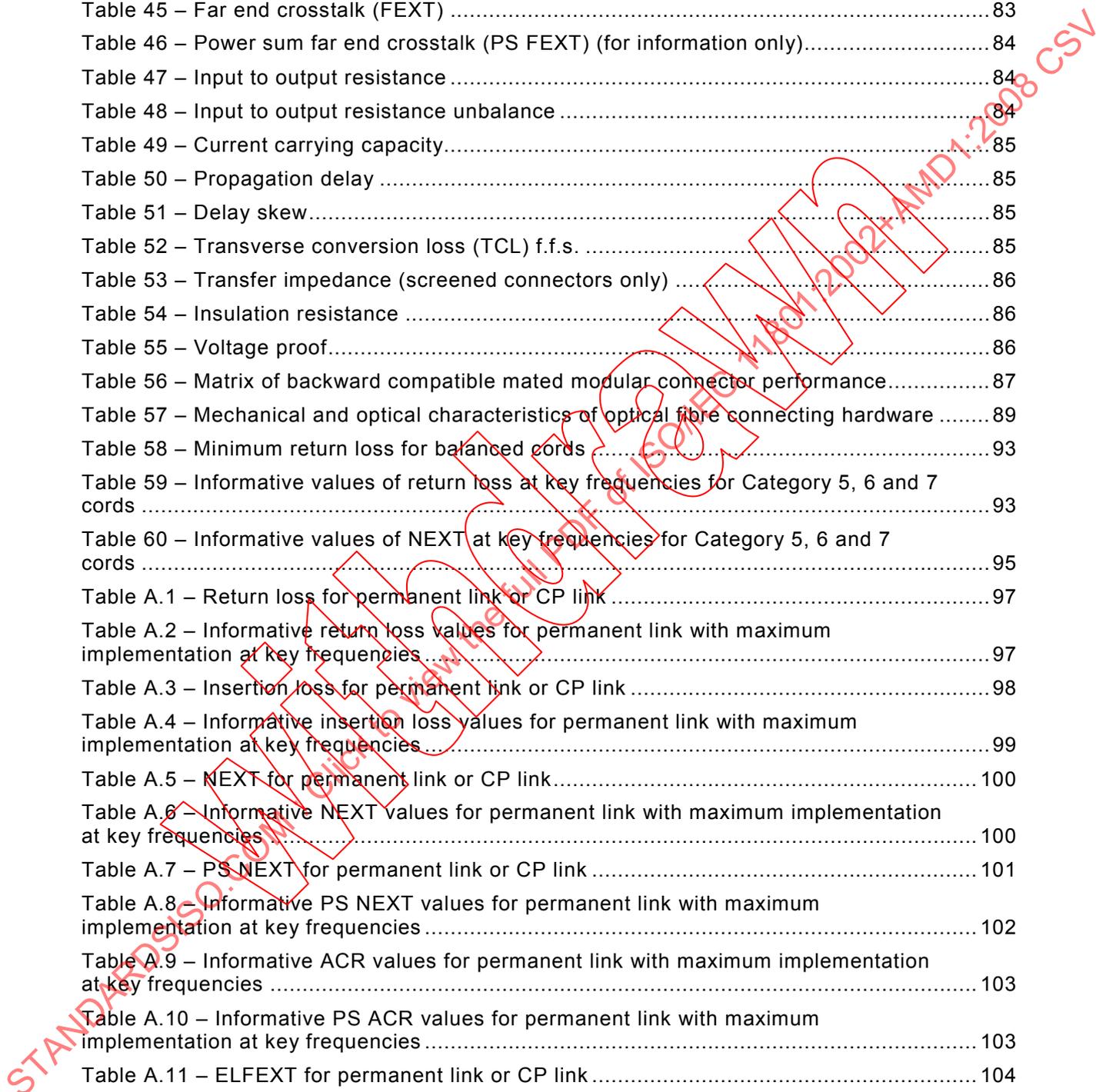


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It bears the edition number 2.1.

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The significant changes with respect to the first edition and its amendments are listed in Annex I.

This International Standard has taken into account requirements specified in application standards listed in Annex F. It refers to International Standards for components and test methods whenever appropriate International Standards are available.

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INTRODUCTION

Within customer premises, the importance of the cabling infrastructure is similar to that of other fundamental building utilities such as heating, lighting and mains power. As with other utilities, interruptions to service can have a serious impact. Poor quality of service due to lack of design foresight, use of inappropriate components, incorrect installation, poor administration or inadequate support can threaten an organisation's effectiveness.

Historically, the cabling within premises comprised both application specific and multipurpose networks. The original edition of this standard enabled a controlled migration to generic cabling and the reduction in the use of application-specific cabling.

The subsequent growth of generic cabling designed in accordance with ISO/IEC 11801 has

- a) contributed to the economy and growth of Information and Communications Technology (ICT),
- b) supported the development of high data rate applications based upon a defined cabling model, and
- c) initiated development of cabling with a performance surpassing the performance classes specified in ISO/IEC 11801:1995 and ISO/IEC 11801 Ed1.2:2000.

NOTE ISO/IEC 11801, edition 1.2 consists of edition 1.0 (1995) and its amendments 1 (1999) and 2 (1999).

This second edition of ISO/IEC 11801 has been developed to reflect these increased demands and opportunities.

This International Standard provides:

- a) users with an application independent generic cabling system capable of supporting a wide range of applications;
- b) users with a flexible cabling scheme such that modifications are both easy and economical;
- c) building professionals (for example, architects) with guidance allowing the accommodation of cabling before specific requirements are known; that is, in the initial planning either for construction or refurbishment;
- d) industry and applications standardization bodies with a cabling system which supports current products and provides a basis for future product development.

This International Standard specifies a multi-vendor cabling system which may be implemented with material from single and multiple sources, and is related to:

- a) international standards for cabling components developed by committees of the IEC, for example copper cables and connectors as well as optical fibre cables and connectors (see Clause 2 and bibliography);
- b) standards for the installation and operation of information technology cabling as well as for the testing of installed cabling (see Clause 2 and bibliography);
- c) applications developed by technical committees of the IEC, by subcommittees of ISO/IEC JTC 1 and by study groups of ITU-T, for example for LANs and ISDN;
- d) planning and installation guides which take into account the needs of specific applications for the configuration and the use of cabling systems on customer premises (ISO/IEC 14709 series).

Physical layer requirements for the applications listed in Annex F have been analysed to determine their compatibility with cabling classes specified in this standard. These application requirements, together with statistics concerning the topology of premises and the model described in 7.2, have been used to develop the requirements for Classes A to D and the optical class cabling systems. New Classes E and F have been developed in anticipation of future network technologies.

As a result, generic cabling defined within this International Standard

- a) specifies a cabling structure supporting a wide variety of applications,
- b) specifies channel and link Classes A, B, C, D and E meeting the requirements of standardised applications,
- c) specifies channel and link Classes E and F based on higher performance components to support the development and implementation of future applications,
- d) specifies optical channel and link Classes OF-300, OF-500, and OF-2000 meeting the requirements of standardised applications and exploiting component capabilities to ease the implementation of applications developed in the future,
- e) invokes component requirements and specifies cabling implementations that ensure performance of permanent links and of channels that meet or exceed the requirements for cabling classes,
- f) is targeted at, but not limited to, the general office environment.

This International Standard specifies a generic cabling system that is anticipated to have a usable life in excess of 10 years.

INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

This amendment provides requirements for new Class E_A and F_A channels plus additions and corrections to ISO/IEC 11801:2002. Amendment 2 of ISO/IEC 11801:2002 will provide balanced cabling models, requirements and normative references for Category 6_A and 7_A components, requirements for Class E_A and F_A links, together with amendments to the requirements for optical fibre cabling.

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1 Scope

ISO/IEC 11801 specifies generic cabling for use within premises, which may comprise single or multiple buildings on a campus. It covers balanced cabling and optical fibre cabling.

ISO/IEC 11801 is optimised for premises in which the maximum distance over which telecommunications services can be distributed is 2 000 m. The principles of this International Standard may be applied to larger installations.

Cabling defined by this standard supports a wide range of services, including voice, data, text, image and video.

This International Standard specifies directly or via reference the:

- a) structure and minimum configuration for generic cabling,
- b) interfaces at the telecommunications outlet (TO)
- c) performance requirements for individual cabling links and channels,
- d) implementation requirements and options,
- e) performance requirements for cabling components required for the maximum distances specified in this standard,
- f) conformance requirements and verification procedures.

Safety (electrical safety and protection, fire, etc.) and Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) requirements are outside the scope of this International Standard, and are covered by other standards and by regulations. However, information given by this standard may be of assistance.

ISO/IEC 11801 has taken into account requirements specified in application standards listed in Annex F. It refers to available International Standards for components and test methods where appropriate.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60027 (all parts), *Letter symbols to be used in electrical technology*

IEC 60068-1, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-14, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

IEC 60068-2-38, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Z/AD: Composite temperature/humidity cyclic test*

IEC 60352-3, *Solderless connections – Part 3: Solderless accessible insulation displacement connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60352-4, *Solderless connections – Part 4: Solderless non-accessible insulation displacement connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60352-6, *Solderless connections – Part 6: Insulation piercing connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60364-1, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 1: Fundamental principles, assessment of general characteristics, definitions*

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Amendment 1 (1994)

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Amendment 1:1999

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Amendment 1:1999

Amendment 2:2001

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Amendment 2:2001

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Amendment 1:1999

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Amendment 2:1999

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3 Terms, definitions, abbreviations and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definitions apply.

NOTE The abbreviation “lg” in the equations signifies “ \log_{10} ”.

3.1.1

administration

methodology defining the documentation requirements of a cabling system and its containment, the labelling of functional elements and the process by which moves, additions and changes are recorded

3.1.2

alien (exogenous) crosstalk

signal coupling from a disturbing pair of a channel to a disturbed pair of another channel

NOTE This also applies to the signal coupling from a disturbing pair within a permanent link or component, used to create a channel, to a disturbed pair within a permanent link or component, used to create another channel.

3.1.3

alien (exogenous) far-end crosstalk loss (AFEXT)

signal isolation between a disturbing pair of a channel and a disturbed pair of another channel, measured at the far-end

NOTE This also applies to the measurement of the signal isolation between a disturbing pair within a permanent link or component, used to create a channel, and a disturbed pair within a permanent link or component, used to create another channel.

3.1.4

alien (exogenous) near-end crosstalk loss (ANEXT)

signal isolation between a disturbing pair of a channel and a disturbed pair of another channel, measured at the near-end

NOTE This also applies to the measurement of signal isolation between a disturbing pair within a permanent link or component, used to create a channel, and a disturbed pair within a permanent link or component, used to create another channel.

3.1.5

application

system, including its associated transmission method, which is supported by telecommunications cabling

3.1.6

attenuation

decrease in magnitude of power of a signal in transmission between points

NOTE Attenuation indicates the total losses on cable, expressed as the ratio of power output to power input.

3.1.7

attenuation to alien (exogenous) crosstalk ratio at the far-end (AACR-F)

difference, in dB, between the alien far-end crosstalk loss from a disturbing pair of a channel and the insertion loss of a disturbed pair in another channel

NOTE This also applies to the calculation using the alien far-end crosstalk loss from a disturbing pair within a permanent link or component, used to create a channel, and the insertion of a disturbed pair within a permanent link or component, used to create another channel.

3.1.8

attenuation to alien (exogenous) crosstalk ratio at the near-end (AACR-N)

difference, in dB, between the alien near-end crosstalk loss from a disturbing pair of a channel and the insertion loss of a disturbed pair in another channel

NOTE This also applies to the calculation using the alien near-end crosstalk loss from a disturbing pair within a permanent link or component, used to create a channel, and the insertion loss of a disturbed pair within a permanent link or component, used to create another channel.

3.1.9

attenuation to crosstalk ratio at the far-end (ACR-F)

difference, in dB, between the far-end crosstalk loss from a disturbing pair of a channel and the insertion loss of a disturbed pair of the same channel

NOTE This also applies to the calculation using the far-end crosstalk loss from a disturbing pair within a permanent link or component, used to create a channel, and the insertion loss of a disturbed pair within the permanent link or component, of the same channel.

3.1.10

attenuation to crosstalk ratio at the near-end (ACR-N)

difference, in dB, between the near-end crosstalk loss from a disturbing pair of a channel and the insertion loss of a disturbed pair of the same channel

NOTE This also applies to the calculation using the near-end crosstalk loss from a disturbing pair within a permanent link or component, used to create a channel, and the insertion loss of a disturbed pair within the permanent link or component, of the same channel.

3.1.11

average power sum alien (exogenous) near-end crosstalk loss

the calculated average of the power sum alien near-end crosstalk loss of the pairs of a disturbed channel

NOTE This also applies to the calculation using the pairs within a permanent link used to create a channel.

3.1.12

average power sum attenuation to alien (exogenous) crosstalk ratio far-end

the calculated average of the power sum attenuation to alien crosstalk ratio at the far-end of the pairs of a disturbed channel

NOTE This also applies to the calculation using the pairs within a permanent link used to create a channel.

3.1.13

balanced cable

cable consisting of one or more metallic symmetrical cable elements (twisted pairs or quads)

3.1.14

building backbone cable

cable that connects the building distributor to a floor distributor

NOTE Building backbone cables may also connect floor distributors in the same building.

3.1.15

building distributor

distributor in which the building backbone cable(s) terminate(s) and at which connections to the campus backbone cable(s) may be made

3.1.16

building entrance facility

facility that provides all necessary mechanical and electrical services and which complies with all relevant regulations, for the entry of telecommunications cables into a building

3.1.17

cable

assembly of one or more cable units of the same type and category in an overall sheath

NOTE The assembly may include an overall screen.

3.1.18

cable element

smallest construction unit (for example pair, quad or single fibre) in a cable

NOTE A cable element may have a screen.

3.1.19

cable unit

single assembly of one or more cable elements of the same type or category

NOTE 1 The cable unit may have a screen.

NOTE 2 A binder group is an example of a cable unit.

3.1.20

cabling

system of telecommunications cables, cords and connecting hardware that can support the connection of information technology equipment

3.1.21

campus

premise containing one or more buildings

3.1.22

campus backbone cable

cable that connects the campus distributor to the building distributor(s)

NOTE Campus backbone cables may also connect building distributors directly.

3.1.23

campus distributor

distributor from which the campus backbone cabling starts

3.1.24

channel

end-to-end transmission path connecting any two pieces of application specific equipment

NOTE Equipment and work area cords are included in the channel, but not the connecting hardware into the application specific equipment.

3.1.25**centralised optical fibre cabling**

centralised optical fibre cabling techniques create a combined backbone/horizontal channel; this channel is provided from the work areas to the centralised cross-connect or interconnect by allowing the use of pull-through cables or splices

3.1.26**connecting hardware**

connecting hardware is considered to consist of a device or a combination of devices used to connect cables or cable elements

3.1.27**connection**

mated device or combination of devices including terminations used to connect cables or cable elements to other cables, cable elements or application specific equipment

3.1.28**consolidation point (CP)**

connection point in the horizontal cabling subsystem between a floor distributor and a telecommunications outlet

3.1.29**cord**

cable, cable unit or cable element with a minimum of one termination

3.1.30**coupling attenuation**

coupling attenuation is the relation between the transmitted power through the conductors and the maximum radiated peak power, conducted and generated by the excited common mode currents

3.1.31**CP cable**

cable connecting the consolidation point to the telecommunications outlet(s)

3.1.32**CP link**

part of the permanent link between the floor distributor and the consolidation point, including the connecting hardware at each end

3.1.33**cross-connect**

apparatus enabling the termination of cable elements and their cross-connection, primarily by means of patch cords or jumpers

NOTE Incoming and outgoing cables are terminated at fixed points.

3.1.34**distributor**

term used for a collection of components (such as patch panels, patch cords) used to connect cables

3.1.35

equal level far-end crosstalk ratio (ELFEXT)

difference, in dB, between the far-end crosstalk loss from a disturbing pair of a channel and the insertion loss of a disturbing pair of the same channel

NOTE This also applies to the calculation using the far-end crosstalk loss from a disturbing pair within a permanent link or component, used to create a channel, and the insertion loss of a disturbing pair within a permanent link or component, of the same channel.

3.1.36

equipment cord

cord connecting equipment to a distributor

3.1.37

equipment room

room dedicated to housing distributors and application specific equipment

3.1.38

external network interface

point of demarcation between public and private network

NOTE In many cases the external network interface is the point of connection between the network provider's facilities and the customer premises cabling.

3.1.39

fixed horizontal cable

cable connecting the floor distributor to the consolidation point if a CP is present, or to the TO if no CP is present

3.1.40

floor distributor

distributor used to connect between the horizontal cable and other cabling subsystems or equipment

NOTE See also telecommunications room.

3.1.41

generic cabling

structured telecommunications cabling system, capable of supporting a wide range of applications

NOTE Generic cabling can be installed without prior knowledge of the required applications. Application specific hardware is not a part of generic cabling.

3.1.42

horizontal cable

cable connecting the floor distributor to the telecommunications outlet(s)

3.1.43

hybrid cable

assembly of two or more cable units and/or cables of different types or categories in an overall sheath

NOTE The assembly may include an overall screen.

3.1.44**individual work area**

minimum building space that would be reserved for an occupant

3.1.45**insertion loss**

loss incurred by inserting a device between a source and load of equal impedance. The device itself may have a different impedance from the load and source impedance

NOTE The terms operational attenuation or operational insertion loss are sometimes associated with this definition.

3.1.46**insertion loss deviation**

difference between the measured insertion loss of cascaded components and the insertion loss determined by the sum of the individual component insertion losses

3.1.47**interconnect**

technique enabling equipment cords (or cabling subsystems) to be terminated and connected to the cabling subsystems without using a patch cord or jumper

NOTE Incoming or outgoing cables are terminated at a fixed point.

3.1.48**interface**

point at which connections are made to the generic cabling

3.1.49**jumper**

cable, cable unit or cable element without connectors used to make a connection on a cross-connect

3.1.50**keying**

mechanical feature of a connector system, which guarantees polarization or prevents the connection to an incompatible socket or optical fibre adapter

3.1.51**link**

transmission path between two cabling system interfaces, including the connections at each end

3.1.52**longitudinal conversion loss**

logarithmic ratio expressed in decibels of the common mode injected signal at the near end to the resultant differential signal at the near end of a balanced pair

3.1.53**longitudinal conversion transfer loss**

logarithmic ratio expressed in decibels of the common mode injected signal at the near end to the resultant differential signal at the far end of a balanced pair

3.1.54**multi-user telecommunications outlet assembly**

grouping in one location of several telecommunications outlets

3.1.55**operating temperature**

stabilised temperature of the cabling combining ambient temperature with any increase due to the application being supported

3.1.56**optical fibre cable (or optical cable)**

cable comprising one or more optical fibre cable elements

3.1.57**optical fibre duplex adapter**

mechanical device designed to align and join two duplex connectors

3.1.58**optical fibre duplex connector**

mechanical termination device designed to transfer optical power between two pairs of optical fibres

3.1.59**overfilled launch**

controlled launch where the test fibre is overfilled with respect to both angle and position to simulate LED launches

3.1.60**pair**

two conductors of a balanced transmission line. It generally refers to a twisted-pair or one side circuit

3.1.61**patch cord**

cable, cable unit or cable element with connector(s) used to establish connections on a patch panel

3.1.62**patch panel**

assembly of multiple connectors designed to accommodate the use of patch cords

NOTE The patch panel facilitates administration for moves and changes.

3.1.63**permanent link**

transmission path between the telecommunications outlet and the floor distributor

NOTE The permanent link does not include work area cords, equipment cords, patch cords and jumpers, but includes the connection at each end. It can include a CP link.

3.1.64**power sum alien (exogenous) far-end crosstalk loss (PS AFEXT)**

power sum of the signal isolation between multiple disturbing pairs of one or more channels and a disturbed pair of another channel, measured at the far-end

NOTE This also applies to the calculation using the multiple disturbing pairs within one or more permanent links or components and a disturbed pair within a permanent link or component, used to create another channel.

3.1.65

power sum alien (exogenous) near-end crosstalk loss (PS ANEXT)

power sum of the signal isolation between multiple disturbing pairs of one or more channels and a disturbed pair of another channel, measured at the near-end

NOTE This also applies to the calculation using the multiple disturbing pairs within one or more permanent links or components and a disturbed pair within a permanent link or component, used to create another channel.

3.1.66

power sum attenuation to alien (exogenous) crosstalk ratio at the far-end (PS AACR-F)

difference, in dB, between the power sum alien far-end crosstalk loss from multiple disturbing pairs of one or more channels and the insertion loss of a disturbed pair in another channel

NOTE This also applies to the calculation using the power sum alien far-end crosstalk loss from multiple disturbing pairs within one or more permanent links or components and the insertion loss of a disturbed pair within a permanent link or component, used to create another channel.

3.1.67

power sum attenuation to alien (exogenous) crosstalk ratio at the near-end (PS AACR-N)

difference, in dB, between the power sum alien near-end crosstalk loss from multiple disturbing pairs of one or more channels and the insertion loss of a disturbed pair in another channel

NOTE This also applies to the calculation using the power sum alien near-end crosstalk loss from multiple disturbing pairs within one or more permanent links or components, and the insertion loss of a disturbed pair within a permanent link or component, used to create another channel.

3.1.68

power sum attenuation to crosstalk ratio at the far-end (PS ACR-F)

difference, in dB, between the power sum far-end crosstalk loss from multiple disturbing pairs of a channel and the insertion loss of a disturbed pair in the same channel

NOTE This also applies to the calculation using the power sum far-end crosstalk loss from multiple disturbing pairs within one or more permanent links or components, used to create a channel, and the insertion loss of a disturbed pair within a permanent link or component, of the same channel.

3.1.69

power sum attenuation to crosstalk ratio at the near-end (PS ACR-N)

difference, in dB, between the power sum near-end crosstalk loss from multiple disturbing pairs of a channel and the insertion loss of a disturbed pair in the same channel

NOTE This also applies to the calculation using the multiple disturbing pairs within one or more permanent links or components, used to create a channel, and the insertion loss of a disturbed pair within a permanent link or component, of the same channel.

3.1.70

power sum equal level far-end crosstalk ratio (PS ELFEXT)

power sum of all disturbing pairs of a channel, of the difference, in dB, between the far-end crosstalk loss and the insertion loss of each disturbing pair

NOTE This also applies to the calculation using the multiple disturbing pairs within one or more permanent links or components, used to create a channel, and the insertion loss of a disturbing pair within a permanent link or component, of the same channel.

3.1.71

quad

cable element that comprises four insulated conductors twisted together

NOTE Two diametrically facing conductors form a transmission pair.

3.1.72

screened balanced cable

balanced cable with an overall screen and/or screens for the individual elements

3.1.73

side circuit

two diametrically facing conductors in a quad that form a pair

3.1.74

small form factor connector

optical fibre connector designed to accommodate two or more optical fibres with at least the same mounting density as the connector used for balanced cabling

3.1.75

splice

joining of conductors or optical fibres, generally from separate sheaths

3.1.76

telecommunications

branch of technology concerned with the transmission, emission and reception of signs, signals, writing, images and sounds; that is, information of any nature by cable, radio, optical or other electromagnetic systems

NOTE The term telecommunications has no legal meaning when used in this International Standard.

3.1.77

telecommunications room

enclosed space for housing telecommunications equipment, cable terminations, interconnect and cross-connect

3.1.78

telecommunications outlet

fixed connecting device where the horizontal cable terminates

NOTE The telecommunications outlet provides the interface to the work area cabling.

3.1.79

transverse conversion loss

ratio between the common mode signal power and the injected differential mode signal power

3.1.80

twisted pair

cable element that consists of two insulated conductors twisted together in a determined fashion to form a balanced transmission line

3.1.81

unscreened balanced cable

balanced cable without any screens

3.1.82

work area

building space where the occupants interact with telecommunications terminal equipment

3.1.83**work area cord**

cord connecting the telecommunications outlet to the terminal equipment

3.2 Abbreviations

AACR-F	Attenuation to alien crosstalk ratio at the far-end
a.c.	Alternating current
ACR	Attenuation to crosstalk ratio
ACR-F	Attenuation to crosstalk ratio at the far-end
ACR-N	Attenuation to crosstalk ratio at the near-end
AFEXT	Alien far-end crosstalk (loss)
ANEXT	Alien near-end crosstalk (loss)
APC	Angled physical contact
ATM	Asynchronous transfer mode
BCT	Broadcast and communications technologies, sometimes referred to as HEM
BD	Building distributor
B-ISDN	Broadband ISDN
CD	Campus distributor
CP	Consolidation point
CSMA/CD	Carrier sense multiple access with collision detection
d.c.	Direct current
DCE	Data circuit terminating equipment
DTE	Data terminal equipment
DRL	Distributed return loss
ELFEXT	Equal level FEXT
ELTCTL	Equal level TCTL
EMC	Electromagnetic compatibility
EQP	Equipment
ER	Equipment room
FD	Floor distributor
FDDI	Fibre distributed data interface
FEXT	Far end crosstalk attenuation (loss)
f.f.s.	For further study
FOIRL	Fibre optic inter-repeater link
HEM	Home Entertainment & Multimedia, see BCT
IC	Integrated circuit
ICT	Information and communications technology
IDC	Insulation displacement connection
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IL	Insertion loss
ILD	Insertion loss deviation
IPC	Insulation piercing connection
ISDN	Integrated services digital network
ISLAN	Integrated services local area network
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IT	Information technology
JTC	Joint technical committee
LAN	Local area network
LCL	Longitudinal to differential conversion loss
LCTL	Longitudinal to differential conversion transfer loss

Min.	minimum
MUTO	Multi-user telecommunications outlet
N/A	Not applicable
NEXT	Near end crosstalk attenuation (loss)
OF	Optical fibre
OFL	Overfilled launch
PBX	Private branch exchange
PC	Physical contact
PMD	Physical layer media dependent
PS AACR-F	Power sum attenuation to alien crosstalk ratio at the far-end
PS AACR-F _{avg}	Average power sum attenuation to alien crosstalk ratio at the far-end
PS ACR	Power sum ACR
PS ACR-F	Power sum attenuation to crosstalk ratio at the far-end
PS ACR-N	Power sum attenuation to crosstalk ratio at the near-end
PS AFEXT	Power sum alien far-end crosstalk (loss)
PS AFEXT _{norm}	Normalized power sum alien far-end crosstalk (loss)
PS ANEXT	Power sum alien near-end crosstalk (loss)
PS ANEXT _{avg}	Average power sum alien near-end crosstalk (loss)
PS ELFEXT	Power sum ELFEXT
PS FEXT	Power sum FEXT (loss)
PS NEXT	Power sum NEXT (loss)
PVC	Polyvinyl chloride
RL	Return loss
SC	Subscriber connector (optical fibre connector)
SC-D	Duplex SC connector
SFF	Small form factor connector
TCL	Transverse conversion loss
TCTL	Transverse conversion transfer loss
TE	Terminal equipment
TO	Telecommunications outlet
TP-PMD	Twisted pair physical medium dependent

3.3 Symbols

3.3.1 Variables

- A coefficient of transmission matrix
- B length of backbone cable or coefficient of transmission matrix
- C length of the CP cable, designation for connector, or coefficient of transmission matrix
- D coefficient of transmission matrix
- F combined length of patch cords/jumpers, equipment and work area cords
- H maximum length of the fixed horizontal cable
- K coefficient of cable attenuation increase
- L length of cable
- l number of the disturbing channel
- N number of disturbing channels
- X ratio of work area cable attenuation to fixed horizontal cable attenuation

Y	ratio of the CP cable attenuation to the fixed horizontal cable attenuation
Z	complex impedance
DRL_0	constant of the distributed return loss
NVP	velocity relative to speed of light ($= v/c$)
Z_0	characteristic impedance
Z_{fit}	curve fitted or average impedance
c	speed of light in vacuum
e	base of natural logarithm
f	frequency
i	current number of disturbing pair
j	imaginary operator
k	current number of disturbed pair
n	total number of pairs ($1 \leq k \leq n$)
t	time
v	speed of propagation
k_1	constant for the first coefficient of the cable attenuation
k_2	constant for the second coefficient of the cable attenuation
k_3	constant for the third coefficient of the cable attenuation
k_c	constant for the coefficient of the connector insertion loss
ϑ	temperature in °C
ϑ_{coeff}	temperature coefficient of cable attenuation in %/°C
Φ	phase angle in degrees
α	attenuation
β	phase angle of the propagated signal in rad/m or in radians
γ	complex propagation constant ($\gamma = \alpha + j\beta$)
π	constant

3.3.2 Indices

C2	index to denominate a characteristic, measured from the connector at the floor distributor (second connector)
CH	index to denote the channel
CP	index to denote the consolidation point
PL	index to denominate a permanent link characteristic
TO	index to denominate a characteristic, measured from the TO
avg	index to denominate average of the associated parameter across all of the pairs in the same channel or permanent link
cable	index to denominate a cable characteristic
channel	index to denominate a channel characteristic
connector	index to denominate a connector characteristic
cord cable	index to indicate a characteristic of the cable used for cords
in	index to indicate an input condition
local	index to denominate a locally measured characteristic
norm	index to denominate scaling of the associated parameter

remote	index to denominate a characteristic measured at a distance
term	index to indicate a terminating condition
ϑ	index to denominate a temperature dependent characteristic

4 Conformance

For a cabling installation to conform to this International Standard the following applies.

- a) The configuration and structure shall conform to the requirements outlined in Clause 5.
- b) The performance of balanced channels shall meet the requirements specified in Clause 6.

This shall be achieved by one of the following:

- 1 a channel design and implementation ensuring that the prescribed channel performance is met;
- 2 attachment of appropriate components to a permanent link or CP link design meeting the prescribed performance class of Clause 6 and Annex A. Channel performance shall be assured where a channel is created by adding more than one cord to either end of a link meeting the requirements of Clause 6 and Annex A;
- 3 using the reference implementations of Clause 7 and compatible cabling components conforming to the requirements of Clauses 9, 10 and 13, based upon a statistical approach of performance modelling.

Until amendment 2⁷ of ISO/IEC 11801:2002 has been published:

- conformance for Classes D, E and F with regards to TCL, ELTCTL and coupling attenuation can only be achieved by option 1) above;
 - conformance for Classes E_A and F_A can only be achieved by option 1) above.
- c) The implementation and performance of optical fibre cabling channels shall meet the requirements specified in Clause 8.
 - d) The interfaces to the cabling at the TO shall conform to the requirements of Clause 10 with respect to mating interfaces and performance.
 - e) Connecting hardware at other places in the cabling structure shall meet the performance requirements specified in Clause 10.
 - f) If present, screens shall be handled as specified in Clause 11.
 - g) System administration shall meet the requirements of Clause 12.
 - h) Regulations on safety and EMC applicable at the location of the installation shall be met.

In the absence of the channel, the conformance of the link shall be used to verify conformance with the standard.

Specifications marked "f.f.s." are preliminary specifications, and are not required for conformance to this International Standard.

5 Structure of the generic cabling system

5.1 General

This clause identifies the functional elements of generic cabling, describes how they are connected together to form subsystems and identifies the interfaces at which application-specific components are connected to the generic cabling.

Applications are supported by connecting equipment to the telecommunications outlets and distributors.

⁷ Amendment 2 to ISO/IEC 11801 is under consideration.

5.2 Functional elements

The functional elements of generic cabling are as follows:

- campus distributor (CD);
- campus backbone cable;
- building distributor (BD);
- building backbone cable;
- floor distributor (FD);
- horizontal cable;
- consolidation point (CP);
- consolidation point cable (CP cable)
- multi-user telecommunications outlet (MUTO);
- telecommunications outlet (TO).

Groups of these functional elements are connected together to form cabling subsystems.

5.3 Cabling subsystems

5.3.1 General

Generic cabling systems contain up to three cabling subsystems: campus backbone, building backbone and horizontal cabling. The composition of the subsystems is described in 5.3.2, 5.3.3 and 5.3.4. The cabling subsystems are connected together to create a generic cabling system with a structure as shown in Figure 1. The distributors provide the means to configure the cabling to support different topologies like bus, star and ring.

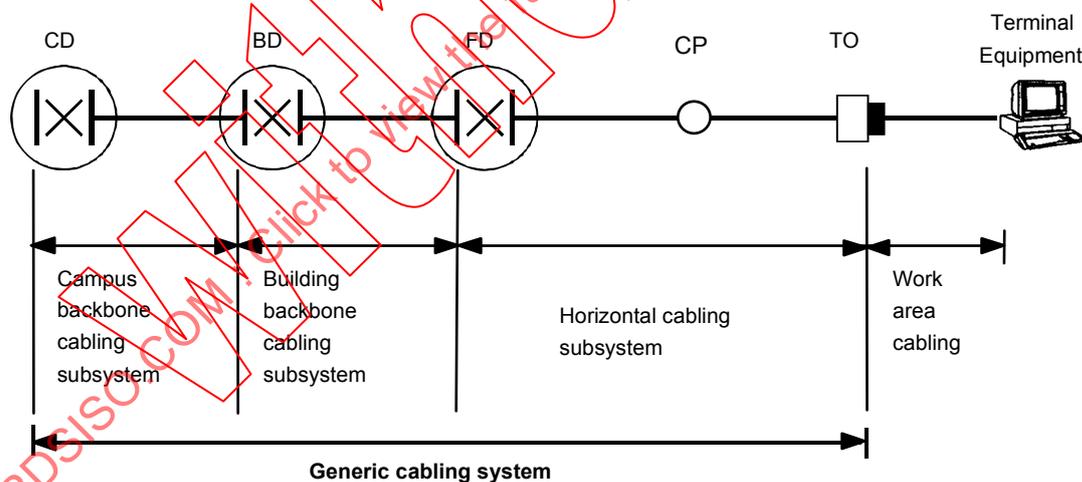


Figure 1 – Structure of generic cabling

Connections between cabling subsystems are either active, requiring application-specific equipment, or passive. Connection to application-specific equipment adopts either an interconnect or a cross-connect approach (see Figure 5 and Figure 6). Passive connections between cabling subsystems are generally achieved using cross-connections by way of either patch cords or jumpers.

In the case of centralised cabling, passive connections in the distributors are achieved by using cross-connections or interconnections. In addition, for centralised optical fibre cabling, it is possible to create connections at the distributors using splices although this reduces the ability of the cabling to support re-configuration.

5.3.2 Campus backbone cabling subsystem

The campus backbone cabling subsystem extends from the campus distributor to the building distributor(s), usually located in separate buildings. When present, the subsystem includes:

- the campus backbone cables;
- any cabling components within the building entrance facilities;
- jumpers and patch cords in the campus distributor;
- the connecting hardware on which the campus backbone cables are terminated (at both the campus and building distributors).

Although equipment cords are used to connect the transmission equipment to the cabling subsystem, they are not considered part of the cabling subsystem because they are application specific. Where the building distributor does not exist, the campus backbone cabling subsystem extends from the campus distributor to the floor distributor. It is possible for campus backbone cabling to provide direct connection between building distributors. When provided, this cabling shall be in addition to that required for the basic hierarchical topology.

5.3.3 Building backbone cabling subsystem

A building backbone cabling subsystem extends from building distributor(s) to the floor distributor(s). When present, the subsystem includes:

- the building backbone cables;
- jumpers and patch cords in the building distributor;
- the connecting hardware on which the building backbone cables are terminated (at both the building and floor distributors).

Although equipment cords are used to connect the transmission equipment to the cabling subsystem, they are not considered part of the cabling subsystem because they are application specific. It is possible for building backbone cabling to provide direct connection between floor distributors. When provided, this cabling shall be in addition to that required for the basic hierarchical topology.

5.3.4 Horizontal cabling subsystem

The horizontal cabling subsystem extends from a floor distributor to the telecommunications outlet(s) connected to it. The subsystem includes:

- the horizontal cables;
- jumpers and patch cords in the floor distributor;
- the mechanical termination of the horizontal cables at the telecommunications outlet;
- the mechanical termination of the horizontal cables at the floor distributor including the connecting hardware, for example of the interconnect or cross-connect;
- a consolidation point (optional);
- the telecommunications outlets.

Although work area and equipment cords are used to connect terminal and transmission equipment respectively to the cabling subsystem, they are not considered part of the cabling subsystem because they are application specific. Horizontal cables shall be continuous from the floor distributor to the telecommunications outlets unless a consolidation point is installed (see 5.7.6).

5.3.5 Design objectives

Horizontal cabling should be designed to support the broadest set of existing and emerging applications and therefore provide the longest operational life. This will minimise disruption and the high cost of recabling in the work area.

Building backbone cabling should be designed for the entire life of the generic cabling system. However, it is common to adopt short-term approaches that support current and foreseeable application requirements, particularly where there is good physical access to pathways. The selection of campus backbone cabling may require a longer-term approach than that adopted for the building backbone, particularly if access to pathways is more limited.

5.4 Interconnection of subsystems

5.4.1 General

In generic cabling, the functional elements of the cabling subsystems are interconnected to form a hierarchical structure as shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3.

Where the functions of distributors are combined (see 5.7.1), the intermediate cabling subsystem is not required.

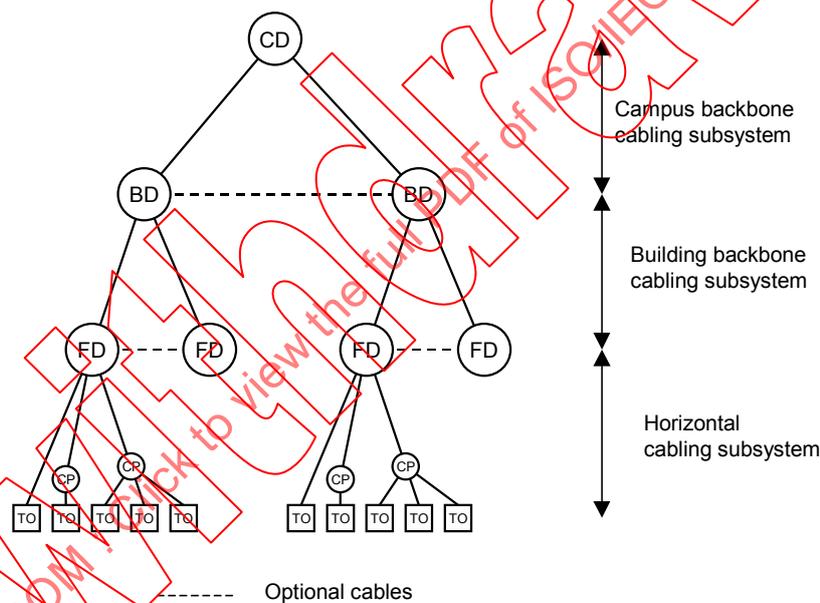


Figure 2 – Hierarchical structure of generic cabling

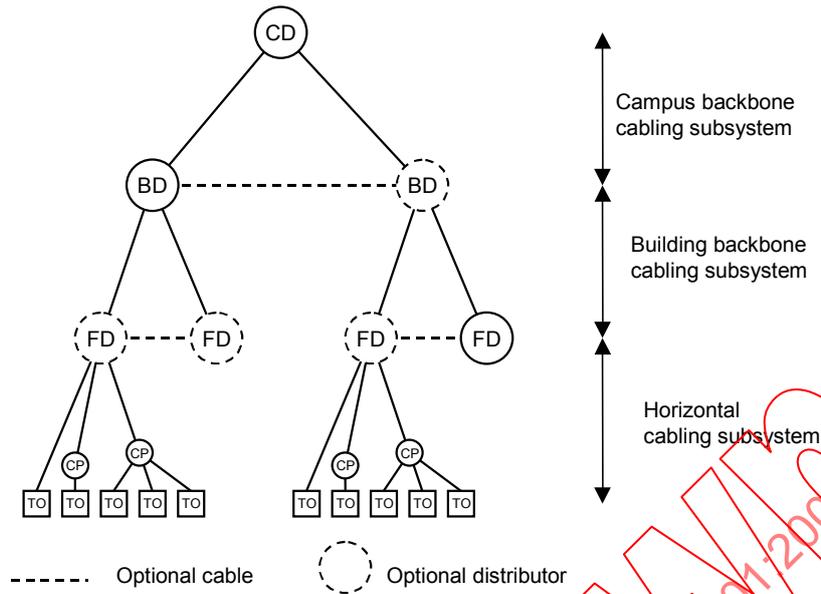


Figure 3 – Structures for centralised generic cabling

5.4.2 Centralised cabling architecture

Centralised cabling structures as shown in Figure 3 create combined backbone/horizontal channels. The channels are provided by passive connections in the distributors. The connections are achieved by using either cross-connections or interconnections. In addition, for centralised optical fibre cabling, it is possible to create connections at the distributors using splices although this reduces the ability of the cabling to support re-configuration.

5.5 Accommodation of functional elements

Figure 4 shows an example of how the functional elements are accommodated in a building.

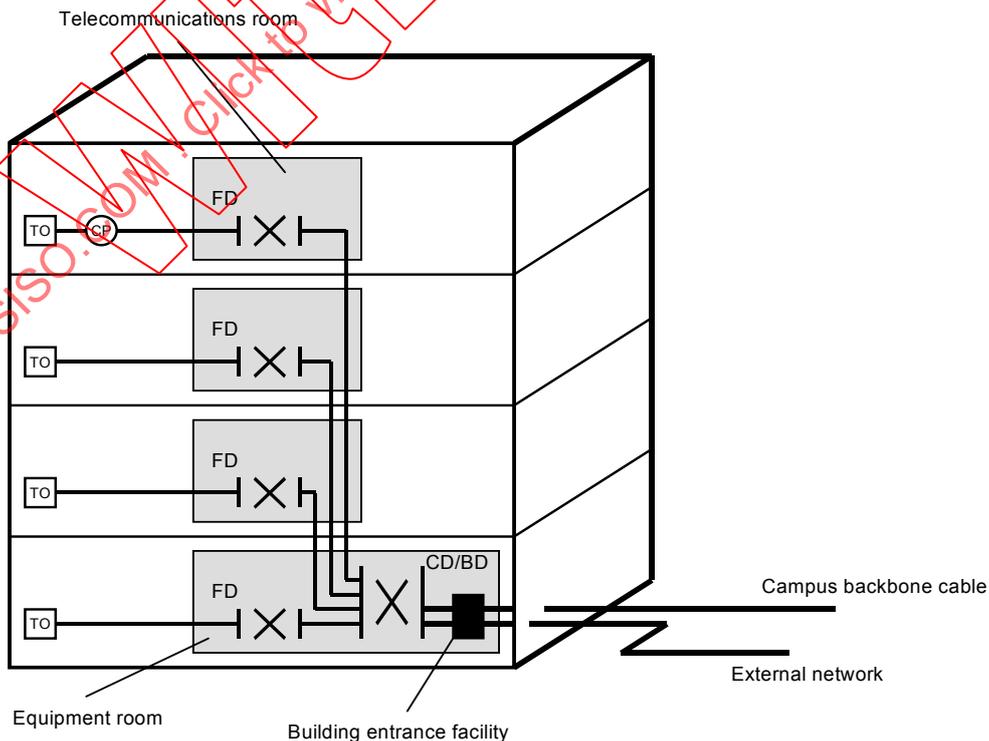


Figure 4 – Accommodation of functional elements

Distributors can be located in equipment rooms or telecommunications rooms. Guidance for the accommodation of distributors is given in ISO/IEC TR 14763-2.

Cables are routed using pathways. A variety of cable management systems can be used to support the cables within the pathways including ducts, conduits and trays. Requirements for the pathways and the cable management systems are provided in ISO/IEC 18010.

Telecommunications outlets are typically located in the work area.

5.6 Interfaces

5.6.1 Equipment interfaces and test interfaces

Equipment interfaces to generic cabling are located at the ends of each subsystem. Any distributor may have an equipment interface to an external service at any port and may use either interconnects as shown in Figure 5 or cross-connects as shown in Figure 6. The consolidation point does not provide an equipment interface to the generic cabling system. Figure 7 shows the potential equipment interfaces to the horizontal and backbone cabling subsystems.

Test interfaces to generic cabling are located at the ends of each subsystem and at consolidation points, where present. Figure 7 shows the potential test interfaces to the horizontal cabling subsystem.

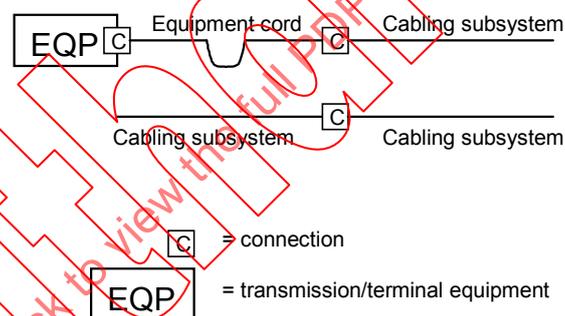


Figure 5 – Interconnect models

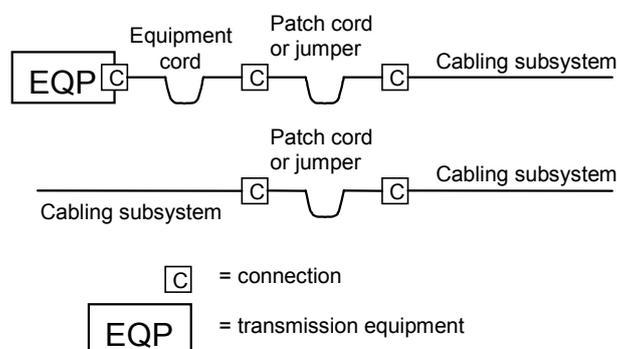
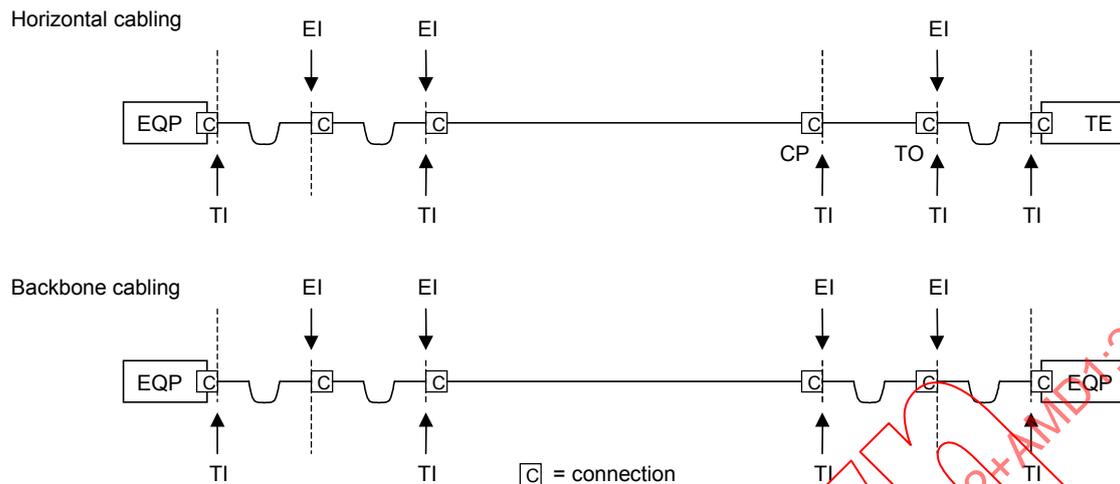


Figure 6 – Cross-connect models



Key:
 EI Equipment interface
 TI Test interface

Figure 7 – Equipment and test interfaces

5.6.2 Channel and permanent link

The transmission performance of generic cabling between specific interfaces is detailed in Clauses 6 and 8 in terms of the channel and the permanent link.

The channel is the transmission path between equipment such as a LAN switch/hub (EQP in Figure 7) and the terminal equipment. A typical channel would consist of the horizontal subsystem together with work area and equipment cords. For longer reach services the channel would be formed by the connection of two or more subsystems (including work area and equipment cords). The performance of the channel excludes the connections at the application-specific equipment.

The permanent link is the transmission path of an installed cabling subsystem including the connecting hardware at the ends of the installed cable. In the horizontal cabling subsystem, the permanent link consists of the telecommunications outlet, the horizontal cable, an optional CP and the termination of the horizontal cable at the floor distributor. The permanent link includes the connections at the ends of the installed cabling.

5.6.3 External network interface

Connections to the public network for the provision of public telecommunications services are made at the external network interface.

5.7 Dimensioning and configuring

5.7.1 Distributors

The number and type of subsystems that are included in a generic cabling implementation depends upon the geography and size of the campus or building, and upon the strategy of the user. Usually there would be one campus distributor per campus, one building distributor per building, and one floor distributor per floor. If the premise comprises only a single building which is small enough to be served by a single building distributor, there is no need for a campus backbone cabling subsystem. Similarly larger buildings may be served by multiple building distributors interconnected via a campus distributor.

The design of the floor distributor should ensure that the lengths of patch cords/jumpers and equipment cords are minimised and administration should ensure that the design lengths are maintained during operation.

Distributors shall be located in such a way that the resulting cable lengths are consistent with the channel performance requirements of Clauses 6 and 8.

In the case of the reference implementations described in Clause 7, distributors shall be located to ensure that the channel lengths in Table 1 are not exceeded. However, not all applications are supported over the maximum lengths shown in Table 1 using a single cable type. Table 32, Table 33 and Table 34 indicate that the support of specific applications over installed channels may require a mix of cabling media and performance specifications.

Table 1 – Maximum channel lengths

Channel	Length m
Horizontal	100
Horizontal + building backbone + campus backbone	2 000

NOTE In some implementations of the horizontal cabling subsystem in Clause 7, the FD may not support TOs up to the maximum distance shown.

A minimum of one floor distributor should be provided for every floor; for floor spaces exceeding 1 000 m², a minimum of one floor distributor should be provided for every 1 000 m² of floor space reserved for offices. If a floor space is sparsely populated (for example a lobby), it is permissible to serve this floor from the floor distributor located on an adjacent floor. The functions of multiple distributors may be combined. Figure 8 shows an example of generic cabling. The building in the foreground shows an example with each distributor housed separately. The building in the background shows an example where the functions of a floor distributor and the building distributor have been combined into a single distributor.

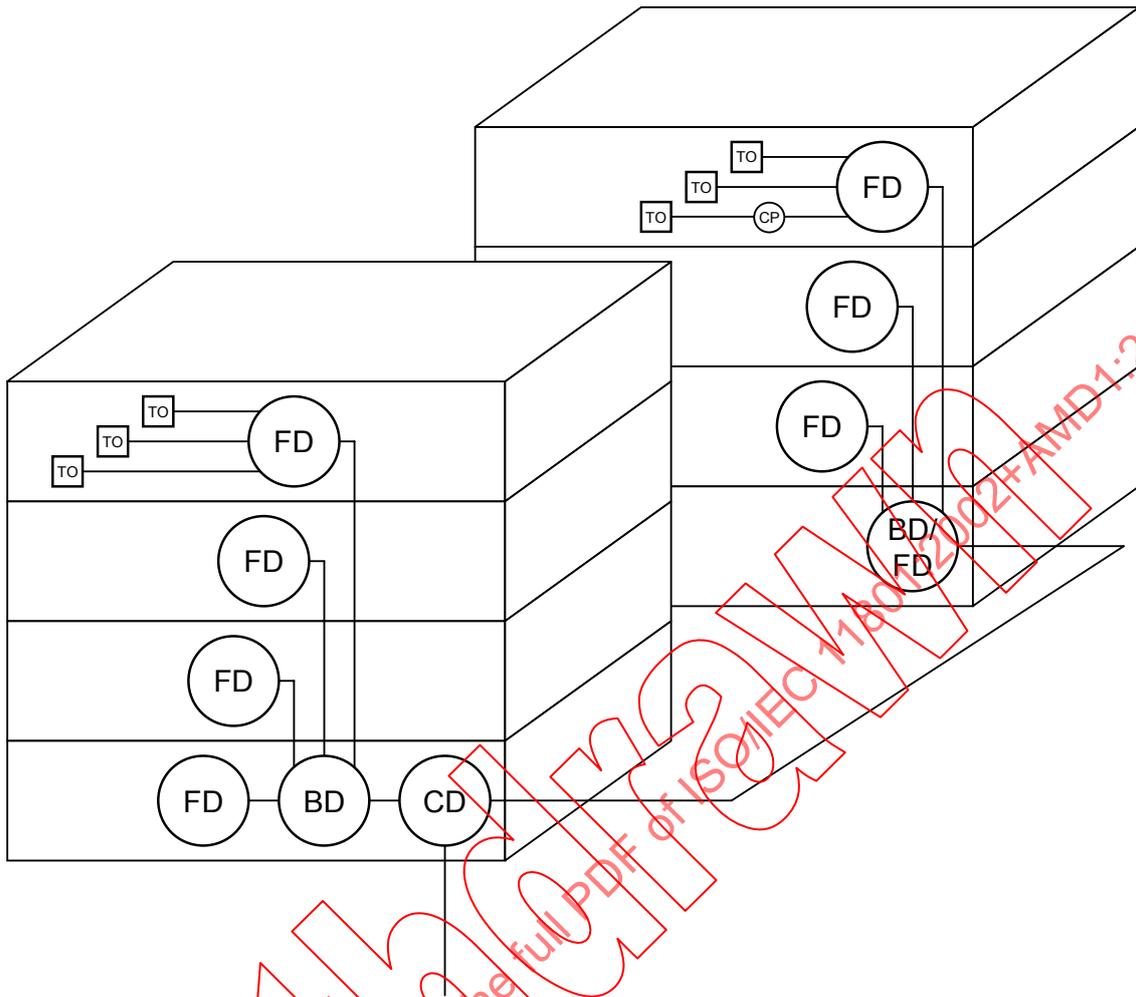


Figure 8 – Example of a generic cabling system with combined BD and FD

In certain circumstances, for example for reasons of security or reliability, redundancy may be built into a cabling design. Figure 9 gives one of many possible examples of the connection of functional elements within the structured framework in order to provide protection against failure within one or more parts of the cabling infrastructure. This might form the basis for the design of generic cabling for a building, providing some protection against such hazards as fire damage or the failure of the public network feeder cable.

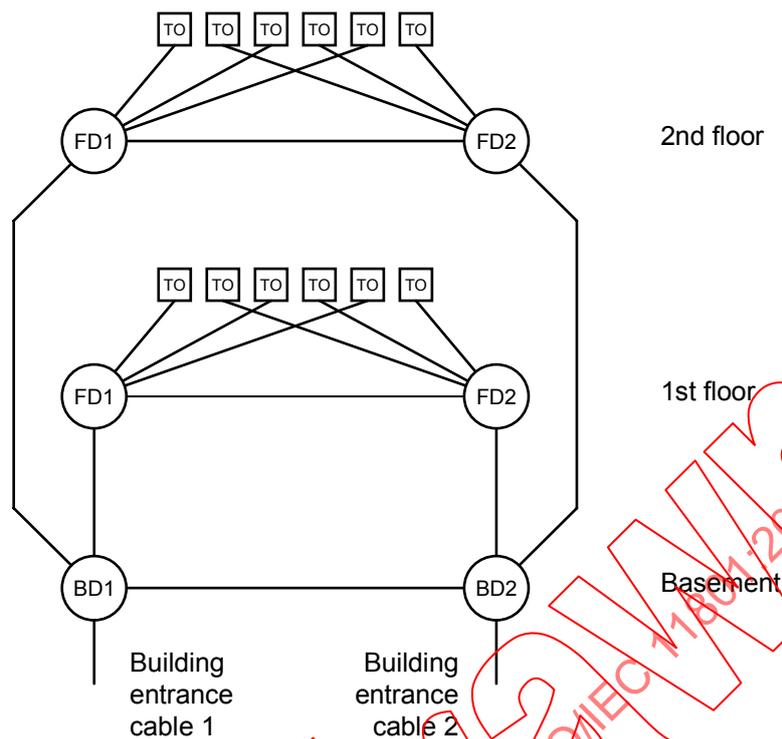


Figure 9 – Inter-relationship of functional elements in an installation with redundancy

5.7.2 Cables

For details of the use of the recommended cable types, see Clause 9. Hardware for connecting cables shall only provide direct onward attachment for each conductor and shall not provide contact between more than one incoming or outgoing conductor (for example, bridge taps shall not be used).

5.7.3 Work area cords and equipment cords

The work area cord connects the telecommunications outlet to the terminal equipment. Equipment cords connect equipment to the generic cabling at distributors. Both are non-permanent and can be application-specific. Assumptions have been made concerning the length and the transmission performance of these cords; the assumptions are identified when relevant. The performance contribution of these cords shall be taken into account in the design of the channel. Clause 7 provides guidance on cord length for reference implementations of generic cabling.

5.7.4 Patch cords and jumpers

Patch cords and jumpers are used within cross-connect implementations at distributors. The performance contribution of these cords shall be taken into account in the design of the channel. Clause 7 provides guidance on cord/jumper lengths for reference implementations of generic cabling.

5.7.5 Telecommunications outlet (TO)

5.7.5.1 General requirements

The design of generic cabling should insure that telecommunications outlets are installed throughout the usable floor space. A high density of telecommunications outlets will enhance the ability of the cabling to accommodate changes. Telecommunications outlets may be presented individually or in groups.

- Each individual work area shall be served by a minimum of two TOs. For guidance on work area size, see ISO/IEC TR 14763-2.
- The first outlet should be for 4 pair balanced cable terminated in accordance with 10.2.1.
- The second outlet may be for:
 - a) optical fibre or
 - b) 4 pair balanced cable terminated in accordance with 10.2.1;
- Each telecommunications outlet shall have a permanent means of identification that is visible to the user.
- Devices such as baluns and impedance matching adapters, if used, shall be external to the outlet.

For balanced cable, 2 pairs per TO may be used as an alternative to 4 pairs. However, this may require pair reassignment and will not support some applications (see Annex F). Care should be taken that the initial pair assignment, and all subsequent changes, are recorded (see ISO/IEC 14763-1 for details of administration requirements). Pair reassignment by means of inserts is allowed.

5.7.5.2 Single user TO assembly

In a general implementation of generic cabling, one assembly of TOs serves a single work area. The length of work area cords should be minimised. The implementation topology shall be selected from the options described in 7.2.2.2 (for balanced cabling) and in 8.4 (for optical fibre cabling). The assembly of TOs shall be known as a single user TO assembly.

In addition, where the single user TO assembly is used:

- a) a single user TO assembly should be located in user-accessible locations;
- b) the performance contribution of work area cords, patch cords and equipment cords shall be taken into account to ensure that the channel requirements of Clause 6 (for balanced cabling) and Clause 8 (for optical fibre cabling) are met.

5.7.5.3 Multi-user TO assembly (MUTO)

In an open office environment, a single assembly of TOs may be used to serve more than one work area. The implementation topology shall be selected from the options described in 7.2.2.2 (for balanced cabling) and in 8.4 (for optical fibre cabling), and the assembly of TOs shall be known as a multi-user TO assembly.

In addition, where the multi-user TO assembly is used:

- a) a multi-user TO assembly shall be located in an open work area so that each work area group is served by at least one multi-user TO assembly;
- b) a multi-user TO assembly should be limited to serving a maximum of twelve work areas;
- c) a multi-user TO assembly should be located in user-accessible, permanent locations such as on building columns and permanent walls;
- d) a multi-user TO assembly shall not be installed in obstructed areas:

- e) the performance contribution of work area cords, patch cords and equipment cords shall be taken into account to ensure that the channel requirements of Clause 6 (for balanced cabling) and Clause 8 (for optical fibre cabling) are met;
- f) the length of the work area cord should be limited to ensure cable management in the work area.

5.7.6 Consolidation point

The installation of a consolidation point in the horizontal cabling between the floor distributor and the telecommunications outlet may be useful in an open office environment where the flexibility of relocating TOs in the work area is required. One consolidation point is permitted between a FD and any TO. The consolidation point shall only contain passive connecting hardware and shall not be used for cross-connections.

In addition, where a consolidation point is used:

- a) the consolidation point shall be located so that each work area group is served by at least one consolidation point;
- b) the consolidation point should be limited to serving a maximum of twelve work areas;
- c) a consolidation point should be located in accessible locations;
- d) for balanced cabling, the consolidation point shall be located so that there is at least 15 m from it to the floor distributor;
- e) a consolidation point shall be part of the administration system.

5.7.7 Telecommunications rooms and equipment rooms

A telecommunications room should provide all the facilities (space, power, environmental control etc.) for passive components, active devices, and external network interfaces housed within it. Each telecommunications room should have direct access to the backbone cabling subsystem.

An equipment room is an area within a building where equipment is housed. Equipment rooms are treated differently from telecommunications rooms because of the nature or complexity of the equipment (for example, PBXs or extensive computer installations). More than one distributor may be located in an equipment room. If a telecommunications room serves more than one building distributor it should be considered an equipment room.

5.7.8 Building entrance facilities

Building entrance facilities are required whenever campus backbone, public and private network cables (including from antennae) enter buildings and a transition is made to internal cables. It comprises an entrance point from the exterior of the building and the pathway leading to the campus or building distributor. Local regulations may require special facilities where the external cables are terminated. At this termination point, a change from external to internal cable can take place.

5.7.9 External services cabling

The distance from external services to a distributor can be significant. The performance of the cable between these points should be considered as part of the initial design and implementation of customer applications.

6 Performance of balanced cabling

6.1 General

This clause specifies the minimum performance of generic balanced cabling. The performance of balanced cabling is specified for channels, permanent links and CP links (see Figure 10).

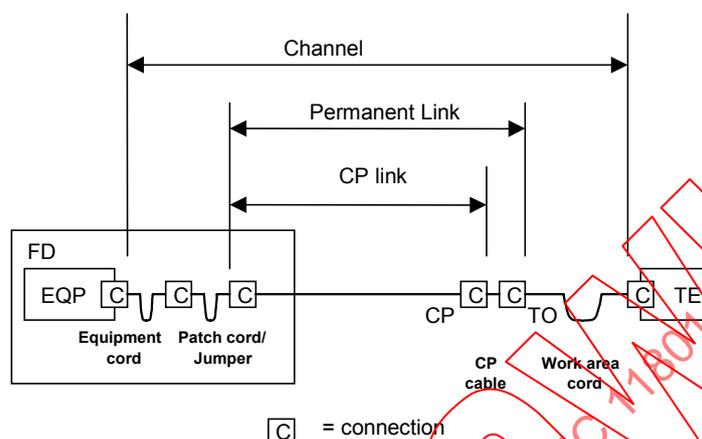


Figure 10 – Balanced cabling: channel, permanent link and CP link

In the case of cable sharing, additional requirements should be taken into account for balanced cabling. The additional crosstalk requirements for balanced cables are specified in 9.3.

The performance specifications are separated into six classes (A to F) for balanced cabling. This allows the successful transmission of applications over channels according to Annex F which lists the applications and the minimum class required.

The channel performance requirements described in this clause may be used for the design and verification of any implementation of this International Standard. Where required, the test methods defined or referred to by this clause, shall apply. In addition, these requirements can be used for application development and troubleshooting.

The permanent link and CP link performance requirements described in Annex A may be used for acceptance testing of any implementation of this International Standard. Where required, the test methods defined or referred to by Annex A, shall apply.

The specifications in this clause allow for the transmission of defined classes of applications over distances other than those of 7.2, and/or using media and components with different performances than those specified in Clauses 9, 10 and 13.

The channel, permanent link and CP link performance specification of the relevant class shall be met for all temperatures at which the cabling is intended to operate.

There shall be adequate margins to account for temperature dependence of cabling components as per relevant standards and suppliers' instructions. In particular, consideration should be given to measuring performance at worst case temperatures, or calculating worst case performance based on measurements made at other temperatures.

Compatibility between cables used in the same channel or permanent link shall be maintained throughout the cabling system. For example, connections between cables with different nominal impedance shall not be made.

6.2 Layout

The performance of a channel is specified at and between connections to active equipment. The channel comprises only passive sections of cable, connecting hardware, work area cords, equipment cords and patch cords. The connections at the hardware interface to active equipment are not taken into account.

Application support depends on channel performance only, which in turn depends on cable length, number of connections, connector termination practices and workmanship, and performance. It is possible to achieve equivalent channel performance over greater lengths by the use of fewer connections or by using components with higher performance (see also Annex G).

The performance limits for balanced cabling channels are given in 6.4. These limits are derived from the component performance limits of Clause 9 and 10 using reference implementations specified in Clause 7.

NOTE Component performance requirements for Category 6_A and Category 7_A will be available in amendment 2 to ISO/IEC 11801:2002.

Most class F channels are implemented with two connections only. Additional information concerning this implementation is given in Annex H.

Figure 11 shows an example of terminal equipment in the work area connected to transmission equipment using two different media channels, which are cascaded. In fact there is an optical fibre channel (see Clause 8) connected via an active component in the FD to a balanced cabling channel. There are four channel interfaces; one at each end of the balanced cabling channel, and one at each end of the optical fibre channel.

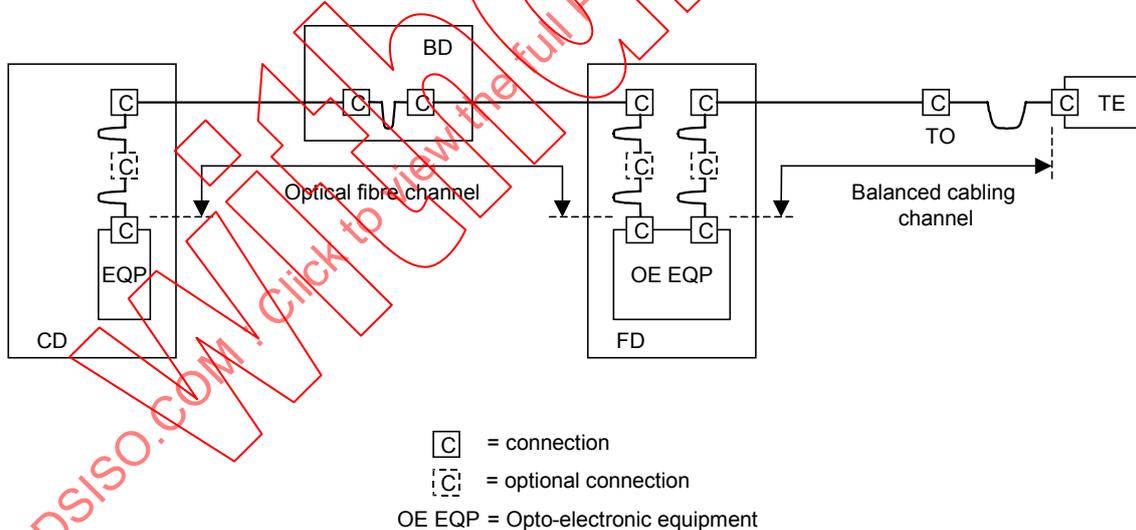


Figure 11 – Example of a system showing the location of cabling interfaces and extent of associated channels

The performance of a permanent link is specified for horizontal cabling at and between the TO and the first patch panel at the other side of the horizontal cable; it may contain a CP. The performance of a CP link is specified for horizontal cabling at and between the CP and the first patch panel at the other side of the horizontal cable. For backbone cabling the permanent link is specified at and between the patch panels at each side of the backbone cable. The permanent link and CP link comprise only passive sections of cable and connecting hardware.

The performance limits for balanced cabling permanent links and CP links are given in Annex A.

The performance limits for balanced cabling permanent links and CP links are given in Annex A. These limits are derived from the component performance limits of Clauses 9 and 10 using reference implementations specified in Clause 7.

NOTE Permanent link and CP link requirements for Class E_A and Class F_A will be available in amendment 2 to ISO/IEC 11801:2002.

Most class F permanent links are implemented with two connections only. Additional information concerning this implementation is given in Annex H.

6.3 Classification of balanced cabling

This standard specifies the following classes for balanced cabling.

Class A is specified up to 100 kHz.

Class B is specified up to 1 MHz.

Class C is specified up to 16 MHz.

Class D is specified up to 100 MHz.

Class E is specified up to 250 MHz.

Class E_A is specified up to 500 MHz.

Class F is specified up to 600 MHz.

Class F_A is specified up to 1 000 MHz.

A Class A channel is specified so that it will provide the minimum transmission performance to support Class A applications. Similarly, Class B, C, D, E and F channels provide the transmission performance to support Class B, C, D, E and F applications respectively. Links and channels of a given class will support all applications of a lower class. Class A is regarded as the lowest class.

Channels, permanent links and CP links in the horizontal cabling shall be installed to provide a minimum of Class D performance.

Annex F lists known applications by classes.

6.4 Balanced cabling performance

6.4.1 General

The parameters specified in this subclause apply to channels with screened or unshielded cable elements, with or without an overall screen, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

The nominal impedance of channels is 100 Ω. This is achieved by suitable design and appropriate choice of cabling components (irrespective of their nominal impedance). For the purposes of this standard, insertion loss is measured with source and load impedances of 100 Ω.

The requirements in this subclause are given by limits computed to one decimal place, using the equation for a defined frequency range. The limits for the propagation delay and delay skew are computed to three decimal places. The additional tables are for information only and have limits derived from the relevant equation at key frequencies. When required for assessment, channels shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1, unless otherwise specified in this clause.

6.4.2 Return loss

The return loss requirements are applicable only to Classes C, D, E and F.

The return loss (RL) of each pair of a channel shall meet the requirements derived by the equation in Table 2.

The return loss requirements shall be met at both ends of the cabling. Return loss (RL) values at frequencies where the insertion loss (IL) is below 3,0 dB are for information only.

When required, the return loss (RL) shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1. Terminations of 100 Ω shall be connected to the cabling elements under test at the remote end of the channel.

Table 2 – Return loss for channel

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum return loss dB
C	$1 \leq f \leq 16$	15,0
D	$1 \leq f < 20$	17,0
	$20 \leq f \leq 100$	$30 - 10 \lg(f)$
E	$1 \leq f < 10$	19,0
	$10 \leq f < 40$	$24 - 5 \lg(f)$
	$40 \leq f \leq 250$	$32 - 10 \lg(f)$
EA	$1 \leq f < 10$	19,0
	$10 \leq f < 40$	$24 - 5 \lg(f)$
	$40 \leq f < 398,1$	$32 - 10 \lg(f)$
	$398,1 \leq f \leq 500$	6,0
F	$1 \leq f < 10$	19,0
	$10 \leq f < 40$	$24 - 5 \lg(f)$
	$40 \leq f < 251,2$	$32 - 10 \lg(f)$
	$251,2 \leq f \leq 600$	8,0
FA	$1 \leq f < 10$	19,0
	$10 \leq f < 40$	$24 - 5 \lg(f)$
	$40 \leq f < 251,2$	$32 - 10 \lg(f)$
	$251,2 \leq f < 631$	8,0
	$631 \leq f \leq 1\,000$	$36 - 10 \lg(f)$

Table 3 – Informative return loss values for channel at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum return loss dB					
	Class C	Class D	Class E	Class E _A	Class F	Class F _A
1	15,0	17,0	19,0	19,0	19,0	19,0
16	15,0	17,0	18,0	18,0	18,0	18,0
100	N/A	10,0	12,0	12,0	12,0	12,0
250	N/A	N/A	8,0	8,0	8,0	8,0
500	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,0	8,0	8,0
600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,0	8,0
1 000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,0

6.4.3 Insertion loss/attenuation

Previous editions of this standard use the term “attenuation”, which is still widely used in the cable industry. However, due to impedance mismatches in cabling systems, especially at higher frequencies, this characteristic is better described as “insertion loss”. In this edition, the term “insertion loss” is adopted throughout to describe the signal attenuation over the length of channels, links and components. Unlike attenuation, insertion loss does not scale linearly with length.

The term “attenuation” is maintained for the following parameters:

- attenuation to crosstalk ratio (ACR) – see 6.4.5;
- unbalanced attenuation – see 6.4.14;
- coupling attenuation – see 6.4.15.

For the calculation of ACR, PS ACR, *ELFEXT* and PS *ELFEXT*, the corresponding value for insertion loss (*IL*) shall be used.

The insertion loss (*IL*) of each pair of a channel shall meet the requirements derived by the equation in Table 4.

When required, the *insertion loss* shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1.

Table 4 – Insertion loss for channel

Class	Frequency MHz	Maximum insertion loss ^a dB
A	$f = 0,1$	16,0
B	$f = 0,1$	5,5
	$f = 1$	5,8
C	$1 \leq f \leq 16$	$1,05 \times (3,23\sqrt{f}) + 4 \times 0,2$
D	$1 \leq f \leq 100$	$1,05 \times (1,9108\sqrt{f} + 0,0222 \times f + 0,2/\sqrt{f}) + 4 \times 0,04 \times \sqrt{f}$
E	$1 \leq f \leq 250$	$1,05 \times (1,82\sqrt{f} + 0,0169 \times f + 0,25/\sqrt{f}) + 4 \times 0,02 \times \sqrt{f}$
E _A	$1 \leq f \leq 500$	$1,05 \times (1,82\sqrt{f} + 0,0091 \times f + 0,25/\sqrt{f}) + 4 \times 0,02 \times \sqrt{f}$
F	$1 \leq f \leq 600$	$1,05 \times (1,8\sqrt{f} + 0,01 \times f + 0,2/\sqrt{f}) + 4 \times 0,02 \times \sqrt{f}$
F _A	$1 \leq f \leq 1\,000$	$1,05 \times (1,8\sqrt{f} + 0,005 \times f + 0,25/\sqrt{f}) + 4 \times 0,02 \times \sqrt{f}$

^a Insertion loss (*IL*) at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of less than 4,0 dB shall revert to a maximum requirement of 4,0 dB.

Table 5 – Informative insertion loss values for channel at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Maximum insertion loss dB							
	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class E	Class E _A	Class F	Class F _A
0,1	16,0	5,5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	N/A	5,8	4,2	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0
16	N/A	N/A	14,4	9,1	8,3	8,2	8,1	8,0
100	N/A	N/A	N/A	24,0	21,7	20,9	20,8	20,3
250	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	35,9	33,9	33,8	32,5
500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	49,3	49,3	46,7
600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	54,6	51,4
1 000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	67,6

6.4.4 NEXT

6.4.4.1 Pair-to-pair NEXT

The *NEXT* of each pair combination of a channel shall meet the requirements derived by the equation in Table 6.

The *NEXT* requirements shall be met at both ends of the cabling. *NEXT* values at frequencies where the insertion loss (*IL*) is below 4,0 dB are for information only.

When required, the *NEXT* shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1.

6.4.4.2 Power Sum NEXT (PS NEXT)

The *PS NEXT* requirements are applicable only to Classes D, E and F.

The *PS NEXT* of each pair of a channel shall meet the requirements derived by the equation in Table 8.

The *PS NEXT* requirements shall be met at both ends of the cabling. *PS NEXT* values at frequencies where the insertion loss (*IL*) is below 4,0 dB are for information only.

PS NEXT_k of pair *k* is computed as follows:

$$PS\ NEXT_k = -10 \lg \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^n 10^{\frac{-NEXT_{ik}}{10}} \quad (1)$$

where

i is the number of the disturbing pair;

k is the number of the disturbed pair;

n is the total number of pairs;

NEXT_{ik} is the near end crosstalk loss coupled from pair *i* into pair *k*.

Table 8 – PS NEXT for channel

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum PS NEXT ^a dB
D	$1 \leq f \leq 100$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{62,3 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 2 \times 10^{\frac{80 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)$
E	$1 \leq f \leq 250$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{72,3 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 2 \times 10^{\frac{90 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)$
E _A	$1 \leq f \leq 500$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{72,3 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 2 \times 10^{\frac{90 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)^{b, d}$
F	$1 \leq f \leq 600$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{99,4 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 2 \times 10^{\frac{99,4 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)$
F _A	$1 \leq f \leq 1\ 000$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{102,4 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 2 \times 10^{\frac{113,3 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)^{c, d}$

^a *PS NEXT* at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 62,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 62,0 dB.

^b Whenever the Class E_A channel insertion loss at 450 MHz is less than 12 dB, subtract the term $1,4((f - 450)/50)$ from the equation stated above for the range of 450 MHz to 500 MHz.

^c Whenever the Class F_A channel insertion loss at 900 MHz is less than 17 dB, subtract the term $2,8((f - 900)/100)$ from the equation stated above for the range of 900 MHz to 1 000 MHz.

^d The terms in the equations are not intended to imply component performance.

Table 9 – Informative PS NEXT values for channel at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum PS NEXT dB				
	Class D	Class E	Class E _A	Class F	Class F _A
1	60,3	62,0	62,0	62,0	62,0
16	40,6	50,6	50,6	62,0	62,0
100	27,1	37,1	37,1	59,9	62,0
250	N/A	30,2	30,2	53,9	56,1
500	N/A	N/A	24,8	49,4	50,6
600	N/A	N/A	N/A	48,2	49,1
1 000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	44,9

6.4.5 Attenuation to crosstalk ratio at the near-end (ACR-N)

6.4.5.1 General

ACR-N requirements are applicable to Classes D, E, E_A, F and F_A only.

In prior editions of this standard, the term ACR was used. Except for the name, the definition and equations for ACR-N are identical to those used for ACR in prior editions of this standard.

6.4.5.2 Pair-to-pair ACR-N

Pair-to-pair ACR-N is the difference between the pair-to-pair NEXT and the insertion loss (IL) of the disturbed pair in dB.

The ACR-N of each pair combination of a channel shall meet the difference of the NEXT requirement of Table 6 and the insertion loss (IL) requirement of Table 4 of the respective class.

The ACR-N requirements shall be met at both ends of the cabling.

ACR-N_{ik} of pairs *i* and *k* is computed as follows:

$$ACR-N_{ik} = NEXT_{ik} - IL_k \tag{2}$$

where

i is the number of the disturbing pair;

k is the number of the disturbed pair;

NEXT_{ik} is the near-end crosstalk loss coupled from pair *i* into pair *k*;

IL_k is the insertion loss of pair *k*.

Table 10 – Informative ACR-N values for channel at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum ACR-N dB				
	Class D	Class E	Class E _A	Class F	Class F _A
1	59,3	61,0	61,0	61,0	61,0
16	34,5	44,9	45,0	56,9	57,0
100	6,1	18,2	19,0	42,1	44,7
250	N/A	-2,8	-0,8	23,1	26,7
500	N/A	N/A	-21,4	3,1	6,9
600	N/A	N/A	N/A	-3,4	0,7
1 000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-19,6

6.4.5.3 Power sum ACR-N (PS ACR-N)

The *PS ACR-N* of each pair of a channel shall meet the difference of the *PS NEXT* requirement of Table 8 and the insertion loss (*IL*) requirement of Table 4 of the respective class. The *PS ACR-N* requirements shall be met at both ends of the cabling.

PS ACR-N_k of pair *k* is computed as follows:

$$PS\ ACR-N_k = PS\ NEXT_k - IL_k \quad (3)$$

where

k is the number of the disturbed pair;

PS NEXT_k is the power sum near-end crosstalk loss of pair *k*;

IL_k is the insertion loss of pair *k*.

Table 11 – Informative PS ACR-N values for channel at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum PS ACR-N dB				
	Class D	Class E	Class E _A	Class F	Class F _A
1	56,3	58,0	58,0	58,0	58,0
16	31,5	42,3	42,4	53,9	54,0
100	3,1	15,4	16,2	39,1	41,7
250	N/A	-5,8	-3,7	20,1	23,7
500	N/A	N/A	-24,5	0,1	3,9
600	N/A	N/A	N/A	-6,4	-2,3
1 000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-22,6

6.4.6 Attenuation to crosstalk ratio at the far-end (ACR-F)**6.4.6.1 General**

ACR-F requirements are applicable to Classes D, E, E_A, F and F_A only.

NOTE *ACR-F* and *PS ACR-F* replace parameters *ELFEXT* and *PS ELFEXT* respectively, which were specified in prior editions of this standard. Whereas *ELFEXT* is computed using the insertion loss of the disturbing pair, *ACR-F* is computed using the insertion loss of the disturbed pair. Because both disturbing pairs and disturbed pairs are

subject to the same insertion loss requirements (see Table 4), the specified requirements in Table 12 and Table 14 for Classes D, E and F have not been changed.

6.4.6.2 Pair-to-pair ACR-F

The ACR-F of each pair combination of a channel shall meet the requirements derived by the equations in Table 12.

ACR-F_{ik} of pairs *i* and *k* is computed as follows:

$$ACR-F_{ik} = FEXT_{ik} - IL_k \tag{4}$$

where

- i* is the number of the disturbing pair;
- k* is the number of the disturbed pair;
- FEXT_{ik} is the far-end crosstalk loss coupled from pair *i* into pair *k*;
- IL_k is the insertion loss of pair *k*.

Table 12 – ACR-F for channel

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum ACR-F ^{a, b} dB
D	1 ≤ <i>f</i> ≤ 100	$-20 \lg \left(\begin{matrix} \frac{63,8 - 20 \lg(f)}{10 - 20} & \frac{75,1 - 20 \lg(f)}{+4 \times 10 - 20} \end{matrix} \right)$
E	1 ≤ <i>f</i> ≤ 250	$-20 \lg \left(\begin{matrix} \frac{67,8 - 20 \lg(f)}{10 - 20} & \frac{83,1 - 20 \lg(f)}{+4 \times 10 - 20} \end{matrix} \right)$
E _A	1 ≤ <i>f</i> ≤ 500	$-20 \lg \left(\begin{matrix} \frac{67,8 - 20 \lg(f)}{10 - 20} & \frac{83,1 - 20 \lg(f)}{+4 \times 10 - 20} \end{matrix} \right)$
F	1 ≤ <i>f</i> ≤ 600	$-20 \lg \left(\begin{matrix} \frac{94 - 20 \lg(f)}{10 - 20} & \frac{90 - 15 \lg(f)}{+4 \times 10 - 20} \end{matrix} \right)$
F _A	1 ≤ <i>f</i> ≤ 1 000	$-20 \lg \left(\begin{matrix} \frac{95,3 - 20 \lg(f)}{10 - 20} & \frac{103,9 - 20 \lg(f)}{+4 \times 10 - 20} \end{matrix} \right)$

^a ACR-F at frequencies that correspond to measured FEXT values of greater than 70,0 dB are for information only.

^b The ACR-F limit at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 65,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 65,0 dB.

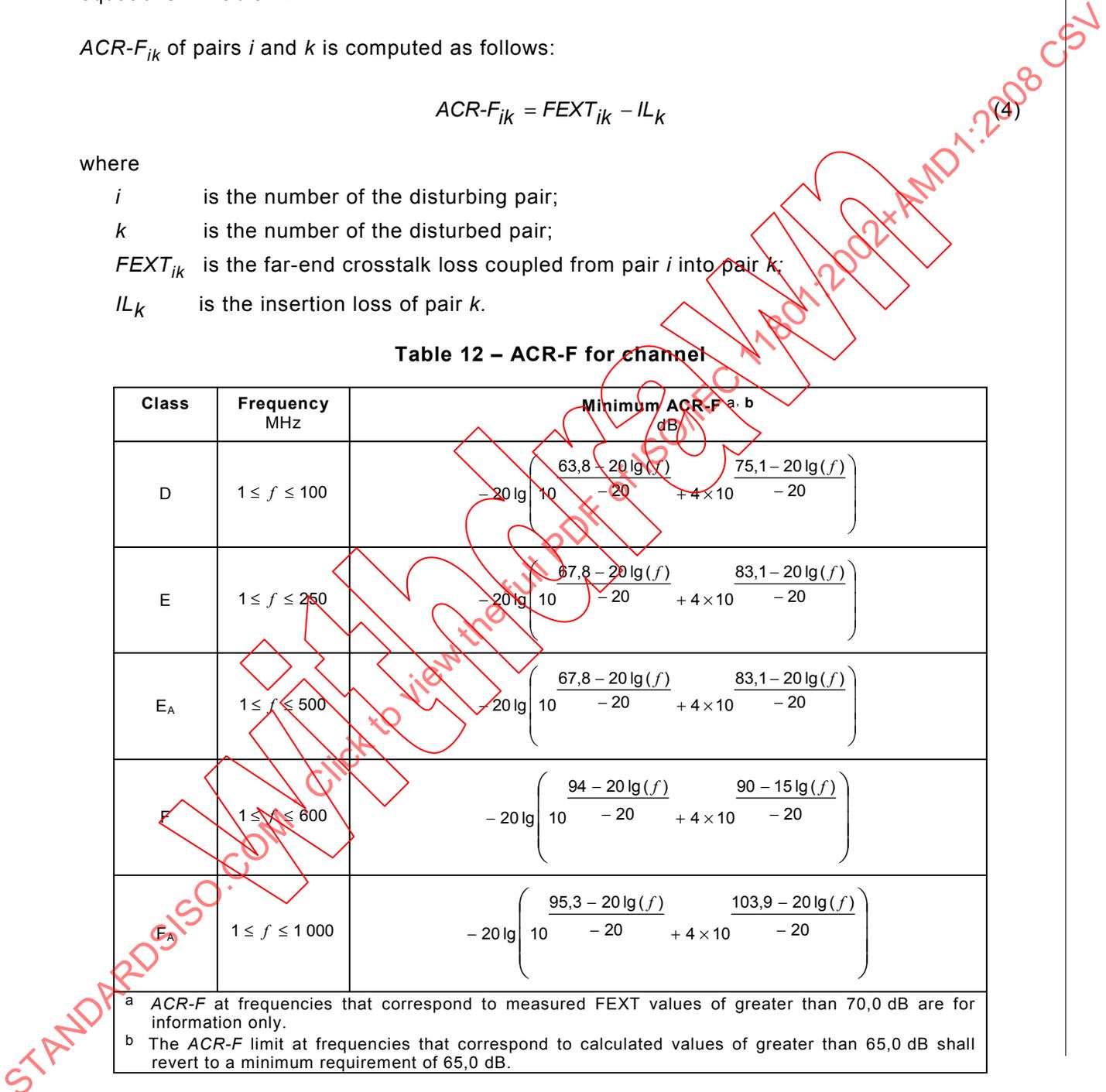


Table 13 – Informative ACR-F values for channel at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum ACR-F dB				
	Class D	Class E	Class E _A	Class F	Class F _A
1	57,4	63,3	63,3	65,0	65,0
16	33,3	39,2	39,2	57,5	63,3
100	17,4	23,3	23,3	44,4	47,4
250	N/A	15,3	15,3	37,8	39,4
500	N/A	N/A	9,3	32,6	33,4
600	N/A	N/A	N/A	31,3	31,8
1 000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	27,4

6.4.6.3 Power sum ACR-F (PS ACR-F)

The *PS ACR-F* of each pair of a channel shall meet the requirements derived by the equation in Table 14.

PS ACR-F_k of pair *k* is computed as follows:

$$PS\ ACR-F_k = \left(-10 \lg \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^n 10^{\frac{-FEXT_{ik}}{10}}} \right) - IL_k \quad (5)$$

where

- i* is the number of the disturbing pair;
- k* is the number of the disturbed pair;
- n* is the number of disturbing pairs in the channel;
- FEXT_{ik}* is the far-end crosstalk loss coupled from pair *i* into pair *k*;
- IL_k* is the insertion loss of pair *k*.

Table 14 – PS ACR-F for channel

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum PS ACR-F ^{a, b} dB
D	$1 \leq f \leq 100$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{60,8 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 4 \times 10^{\frac{72,1 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)$
E	$1 \leq f \leq 250$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{64,8 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 4 \times 10^{\frac{80,1 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)$
E _A	$1 \leq f \leq 500$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{64,8 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 4 \times 10^{\frac{80,1 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)$
F	$1 \leq f \leq 600$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{91 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 4 \times 10^{\frac{87 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)$
F _A	$1 \leq f \leq 1\,000$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{92,3 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 4 \times 10^{\frac{100,9 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)$
<p>^a PS ACR-F at frequencies that correspond to calculated PS FEXT values of greater than 67,0 dB are for information only.</p> <p>^b The PS ACR-F limit at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 62,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 62,0 dB.</p>		

Table 15 – Informative PS ACR-F values for channel at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum PS ACR-F dB				
	Class D	Class E	Class E _A	Class F	Class F _A
1	54,4	60,3	60,3	62,0	62,0
16	30,3	36,2	36,2	54,5	60,3
100	14,4	20,3	20,3	41,4	44,4
250	N/A	12,3	12,3	34,8	36,4
500	N/A	N/A	6,3	29,6	30,4
600	N/A	N/A	N/A	28,3	28,8
1 000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	24,4

6.4.7 Direct current (d.c.) loop resistance

The d.c. loop resistance of each pair of a channel shall meet the requirements in Table 16.

When required, the d.c. loop resistance shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1.

Table 16 – Direct current (d.c.) loop resistance for channel

Maximum d.c. loop resistance Ω			
Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D, E, E _A , F, F _A
560	170	40	25

6.4.8 Direct current (d.c.) resistance unbalance

For all cabling classes, the d.c. resistance unbalance between the two conductors within each pair of a channel shall not exceed 3 % or 0,200 Ω , whichever is greater. This requirement shall be achieved by design. The maximum d.c. resistance unbalance between pairs within a channel is f.f.s.

6.4.9 Current carrying capacity

The minimum current carrying capacity for channels of Classes D, E and F shall be 0,175 A d.c. per conductor for all temperatures at which the cabling will be used. This shall be achieved by an appropriate design.

6.4.10 Dielectric withstand

Dielectric withstand of Classes D, E, E_A, F and F_A channels shall be a minimum of 1 000 V d.c. conductor-to-conductor and shall be a minimum of 1 000 V d.c. conductor-to-screen or conductor to earth, if a screen is not present. This requirement shall be met by design.

6.4.11 Power capacity

Void.

6.4.12 Propagation delay

The propagation delay of each pair of a channel shall meet the requirements derived by the equation in Table 17.

When required, the propagation delay shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1.

Table 17 – Propagation delay for channel

Class	Frequency MHz	Maximum propagation delay μs
A	$f = 0,1$	20,000
B	$0,1 \leq f \leq 1$	5,000
C, D, E, E _A , F, F _A	$1 \leq f \leq \text{NOTE}$	$0,534 + 0,036/\sqrt{f} + 4 \times 0,0025$
NOTE The equation for propagation delay applies to the upper frequency of the class.		

Table 18 – Informative propagation delay values for channel at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Maximum propagation delay µs							
	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class E	Class E _A	Class F	Class F _A
0,1	20,000	5,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	N/A	5,000	0,580	0,580	0,580	0,580	0,580	0,580
16	N/A	N/A	0,553	0,553	0,553	0,553	0,553	0,553
100	N/A	N/A	N/A	0,548	0,548	0,548	0,548	0,548
250	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0,546	0,546	0,546	0,546
500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0,546	0,546	0,546
600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0,545	0,545
1 000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0,545

6.4.13 Delay skew

The delay skew between all pairs of a channel shall meet the requirements in Table 19.

When required, the delay skew shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1.

Table 19 – Delay skew for channel

Class	Frequency MHz	Maximum delay skew µs
A	$f = 0,1$	N/A
B	$0,1 \leq f \leq 1$	N/A
C	$1 \leq f \leq 16$	0,050 ^a
D	$1 \leq f \leq 100$	0,050 ^{a, c}
E	$1 \leq f \leq 250$	0,050 ^{a, c}
E _A	$1 \leq f \leq 500$	0,050 ^{a, c}
F	$1 \leq f \leq 600$	0,030 ^{b, c}
F _A	$1 \leq f \leq 1\,000$	0,030 ^{b, c}

^a This is the result of the calculation $0,045 + 4 \times 0,001\,25$.

^b This is the result of the calculation $0,025 + 4 \times 0,001\,25$.

^c Delay skew of any given installed cabling channel shall not vary by more than 0,010 µs within this requirement, due to effects such as the daily temperature variation.

6.4.14 Unbalance attenuation and coupling attenuation

6.4.14.1 General

This standard specifies unbalance attenuation (TCL and ELTCTL) for unscreened systems and coupling attenuation for screened systems. For further information on these parameters see Annex D.

6.4.14.2 Unbalance attenuation, near-end

The unbalance attenuation near-end is measured as transverse conversion loss (*TCL*). The *TCL* of a channel shall meet the requirements in Table 20. The *TCL* requirements shall be met at both ends of the cabling.

Performance requirements for *TCL* are applicable to Class A, B, C, D, E, E_A, F and F_A channels and shall be achieved by design and installation in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Table 20 – *TCL* for channel for unscreened systems

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum <i>TCL</i> ^a dB
A	$f = 0,1$	30
B	$f = 0,1$	45
	$f = 1$	20
C	$1 \leq f \leq 16$	$30 - 5 \lg(f)$
D, E, E _A , F, F _A	$1 \leq f < 30$	$53 - 15 \lg(f)$
	$30 \leq f \leq \text{NOTE } ^b$	$60,3 - 20 \lg(f)$
NOTE This equation for <i>TCL</i> applies to upper frequency of the class.		
^a <i>TCL</i> at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 40,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 40,0 dB.		
^b <i>TCL</i> at frequencies above 250 MHz are for information only.		

It is possible to assess *TCL* by laboratory measurements of representative samples of channels assembled using their component and connector termination practices.

6.4.14.3 Unbalance attenuation, far-end

The unbalance attenuation far-end is measured as equal level transverse conversion transfer loss (ELTCTL). The ELTCTL of a channel shall meet the requirements as indicated in Table 21. The ELTCTL requirements shall be met at both ends of the cabling.

Performance requirements for ELTCTL are applicable to Class D, E, E_A, F and F_A channels and shall be achieved by design and installation in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Table 21 – ELTCTL for channel for unscreened systems

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum ELTCTL dB
D, E, E _A , F, F _A	$1 \leq f \leq 30$	$30 - 20 \lg(f)$

It is possible to assess ELTCTL by laboratory measurements of representative samples of channels assembled using their component and connector termination practices.

6.4.14.4 Coupling attenuation

The coupling attenuation of a channel shall meet the requirements in Table 22 at both ends.

Performance requirements for coupling attenuation are applicable to Class D, E, E_A, F and F_A systems and shall be achieved by design and installation in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Table 22 – Coupling attenuation for channel for screened systems

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum Coupling Attenuation ^a dB
D, E, E _A , F, F _A	30 ≤ f ≤ NOTE	80 – 20lg(f)
NOTE Coupling attenuation is measured to 1 000 MHz but the limit applies to the upper frequency of the class under test.		
^a Calculated values of greater than 40 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 40 dB.		

It is possible to assess coupling attenuation by laboratory measurements of representative samples of channels assembled using their component and connector termination practices.

6.4.15 Alien crosstalk

6.4.15.1 General

The following alien crosstalk requirements are applicable only to Classes E_A and F_A. Alien crosstalk of Class F is considered to be as good as the alien crosstalk performance specified for Class E_A. For information on alien crosstalk performance of Class E systems, see ISO/IEC TR 24750.

If coupling attenuation for Class E_A or F channels is 10 dB better than Table 22 or for Class F_A channels is 25 dB better than Table 22, then the requirements of 6.4.15 are met by design.

6.4.15.2 Power sum alien NEXT (PS ANEXT)

The PS ANEXT of each pair of a channel shall meet the requirements derived by the equation in Table 23.

The PS ANEXT requirements shall be met at both ends of the channel.

PS ANEXT_k of pair k is computed as follows:

$$PS ANEXT_k = -10 \lg \left[\sum_{l=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^n 10^{\frac{-ANEXT_{l,i,k}}{10}} \right] \tag{6}$$

where

- k is the number of the disturbed pair in the disturbed channel;
- i is the number of the disturbing pair in a disturbing channel l;
- l is the number of the disturbing channel;
- N is the number of disturbing channels;
- n is the number of disturbing pairs in disturbing channel l;
- ANEXT_{l,i,k} is the alien near-end crosstalk loss coupled from pair i of disturbing channel (l) to the pair k of the disturbed channel.

Table 23 – PS ANEXT for channel

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum PS ANEXT ^a dB
E _A ^{b, c}	$1 \leq f < 100$	$80 - 10\lg(f)$
	$100 \leq f \leq 500$	$90 - 15\lg(f)$
F _A	$1 \leq f < 100$	$95 - 10\lg(f)$
	$100 \leq f \leq 1\,000$	$105 - 15\lg(f)$

^a PS ANEXT at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 67,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 67,0 dB.

^b If the average insertion loss of all disturbed pairs at 100 MHz, $IL_{100\text{MHz, avg}}$, is less than 7 dB, then subtract the following for $f \geq 100$ MHz:

$$\text{minimum} \left\{ 7 \cdot \frac{f-100}{400} \cdot \frac{7-IL_{100\text{MHz, avg}}}{IL_{100\text{MHz, avg}}}, 6 \cdot \frac{f-100}{400} \right\}$$

where

f is the frequency in MHz;

$$IL_{100\text{MHz, avg}} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^4 IL_{100\text{MHz}, i};$$

$IL_{100\text{MHz}, i}$ is the insertion loss of a pair i at 100 MHz.

^c If coupling attenuation is at least 10 dB better than the requirements in Table 22, the calculation in ^b is not required.

Table 24 – Informative PS ANEXT values for channel at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum PS ANEXT dB	
	Class E _A	Class F _A
1	67,0	67,0
100	60,0	67,0
250	54,0	67,0
500	49,5	64,5
1 000	N/A	60,0

6.4.15.3 PS ANEXT_{avg}

The *PS ANEXT_{avg}* of a channel shall meet the requirements derived by the equations in Table 25.

The *PS ANEXT_{avg}* requirements shall be met at both ends of the channel.

PS ANEXT_{avg} is computed as follows:

$$PS ANEXT_{avg} = \frac{1}{n} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n PS ANEXT_k \right] \quad (7)$$

where

- k* is the number of the disturbed pair in the disturbed channel;
- n* is the number of disturbed pairs in the disturbed channel;
- PS ANEXT_k* is the power sum alien near-end crosstalk loss coupled to pair *k* of the disturbed channel.

Table 25 – PS ANEXT_{avg} for channel

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum PS ANEXT _{avg} dB ^{a, b, c, d}
E _A	1 ≤ <i>f</i> < 100	82,25 – 10lg(<i>f</i>)
	100 ≤ <i>f</i> ≤ 500	92,25 – 15lg(<i>f</i>)

^a *PS ANEXT_{avg}* at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 67,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 67,0 dB.

^b If the average insertion loss of all disturbed pairs at 100 MHz, *IL_{100MHz,avg}*, is less than 7 dB, then subtract the following for *f* ≥ 100 MHz:

$$\text{minimum} \left\{ 7 \cdot \frac{f-100}{400} \cdot \frac{7-IL_{100MHz,avg}}{IL_{100MHz,avg}}, 6 \cdot \frac{f-100}{400} \right\}$$

where

f is the frequency in MHz;

$$IL_{100MHz,avg} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^4 IL_{100MHz,i};$$

IL_{100MHz,i} is the insertion loss of a pair *i* at 100 MHz.

^c If coupling attenuation is at least 10 dB better than the requirements in Table 22, the calculation in Footnote b is not required.

^d *PS ANEXT_{avg}* for Class F_A channels is met if the Class F_A PS ANEXT requirements in Table 23 are met.

Table 26 – Informative PS ANEXT_{avg} values for channel at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum Class E _A PS ANEXT _{avg} dB
1	67,0
100	62,3
250	56,3
500	51,8

6.4.15.4 Power sum alien ACR-F (PS AACR-F)

The PS AACR-F of each pair of a channel shall meet the requirements in Table 27.

The PS AACR-F shall be met at both ends of the channel.

The PS AACR-F is computed based on AFEXT, and insertion losses of disturbing and disturbed channels.

6.4.15.5 PS AFEXT for Class E_A channels

The PS AFEXT for Class E_A is computed as follows:

If coupling attenuation is at least 10 dB better than the requirements in Table 22, then the PS AFEXT is determined by equation (13).

The measured pair-to-pair alien FEXT values of a wire pair *k* in a disturbed channel from the disturbing channel *l* are normalized by the difference of the insertion losses of disturbing and disturbed channels

AFEXT_{norm} is computed from Equations 8 to 11 as follows

If

$$IL_k - IL_{l,i} > 0 \quad (8)$$

then

$$AFEXT_{norm,l,i,k} = AFEXT_{l,i,k} - IL_{l,i} + IL_k - 10 \lg \left(\frac{IL_k}{IL_{l,i}} \right) \quad (9)$$

If

$$IL_k - IL_{l,i} \leq 0 \quad (10)$$

then

$$AFEXT_{norm,l,i,k} = AFEXT_{l,i,k} \quad (11)$$

where

- k is the number of the disturbed pair in the disturbed channel;
- i is the number of the disturbing pair in a disturbing channel l ;
- l is the number of the disturbing channel;
- $AFEXT_{l,i,k}$ is the alien far-end crosstalk loss coupled from pair i of disturbing channel (l) to the pair k of the disturbed channel;
- IL_k is the measured insertion loss of pair k in the disturbed channel;
- $IL_{l,i}$ is the measured insertion loss of pair i of disturbing channel l .

The $PS AFEXT$ is determined according to Equation 12.

$$PS AFEXT_k = -10 \lg \left(\sum_{l=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^n 10^{\frac{-(AFEXT_{norm,l,i,k})}{10}} \right) \quad (12)$$

where

- N is the number of disturbing channels;
- n is the number of disturbing pairs in disturbing channel l ;
- k is the number of the disturbed pair in the disturbed channel;
- i is the number of the disturbing pair in a disturbing channel l ;
- l is the number of the disturbing channel.

6.4.15.6 PS AFEXT for Class F_A channels

The $PS AFEXT$ is determined according to Equation 13.

$$PS AFEXT_k = -10 \lg \left(\sum_{l=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^n 10^{\frac{-(AFEXT_{l,i,k})}{10}} \right) \quad (13)$$

where

- N is the number of disturbing channels;
- n is the number of disturbing pairs in disturbing channel l ;
- k is the number of the disturbed pair in the disturbed channel;
- i is the number of the disturbing pair in a disturbing channel l ;
- l is the number of the disturbing channel;
- $AFEXT_{l,i,k}$ is the alien far-end crosstalk loss coupled from pair i of disturbing channel (l) to the pair k of the disturbed channel.

6.4.15.7 PS AACR-F for Class E_A and Class F_A channels

For Class E_A and F_A, the *PS AACR-F_k* of disturbed pair *k* is determined according to Equation 14.

The *PS AACR-F* requirements shall be met at both ends of the channel.

$$PS\ AACR-F_k = PS\ AFEXT_k - IL_k \quad (14)$$

where

IL_k is the measured insertion loss of pair *k* in the disturbed channel;

PS AFEXT_k is the power sum alien far-end crosstalk loss coupled to pair *k*.

Table 27 – PS AACR-F for channel

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum PS AACR-F ^{a, b} dB
E _A	$1 \leq f \leq 500$	$77 - 20 \lg(f)$
F _A	$1 \leq f \leq 1\ 000$	$92 - 20 \lg(f)$

^a *PS AACR-F* at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 67,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 67,0 dB.

^b *PS AACR-F* at frequencies that correspond to calculated *PS AFEXT* values of greater than 67,0 dB or $102 - 15 \lg(f)$ dB shall be for information only.

Table 28 – Informative PS AACR-F values for channel at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum PS AACR-F dB	
	Class E _A	Class F _A
1	67,0	67,0
100	37,0	52,0
250	29,0	44,0
500	23,0	38,0
1 000	N/A	32,0

6.4.15.8 PS AACR-F_{avg} for Class E_A and Class F_A channels

The *PS AACR-F_{avg}* of a channel shall meet the requirements in Table 29.

The *PS AACR-F_{avg}* requirements shall be met at both ends of the channel.

PS AACR-F_{avg} is computed as follows:

$$PS\ AACR-F_{avg} = \frac{1}{n} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n PS\ AACR-F_k \right] \quad (15)$$

where

k is the number of the disturbed pair in the disturbed channel;

n is the number of disturbed pairs in the disturbed channel;
 $PS AACR-F_k$ is the power sum alien far-end crosstalk loss coupled to pair k of the disturbed channel relative to insertion loss of pair k of the disturbed channel.

Table 29 – PS AACR- F_{avg} for channel

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum PS AACR- F_{avg} ^{a, b, c} dB
E _A	$1 \leq f \leq 500$	$81 - 20 \lg(f)$

^a PS AACR- F_{avg} at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 67,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 67,0 dB.
^b PS AACR- F_{avg} at frequencies that correspond to PS AFEXT values of greater than 67,0 dB or $102 - 15 \cdot \lg(f)$ dB shall be for information only.
^c The PS AACR- F_{avg} limit for Class E_A channels is equal to PS AACR-F specified in Table 27.

Table 30 – Informative PS AACR- F_{avg} values for channel at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum Class E _A PS AACR- F_{avg} dB
1	67,0
100	41,0
250	33,0
500	27,0

7 Reference implementations for balanced cabling

7.1 General

This clause describes implementations of generic balanced cabling that utilise components and assemblies referenced in Clauses 9, 10 and 13. These reference implementations meet the requirements of Clause 5 and, when installed in accordance with ISO/IEC TR 14763-2, comply with the channel performance requirements of Clause 6.

7.2 Balanced cabling

7.2.1 General

Balanced components referenced in Clauses 9 and 10 are defined in terms of impedance and category. In the reference implementations of this clause, the components used in each cabling channel shall have the same nominal impedance, i.e. 100 Ω for Classes D to F and 100 Ω or 120 Ω for Class A to Class C.

The implementations are based on component performance at 20 °C. The effect of temperature on the performance of cables shall be accommodated by derating length as shown in Table 32 and Table 33.

Cables and connecting hardware of different categories may be mixed within a channel. However, the resultant cabling performance will be determined by the category of the lowest performing component.

7.2.2 Horizontal cabling

7.2.2.1 Component choice

The selection of balanced cabling components will be determined by the class of applications to be supported. Refer to Annex F for guidance.

The balanced cabling reference implementations described in this clause contain reductions in channel length where operating temperatures are in excess of 20 °C. In order to maintain specific channel lengths under such conditions (due to the effect of ambient temperature and/or the impact of applications supported by the cabling) it may be necessary to either:

- specify cables with lower insertion loss specifications than those detailed in this clause;
- provide appropriate protection to reduce the operating temperature of the channel.

Using the configurations of 7.2.2.2:

- Category 5 components provide Class D balanced cabling performance;
- Category 6 components provide Class E balanced cabling performance;
- Category 6_A components (under consideration) provide Class E_A balanced cabling performance;
- Category 7 components provide Class F balanced cabling performance;
- Category 7_A components (under consideration) provide Class F_A balanced cabling performance.

NOTE For the relationship and requirements of classes and categories in earlier editions of this standard, see Annex I.

7.2.2.2 Dimensions

Figure 12 shows the models used to correlate horizontal cabling dimensions specified in this clause with the channel specifications in Clause 6.

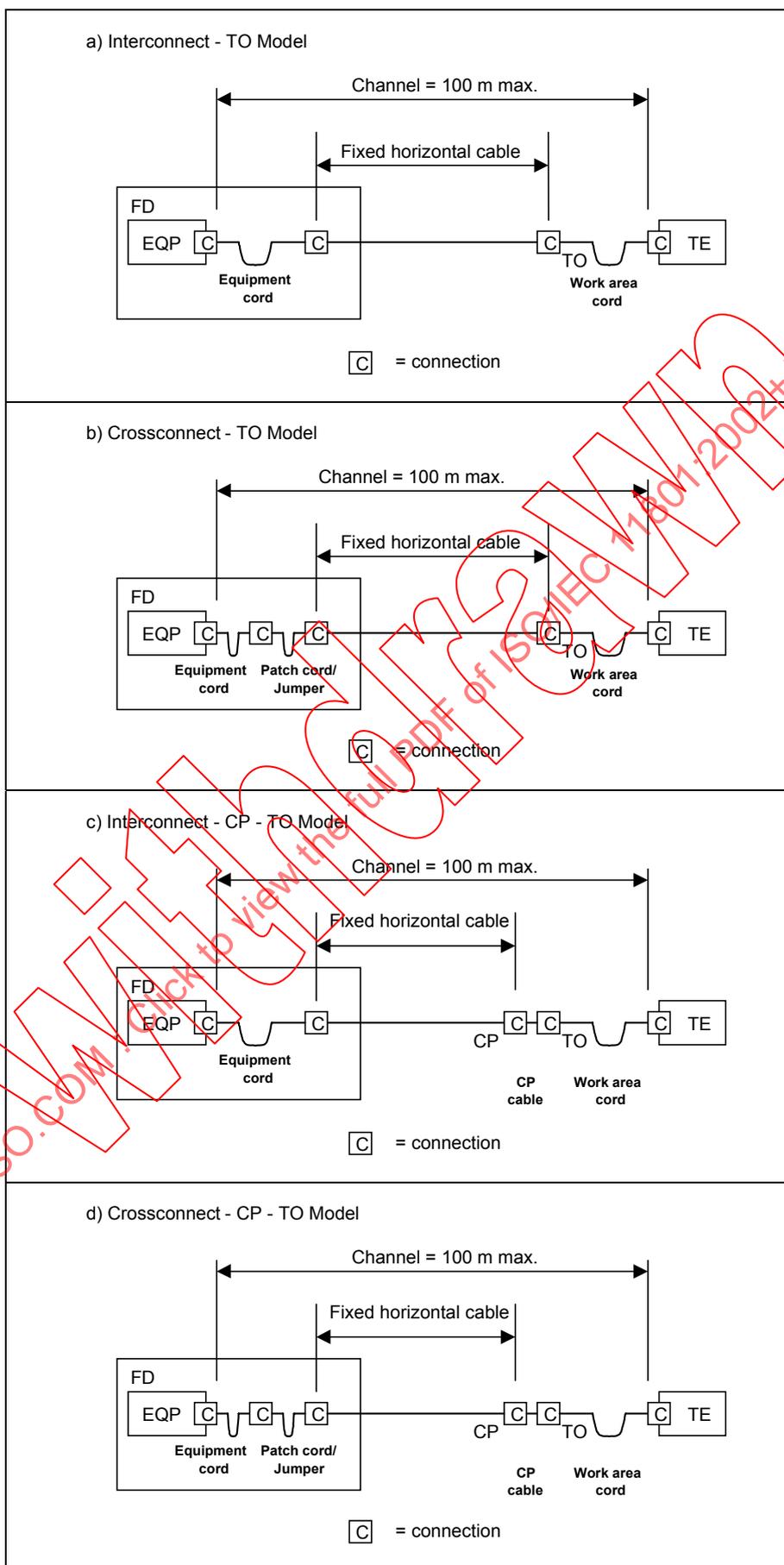


Figure 12 – Horizontal cabling models

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Figure 12a shows a channel containing only an interconnect and a TO. Figure 12b contains an additional connection as a cross-connect. In both cases the fixed horizontal cable connects the FD to the TO or MUTO. The channel includes cords comprising patch cords/jumpers, equipment and work area cords.

Figure 12c shows a channel containing an interconnect, a CP and a telecommunications outlet. Figure 12d contains an additional connection as a cross-connect. In both cases the fixed horizontal cable connects the FD to the CP. The channel includes cords comprising patch cords/jumpers, equipment and work area cords.

Table 31 contains the length assumptions used in the models shown in Figure 12. Channel performance can be met using components specified in Clauses 9, 10 and 13 when configured within the range of implementations provided by Figure 12 and Table 31.

Table 31 – Minimum and maximum length

Segment	Minimum length m	Maximum length m
FD-CP	15	85
CP-TO	5	-
FD-TO (no CP)	15	90
Work area cord	2 ^a	5
Patch cord	2	-
Equipment cord	2 ^b	5
All cords	-	10
^a If there is no CP, the minimum length of the work area cord is 1 m.		
^b If there is no cross-connect, the minimum length of the equipment cord is 1 m.		

Table 32 – Horizontal link length equations

Model	Figure	Implementation Equation		
		Class D channels	Class E and E _A channels	Class F and F _A channels
Interconnect - TO	12a	$H = 109 - FX$	$H = 107 - 3^a - FX$	$H = 107 - 2^a - FX$
Cross-connect - TO	12b	$H = 107 - FX$	$H = 106 - 3^a - FX$	$H = 106 - 3^a - FX$
Interconnect - CP - TO	12c	$H = 107 - FX - CY$	$H = 106 - 3^a - FX - CY$	$H = 106 - 3^a - FX - CY$
Cross-connect - CP - TO	12d	$H = 105 - FX - CY$	$H = 105 - 3^a - FX - CY$	$H = 105 - 3^a - FX - CY$
<i>H</i> the maximum length of the fixed horizontal cable (m)				
<i>F</i> combined length of patch cords/jumpers, equipment and work area cords (m)				
<i>C</i> the length of the CP cable (m)				
<i>X</i> the ratio of cord cable insertion loss (dB/m) to fixed horizontal cable insertion loss (dB/m) – see Clause 9				
<i>Y</i> the ratio of CP cable insertion loss (dB/m) to fixed horizontal cable insertion loss (dB/m) – see Clause 9				
NOTE For operating temperatures above 20 °C, <i>H</i> should be reduced by 0,2 % per °C for screened cables; 0,4 % per °C (20 °C to 40 °C) and 0,6 % per °C (>40 °C to 60 °C) for unscreened cables.				
^a This length reduction is to provide an allocated margin to accommodate insertion loss deviation.				

For the purpose of calculation in Table 32 it is assumed that:

- the flexible cable within these cords has a higher insertion loss than that used in the fixed horizontal cable (see Clause 9);
- all the cords in the channel have a common insertion loss specification.

The following general restrictions apply:

- the physical length of the channel shall not exceed 100 m;
- the physical length of the fixed horizontal cable shall not exceed 90 m. When the total length of patch, equipment and work area cords exceeds 10 m, the allowed physical length of the fixed horizontal cable shall be reduced according to Table 32;
- a consolidation point shall be located so that there is at least 15 m from it to the floor distributor;
- where a multi-user TO assembly is used, the length of the work area cord should not exceed 20 m;
- the length of patch cords/jumper cables should not exceed 5 m.

The maximum length of the fixed horizontal cable will depend on the total length of cords to be supported within a channel. During the operation of the installed cabling, a management system should be implemented to ensure that the cords, jumper cables and, where appropriate, the CP cables used to create the channel conform to the design rules for the floor, building or installation.

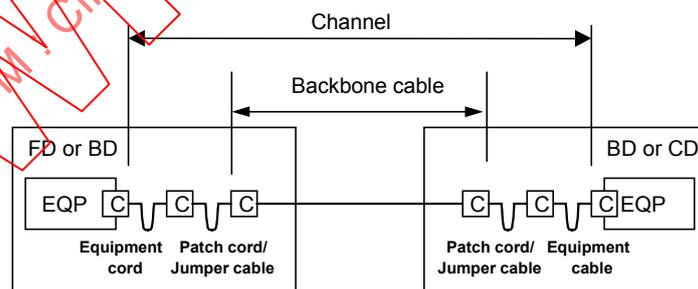
7.2.3 Backbone cabling

7.2.3.1 Component choice

The selection of balanced components will be determined by the channel lengths required and the class of applications to be supported. Refer to Annex F for guidance.

7.2.3.2 Dimensions

Figure 13 shows the model used to correlate cabling dimensions specified in this clause with the channel specifications in Clause 6. The backbone channel shown (either building or campus) contains a cross-connect at each end. This represents the maximum configuration for a Class D, E or F backbone channel.



EQP = equipment; C = connection (mated pair)

Figure 13 – Backbone cabling model

The channel includes additional cords comprising patch cords/jumpers and equipment cords.

In Table 33 it is assumed that:

- the flexible cable within these cords may have a higher insertion loss than that used in the backbone cable;
- all the cords in the channel have a common insertion loss specification.

In order to accommodate the higher insertion loss of cables used for patch cords, jumpers and equipment cords, the length of the cables used within a channel of a given class (see 5.7.9) shall be determined by the equations shown in Table 33.

The following general restrictions apply for Classes D, E and F:

- the physical length of channels shall not exceed 100 m;
- when 4 connections are used in a channel, the physical length of the backbone cable should be at least 15 m.

The maximum length of the backbone cable will depend on the total length of cords to be supported within a channel. The maximum lengths of cords shall be set during the design phase and a management system is required to ensure that these lengths are not exceeded during the operation of the cabling system.

Table 33 – Backbone link length equations

Component Category	Class					
	A ^a	B ^a	C ^a	D ^a	E ^a and E _A ^a	F ^a and F _A ^a
5	2 000	$B = 250 - FX$	$B = 170 - FX$	$B = 105 - FX$	–	–
6	2 000	$B = 260 - FX$	$B = 185 - FX$	$B = 111 - FX$	$B = 105 - 3^b - FX$	–
7	2 000	$B = 260 - FX$	$B = 190 - FX$	$B = 115 - FX$	$B = 107 - 3^b - FX$	$B = 105 - 3^b - FX$
<p><i>B</i> the maximum length of the backbone cable (m)</p> <p><i>F</i> combined length of patch cords/jumpers and equipment cords (m)</p> <p><i>X</i> the ratio of cord cable insertion loss (dB/m) to backbone cable insertion loss (dB/m) – see Clause 9.</p>						
<p>NOTE 1 Where channels contain a different number of connections than in the model shown in Figure 13, the fixed cable length shall be reduced (where more connections exist) or may be increased (where fewer connections exist) by 2 m per connection for category 5 cables and 1 m per connection for Category 6 and 7 cables. Additionally, the <i>NEXT</i>, Return Loss (<i>RL</i>) and <i>ACR-F</i> performance should be verified.</p>						
<p>NOTE 2 For operating temperatures above 20 °C, <i>B</i> should be reduced by 0,2 % per °C for screened cables; 0,4 % per °C (20 °C to 40 °C) and 0,6 % per °C (>40 °C to 60 °C) for unscreened cables.</p>						
<p>^a Applications limited by propagation delay or delay skew may not be supported if channel lengths exceed 100 m.</p>						
<p>^b This length reduction is to provide an allocated margin to accommodate insertion loss deviation.</p>						

8 Performance of optical fibre cabling

8.1 General

The selection of an optical fibre channel design for use within a generic cabling system should be made with reference to Annex F. This standard specifies the following classes for optical fibre cabling:

Class OF-300 channels support applications over the optical fibre types referenced in Clause 9 to a minimum of 300 m

Class OF-500 channels support applications over the optical fibre types referenced in Clause 9 to a minimum of 500 m

Class OF-2 000 channels support applications over the optical fibre types referenced in Clause 9 to a minimum of 2 000 m

Optical fibre channels shall be comprised of components that comply with Clauses 9 and 10. These clauses specify physical construction (core/cladding diameter and numerical aperture)

and transmission performance. Within the reference implementations of this clause, the optical fibres used in each cabling channel shall have the same specification.

8.2 Component choice

The required channel lengths, applications to be supported and the life expectancy of the cabling will determine the selection of optical fibre components. The performance requirements for optical fibre channels are based on the use of a single optical wavelength in each specified transmission window.

The requirements for the wavelength multiplexing and demultiplexing components will be found in the application standards. There are no special requirements for generic cabling concerning wavelength multiplexing.

8.3 Channel attenuation

The channel attenuation shall not exceed the values shown in Table 34. The values are based on a total allocation of 1,5 dB for connecting hardware. Additional connectors and splices may be used if the power budget of the application allows. The attenuation of a channel shall be measured according to ISO/IEC TR 14763-3. The attenuation of channels and permanent links at a specified wavelength shall not exceed the sum of the specified attenuation values for the components at that wavelength (where the attenuation of a length of optical fibre cable is calculated from its attenuation coefficient multiplied by its length).

Table 34 – Channel attenuation

Channel attenuation dB				
Channel	Multimode		Single-mode	
	850 nm	1 300 nm	1 310 nm	1 550 nm
OF-300	2,55	1,95	1,80	1,80
OF-500	3,25	2,25	2,00	2,00
OF-2 000	8,50	4,50	3,50	3,50

8.4 Channel topology

The models of Figure 13 and Figure 14 are applicable to horizontal and backbone optical fibre cabling respectively. It should be noted that the connection system, used to terminate optical cabling, may contain mated connecting hardware and splices (permanent or re-useable) and that cross-connects may comprise re-useable splices.

The delivery of optical fibre to the TO would not generally require transmission equipment at the FD (unless the design of optical fibre in the backbone cabling subsystem differs from that in the horizontal cabling subsystem). This allows the creation of a combined backbone/horizontal channel as shown in Figure 14. The three diagrams show a patched channel, a spliced channel and a direct channel (which does not require the use of a FD). Patched and spliced channel designs are also applicable to combined campus/building backbone channels and it is possible to consider a combined campus/building/horizontal channel.

The use of permanently spliced and direct channels may be used as a means of reducing channel attenuation and centralising the distribution of applications. However, centralising the distribution may also result in a reduction in the overall flexibility in generic cabling.

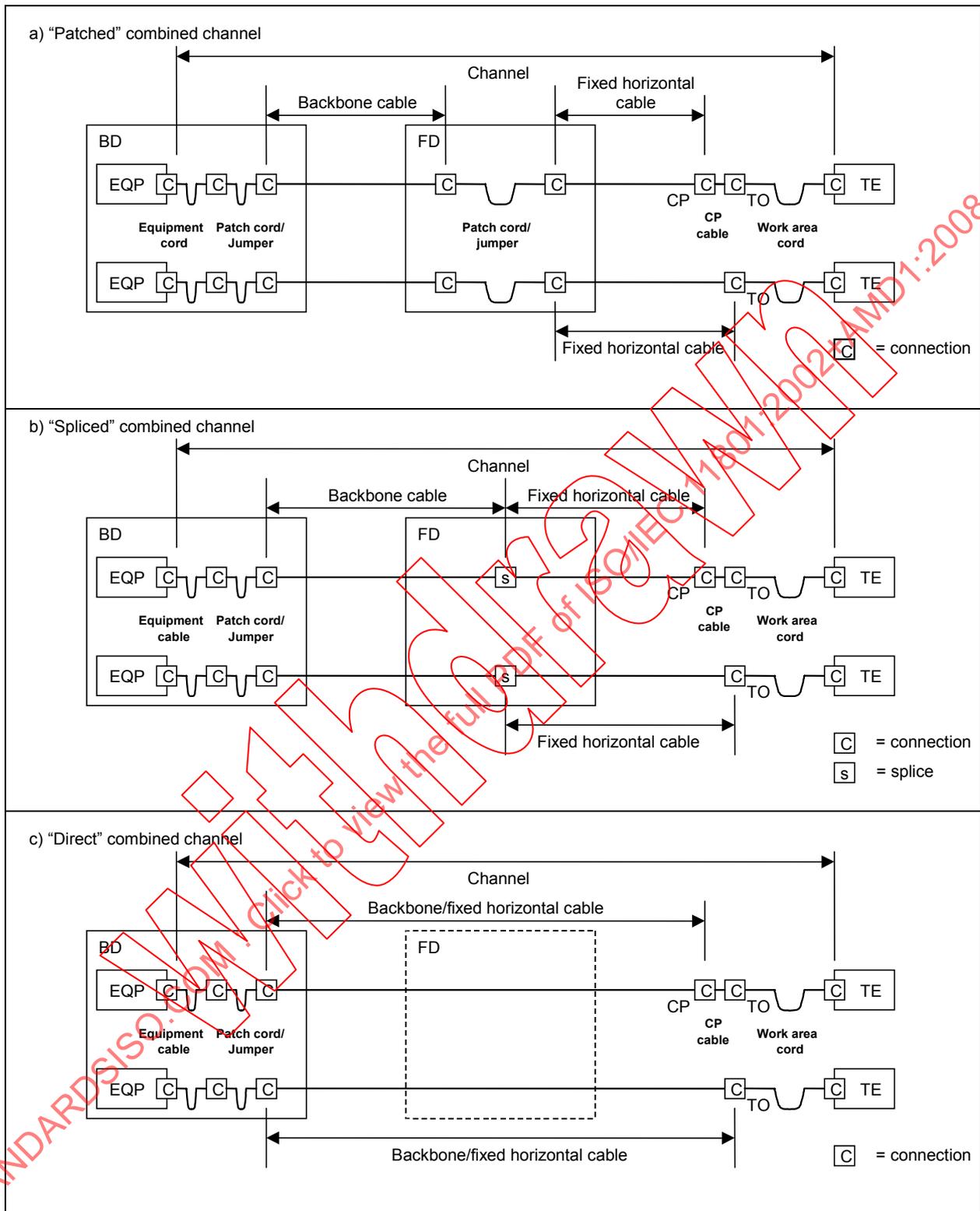


Figure 14 – Combined backbone/horizontal channels

In order to accommodate increased quantities of mated connections and splices used within a channel of a given class, the total length of the channel may have to be reduced to accommodate the additional attenuation.

8.5 Propagation delay

For some applications, knowledge of the delay of optical fibre channels is important. This ensures compliance with end-to-end delay requirements of complex networks consisting of multiple cascaded channels. For this reason, it is important to know the lengths of the optical fibre channels. It is possible to calculate propagation delay based on cable performance (see Clause 9).

9 Cable requirements

9.1 General

This clause specifies the minimum cable performance requirements for the reference implementations in Clause 7. The requirements of the current clause apply to a reference temperature of 20 °C. They include:

- a) cables installed in the horizontal and backbone cabling subsystems specified in Clause 0 and used in the reference implementations of Clause 7 for balanced cabling and Clause 8 for optical fibre cabling;
- b) balanced cables or cable elements to be used as jumpers;
- c) balanced cables to be assembled as cords as specified in Clause 13 and used in the reference implementations of Clause 7.

Balanced cables shall be tested according to generic specification IEC 61156-1 and shall meet the requirements of 9.2.

Optical fibre cables shall meet the requirements of those parts of IEC 60794 that specify the relevant test methods and cable characteristics and that are referenced in 9.4.

9.2 Balanced cables

9.2.1 Basic performance requirements

Both mechanical and electrical requirements are given in the generic specification IEC 61156-1 and the relevant sectional specifications and cover the minimum requirements to meet the performance classes specified in Clause 6 using the reference implementation of 7.2. The cables shall meet the requirements of Table 35. The Category 5 of this standard corresponds to the category 5e of the standards referenced in Table 35, if, in addition, the requirements of 9.2.2 are met.

Table 35 – Basic requirements of balanced cables

IEC 61156-2 (2001)	Sectional specification for multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Horizontal wiring
IEC 61156-3 (2001)	Sectional specification for multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Work area wiring
IEC 61156-4 (2001)	Sectional specification for multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Riser cables
IEC 61156-5 (2002)	Symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications with transmission characteristics up to 600 MHz – Part 5: Horizontal wiring
IEC 61156-6 (2002)	Symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications with transmission characteristics up to 600 MHz – Part 6: Work area wiring
NOTE The pair-to-pair NEXT of category 6 is 1 dB more restrictive than needed to fulfil Clause 6 using the reference implementation of Clause 7.	

9.2.2 Additional requirements

9.2.2.1 General

The additional mechanical and electrical requirements given in this subclause shall be met. Measurements shall be performed according to IEC 61156-1. In case of conflict with referenced standards, the limits in this standard apply.

9.2.2.2 Mechanical characteristics of balanced cables

Table 36 – Mechanical characteristics of balanced cables

Cable characteristics		Units	Requirements
1.1	Diameter of conductor ^a	mm	0,4 to 0,8
1.2	Diameter over-insulated conductor ^b	mm	≤1,6
1.3	Outer diameter of backbone cable ^c	mm	≤90
1.4	Temperature range without mechanical or electrical degradation	°C	installation: 0 to +50 operation: –20 to +60
1.5	Minimum bending radius (after installation) ^d	25 mm for four-pair cables with a diameter up to 6 mm 50 mm for four-pair cables with a diameter over 6 mm	
<p>^a Conductor diameters below 0,5 mm and above 0,65 mm may not be compatible with all connecting hardware.</p> <p>^b Diameters over the insulated conductor up to 1,7 mm may be used if they meet all other performance requirements. These cables may not be compatible with all connecting hardware.</p> <p>^c Should be minimised to make best use of duct and cross-connect capacity (see Clause 10).</p> <p>^d For minimum bending radius requirements during installation refer to manufacturer's recommendations.</p>			

9.2.2.3 Mean characteristic impedance

Refer to 3.3.6.2 of IEC 61156-5 measured according to 3.3.6.2.3 method A of IEC 61156-1 on a standard length of 100 m. The nominal impedance shall be 100 Ω.

Alternate test methodologies that have been shown to correlate with these requirements may also be used.

9.2.2.4 Attenuation

For the attenuation of Category 5 cable the constants specified in 3.3.2.2 of IEC 61156-5 shall be used. They result in a lower attenuation than given in table 4 of 3.3.2.1 of IEC 61156-5, for example in 21,3 dB/100 m at 100 MHz.

Calculations that result in attenuation below 4 dB shall revert to a requirement of 4 dB.

9.2.2.5 ELFEXT and PS ELFEXT

Refer to 3.3.5 of IEC 61156-5 with the additional requirement, that *ELFEXT* and *PS ELFEXT* shall be met from 1 MHz up to the highest specified frequency.

If *FEXT* is greater than 70 dB, *ELFEXT* and *PS ELFEXT* need not be measured.

9.2.2.6 Current carrying capacity

Minimum d.c. current carrying capacity per conductor shall be 175 mA.

This shall be supported at a maximum ambient temperature of 60 °C; conformance shall be achieved by design. An IEC test reference is under development.

9.2.2.7 Coupling attenuation

Refer to 3.3.9 of IEC 61156-5 with the additional requirement, that for screened cables type II shall be met.

9.2.2.8 Transfer impedance

Screened cables shall meet the requirements of grade 2 in table 2 of IEC 61156-5.

9.2.3 Additional performance requirements for flexible cables

This clause covers additional requirements for cables used for patch cords, for work area and for equipment cords for use with balanced cabling. The electrical performance of these cables shall meet the general requirements for balanced cables as specified in 9.2.2 for the respective category with exception of attenuation, d.c. loop resistance and return loss (*RL*), which are specified in this subclause.

The attenuation in dB/100 m and d.c. loop resistance shall not be more than 50 % higher than specified in 9.2.2. Consider 7.2 for additional length restrictions.

NOTE Return loss (*RL*) shall be measured on a test length of 100 m. Alternate test methodologies that have been shown to correlate with these requirements may also be used.

9.3 Additional crosstalk considerations for cable sharing in balanced cables

9.3.1 General

This subclause covers cabling system implementations that may lead to the presence of multiple signals on the same cable.

Backbone cables required to support multiple signals shall meet the requirements of 9.3.2.

In the horizontal cabling subsystem, when multiple telecommunications outlets are served by a single cable, the near-end crosstalk of cable elements that extend to any two or more outlets shall meet the requirements of 9.3.3. The requirements of 9.3.3 also apply between units of hybrid and multi-unit cables used in either the horizontal or backbone subsystems.

9.3.2 Power summation in backbone cables

Examples of the types of cables covered by this clause include cables with two or more elements within a cable unit that are used for backbone subsystems. Cables according to the requirements of this clause shall meet the respective requirements of 9.2. These cables shall additionally meet the *PS NEXT* requirements for crosstalk in bundled cable, i.e. 3.3.10 of IEC 61156-5.

NOTE 1 The specification in IEC 61156-5:2002 is more demanding by 2 dB than the original ISO/IEC requirement.

NOTE 2 *PS NEXT* takes the total crosstalk power into account. Therefore a higher count of adjacent pairs requires a higher pair-pair *NEXT* to achieve the same *PS NEXT*.

9.3.3 Hybrid, multi-unit and cables connected to more than one TO

Examples of the types of cables that are covered by this clause include hybrid cables and multi-unit cables and any cable connected to more than one TO. The units may be of the same type or of different types, and of the same category or of different categories. Cables required to meet this clause shall also meet the requirements for the corresponding cable type given in 9.2.

For cables required to meet this clause, *PS NEXT* between any balanced cable unit or element shall meet the requirements specified in 3.3.10.1 of IEC 61156-5:2002.

NOTE 1 The above requirement is intended to minimise the potential for sheath sharing incompatibilities. Cables that meet the power summation requirement for *NEXT* may not support services with different signalling schemes. The use of different applications, supported by metallic cabling, with a maximum power budget exceeding 3 dB is not assured within a common sheath.

NOTE 2 The *PS NEXT* of cat. 6 is 1 dB more restrictive than needed to fulfil Clause 6 using the reference implementation of Clause 7.

9.4 Optical fibre cables

9.4.1 Optical fibre types

Four types of optical fibre are specified to support various classes of applications, three multimode optical fibre types (OM1, OM2, and OM3) and one single-mode type (OS1).

9.4.2 Generic performance requirements

9.4.2.1 Optical fibre cable attenuation

Table 37 – Optical fibre cable attenuation

Maximum cable attenuation dB/km				
	OM1, OM2, and OM3 Multimode		OS1 Single-mode	
Wavelength	850 nm	1 300 nm	1 310 nm	1 550 nm
Attenuation	3,5	1,5	1,0	1,0

9.4.2.2 Propagation delay

A conservative conversion value for unit propagation delay of 5,00 ns/m (0,667 c) may be used. This value can be used to calculate channel delay without verification (see Clause 8).

9.4.3 Multimode optical fibre cable

The three parts to the requirement for multimode optical fibre cables are the optical fibre requirements, the cable transmission performance requirements and the physical cable requirements.

a) Optical fibre requirements

The optical fibre shall be multimode, graded-index optical fibre waveguide with nominal 50/125 µm or 62,5/125 µm core/cladding diameter and numerical aperture complying with A1a or A1b optical fibre as defined in IEC 60793-2-10.

b) Cable transmission performance requirements

Each optical fibre in the cable shall meet the performance requirements of Table 37 and Table 38. Attenuation and modal bandwidth shall be measured in accordance with IEC 60793-1-40 and IEC 60793-1-41 respectively.

c) Physical cable requirements

The indoor and outdoor optical fibre cable shall meet mechanical and environmental requirements specified in IEC 60794-2 and IEC 60794-3 respectively.

Table 38 – Multimode optical fibre modal bandwidth

Wavelength		Minimum modal bandwidth MHz × km		
		Overfilled launch bandwidth		Effective laser launch bandwidth
		850 nm	1 300 nm	850 nm
Optical fibre type	Core diameter µm			
OM1	50 or 62,5	200	500	Not specified
OM2	50 or 62,5	500	500	Not specified
OM3	50	1 500	500	2 000

NOTE Effective laser launch bandwidth is assured using differential mode delay (DMD) as specified in IEC/PAS 60793-1-49. Optical fibres that meet only the overfilled launch modal bandwidth may not support some applications specified in Annex F.

9.4.4 Single-mode optical fibre cables

The three parts to the requirement for single-mode optical fibre cables are the optical fibre requirements, the cable transmission performance and the physical cable requirements.

- a) Optical fibre requirements
the optical fibre shall comply with IEC 60793-2-50 type B1 and ITU-T G.652.
- b) Cable transmission performance requirement
 - 1) Attenuation
each single-mode optical fibre in the cable shall have an attenuation in accordance with Table 37. Attenuation shall be measured in accordance with IEC 60793-1-40.
 - 2) Cut-off wavelength
the cut-off wavelength of cabled single-mode optical fibre shall be less than 1 260 nm when measured in accordance with IEC 60793-1-44.
- c) Physical cable requirements
the indoor and outdoor optical fibre cable shall meet mechanical and environmental requirements from IEC 60794-2 and IEC 60794-3 respectively.

10 Connecting hardware requirements

10.1 General requirements

10.1.1 Applicability

This clause provides guidelines and requirements for connecting hardware used in generic cabling. For the purpose of this clause, a connector is a component normally attached to a cable or mounted on a piece of apparatus (excluding an adapter) for joining separable parts of a cabling system. Unless otherwise specified, this standard specifies the minimum performance of mated connectors as part of a link or channel. The requirements used in this clause apply to mated connections. The requirements of the detail specifications for plugs and sockets referenced in this clause shall also be met.

These requirements apply to individual connectors which include telecommunications outlets, patch panels, consolidation point connectors, splices and cross-connects. All requirements for these components are applicable for the temperature range of –10 °C to +60 °C. Performance requirements do not include the effects of cross-connect jumpers or patch cords. Requirements for balanced cords are provided in Clause 13.

NOTE This clause does not address requirements for devices with passive or active electronic circuitry, including those whose main purpose is to serve a specific application or to provide compliance with other rules and regulations. Examples include media adapters, impedance matching transformers, terminating resistors, LAN equipment, filters and protection apparatus. Such devices are considered to be outside the scope of generic cabling and may have significant detrimental effects on network performance. Therefore, it is important that their compatibility with the cabling system and equipment be considered before use.

10.1.2 Location

Connecting hardware is installed:

- a) in a campus distributor permitting connections to building backbone and campus backbone cabling and equipment (if provided);
- b) in a building distributor permitting connections to the backbone cabling and equipment (if provided);
- c) in a floor distributor providing the cross-connections between backbone and horizontal cabling and permitting connections to equipment (if provided);
- d) at the horizontal cabling consolidation point (if provided);
- e) at the telecommunications outlet;
- f) in the building entrance facility.

10.1.3 Design

In addition to its primary purpose, connecting hardware should be designed to provide

- a) a means to identify cabling for installation and administration as described in Clause 12,
- b) a means to permit orderly cable management,
- c) a means of access to monitor or test cabling and equipment,
- d) protection against physical damage and ingress of contaminants,
- e) a termination density that is space efficient, but that also provides ease of cable management and ongoing administration of the cabling system,
- f) a means to accommodate screening and bonding requirements, when applicable.

10.1.4 Operating environment

Performance of the connecting hardware shall be maintained over temperatures ranging from $-10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. Connecting hardware should be protected from physical damage and from direct exposure to moisture and other corrosive elements. This protection may be accomplished by installation indoors or in an appropriate enclosure for the environment according to the relevant IEC standard.

10.1.5 Mounting

Connecting hardware should be designed to provide flexibility for mounting, either directly or by means of an adapter plate or enclosure. (For example, connecting hardware should have mounting provisions for placement on walls, in walls, in racks, or on other types of distribution frames and mounting fixtures.)

10.1.6 Installation practices

The manner and care with which the cabling is implemented are significant factors in the performance and ease of administration of installed cabling systems. Installation and cable management precautions should include the elimination of cable stress as caused by tension, sharp bends and tightly bunched cables.

The connecting hardware shall be installed to permit

- a) minimal signal impairment and maximum screen effectiveness (where screened cabling is used) by proper cable preparation, termination practices (in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines) and well organised cable management,
- b) room for mounting telecommunications equipment associated with the cabling system. Racks should have adequate clearances for access and cable dressing space.

The connecting hardware shall be identified according to the requirements of ISO/IEC 14763-1. Planning and installation of connecting hardware should be carried out in accordance with ISO/IEC TR 14763-2.

NOTE 1 See ISO/IEC 18010 for information on pathways and spaces for customer premises cabling.

NOTE 2 Some connections are used to perform a crossover function between two elements to properly configure cabling links for transmit and receive connections.

NOTE 3 Improper termination of any balanced cable element or screen may degrade transmission performance, increase emissions and reduce immunity.

10.1.7 Marking and colour coding

In order to maintain consistent and correct point-to-point connections, provisions shall be made to ensure that terminations are properly located with respect to connector positions and their corresponding cable elements. Such provisions may include the use of colours, alphanumeric identifiers or other means designed to ensure that cables are connected in a consistent manner throughout the system.

When two physically similar cabling types are used in the same subsystem, they shall be marked in such a way as to allow each cabling type to be clearly identified. For example, different performance categories, different nominal impedance and different optical fibre core diameters should carry unique markings or colours to facilitate visual identification.

10.2 Connecting hardware for balanced cabling

10.2.1 General requirements

The following requirements apply to all connecting hardware used to provide electrical connections with balanced cables that comply with the requirements of Clause 9. It is desirable that hardware used to directly terminate balanced cable elements be of the insulation displacement connection (IDC) type. In addition to these requirements, connecting hardware used with screened cabling shall be in full compliance with Clause 11.

10.2.2 Performance marking

Connecting hardware intended for use with balanced cabling should be marked to designate transmission performance at the discretion of the manufacturer. The markings, if any, shall be visible during installation and do not replace other markings specified in 10.1.7, or in Clause 12, or those required by local codes or regulations.

10.2.3 Mechanical characteristics

Connecting hardware intended for use with balanced cabling shall meet the requirements specified in Table 39.

Table 39 – Mechanical characteristics of connecting hardware for use with balanced cabling

Mechanical characteristics		Requirement	Component or test standard
a)	Physical dimensions (only at telecommunications outlet)	Category 5 unshielded	Mating dimensions and gauging IEC 60603-7-2 ^l
		Category 5 shielded	Mating dimensions and gauging IEC 60603-7-3 ^k
		Category 6 unshielded	Mating dimensions and gauging IEC 60603-7-4 ^m
		Category 6 shielded	Mating dimensions and gauging IEC 60603-7-5 ⁿ
		Category 7	Mating dimensions and gauging IEC 60603-7-7 ^o
Cable termination compatibility			
Nominal conductor diameter – mm		0,5 to 0,65 ^a	–
Cable type	Patching ^d	Stranded conductors	–
	Jumpers	Stranded or solid conductors	–
	Other	Solid conductors	–
Nominal diameter of insulated conductor mm	Categories 5 and 6	0,7 to 1,4 ^{b,c}	Visual inspection
	Category 7	0,7 to 1,6	
Number of conductors	Telecommunications outlet	8	Visual inspection
	Other	$\geq 2 \times n$ ($n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$)	
Cable outer diameter mm	Outlet	≤ 20	–
	Plug	≤ 9 ^e	
Means to connect screen ^f		Mechanical and environmental performance	Annex C and Clause 11
Mechanical operation (durability)			
Cable termination (cycles)	Non-reusable IDC	1	IEC 60352-3 or IEC 60352-4
	Reusable IDC	≥ 20	IEC 60352-3 or IEC 60352-4
	Non-reusable IPC	1	IEC 60352-6
Jumper termination (cycles)		≥ 200 ^g	IEC 60352-3 or IEC 60352-4
TO-type interface (cycles)		≥ 750 ^h	IEC 60603-7 (unshielded) or IEC 60603-7-1 shielded
Other connections		≥ 200 ^h	Annex C
<p>^a It is not required that connecting hardware be compatible with cables outside of this range. However, when cables with conductor diameters as low as 0,4 mm or as high as 0,8 mm are used, special care shall be taken to ensure compatibility with connecting hardware to which they connect.</p> <p>^b Use of the modular plug connector specified in series IEC 60603-7 is typically limited to cables having insulated conductor diameters in the range of 0,8 mm to 1,0 mm.</p> <p>^c It is not required that connecting hardware be compatible with cables outside of this range. However, when cables with insulated conductor diameters as high as 1,6 mm are used, special care shall be taken to ensure compatibility with connecting hardware to which they connect.</p> <p>^d Connectors used in work area cords and equipment cords shall also be compatible with stranded conductors.</p> <p>^e Applicable only to individual cable units.</p> <p>^f If it is intended to use shielded cabling, care should be taken that the connector is designed to terminate the screen. There may be a difference between connectors designed to terminate balanced cables with overall screens only, as opposed to cables having both individually screened elements and an overall screen (see Annex E).</p> <p>^g This durability requirement is only applicable to connections designed to administer cabling system changes (i.e., at a distributor).</p> <p>^h Mating and unmating under load is f.f.s.</p> <p>ⁱ At the time of publication IEC 60603-7-2 (Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-2: Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 100 MHz) was not available. Until this specification is available compliance to requirements that refer to IEC 60603-7-2 may be attained by full compliance with IEC 60603-7, combined with all applicable requirements of Clause 10 of this standard.</p>			

- ^k At the time of publication IEC 60603-7-3 (Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-3: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 100 MHz) was not available. Until this specification is available compliance to requirements that refer to IEC 60603-7-3 may be attained by full compliance with IEC 60603-7-1, combined with all applicable requirements of Clause 10 of this standard.
- ^m At the time of publication IEC 60603-7-4 (Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-4: Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 250 MHz) was not available. Until this specification is available compliance to requirements that refer to IEC 60603-7-4 may be attained by full compliance with IEC 60603-7, combined with all applicable requirements of Clause 10 of this standard.
- ⁿ At the time of publication IEC 60603-7-5 (Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-5: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 250 MHz) was not available. Until this specification is available compliance to requirements that refer to IEC 60603-7-5 may be attained by full compliance with IEC 60603-7-1, combined with all applicable requirements of Clause 10 of this standard.
- ^o In installations where other factors, such as HEM (see ISO/IEC 15018) applications, take preference over backward compatibility offered with IEC 60603-7-7, the interface specified in IEC/PAS 61076-3-104/Ed.1 may also be used.

10.2.4 Electrical characteristics

10.2.4.1 General

Connecting hardware intended for use with balanced cabling shall meet the following performance requirements. Connecting hardware shall be tested with terminations and test leads that match the nominal characteristic impedance of the type of cables (i.e., 100 Ω or 120 Ω) they are intended to support.

In the following tables, requirements are provided for a range of frequencies. Performance values at discrete frequencies are provided for reference only.

10.2.4.2 Telecommunications outlets

Telecommunications outlets of a given category shall meet the corresponding performance requirements provided in Table 40. In addition, connectors in all other locations having the same type of interface as the telecommunications outlet shall also comply with one or more of the standards specified in Table 40 with pair groupings as specified in 10.2.5. Requirements of 10.2.4.3 shall be met for all TOs.

Table 40 – Electrical characteristics of telecommunications outlets intended for use with balanced cabling

Electrical characteristics of the telecommunications outlet ^a		Requirement	Component or test standard
Interface type	Frequency range MHz		
Category 5 unshielded	d.c., 1 to 100	All	IEC 60603-7-2 ^b
Category 5 screened	d.c., 1 to 100	All	IEC 60603-7-3 ^c
Category 6 unshielded	d.c., 1 to 250	All	IEC 60603-7-4 ^d
Category 6 screened	d.c., 1 to 250	All	IEC 60603-7-5 ^e
Category 7	d.c., 1 to 600	All	IEC 60603-7-7 ^f

^a Mating and unmating under load is f.f.s.

^b At the time of publication IEC 60603-7-2 (Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-2: Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 100 MHz) was not available. Until this specification is available compliance to requirements that refer to IEC 60603-7-2 may be attained by full compliance with IEC 60603-7, combined with all applicable requirements of Clause 10 of this standard.

^c At the time of publication IEC 60603-7-3 (Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-3: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 100 MHz) was not available. Until this specification is available compliance to requirements that refer to IEC 60603-7-3 may be attained by full compliance with IEC 60603-7-1, combined with all applicable requirements of Clause 10 of this standard.

^d At the time of publication IEC 60603-7-4 (Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-4: Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 250 MHz) was not available. Until this specification is available compliance to requirements that refer to IEC 60603-7-4 may be attained by full compliance with IEC 60603-7, combined with all applicable requirements of Clause 10 of this standard.

^e At the time of publication IEC 60603-7-5 (Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7-5: Detail specification for 8-way, shielded, free and fixed connectors, for data transmissions with frequencies up to 250 MHz) was not available. Until this specification is available compliance to requirements that refer to IEC 60603-7-5 may be attained by full compliance with IEC 60603-7-1, combined with all applicable requirements of Clause 10 of this standard.

^f In installations where other factors, such as HEM (see ISO/IEC 15018) applications, take preference over backward compatibility offered with IEC 60603-7-7, the interface specified in IEC/PAS 61076-3-104/Ed.1 may also be used.

10.2.4.3 Connecting hardware for use in distributors and consolidation points

Connecting hardware for use in distributors and consolidation points of a given category shall meet the corresponding performance requirements specified in the following tables irrespective of the mating interface used. All two-piece connections that are not covered by 10.2.4.2 shall comply with the mechanical and environmental performance requirements specified in IEC 60603-7 for unshielded connectors or IEC 60603-7-1 for screened connector. All electrical requirements shall be met before and after mechanical and environmental performance testing, as prescribed in IEC 60603-7 or IEC 60603-7-1.

For connecting devices that provide cross-connections without patch cords or jumpers, electrical performance shall not be worse than the equivalent of two connectors and 5 m of patch cord of the same category. Applicable parameters include insertion loss, input to output resistance, input to output resistance unbalance, propagation delay, delay skew, and transfer impedance. In addition, crosstalk, return loss and unbalance attenuation (near end, TCL) of such devices shall not exceed 6 dB worse than the minimum values specified in the following tables. Cross-connections with "internal" switching that replaces jumpers or patch cords are an example of such devices.

Table 41 – Return loss

Electrical characteristics	Frequency MHz	Requirement			Test standard
		Connector category			
		5	6	7	
Minimum return loss ^a dB	1 to 100	$60 - 20 \lg(f)$	-	-	IEC 60512-25-5
	1 to 250	-	$64 - 20 \lg(f)$	-	
	1 to 600	-	-	$68 - 20 \lg(f)$	
Minimum return loss at key frequencies dB	1	30,0	30,0	30,0	
	100	20,0	24,0	28,0	
	250	N/A	16,0	20,0	
	600	N/A	N/A	12,4	

^a Return loss at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 30,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 30,0 dB.

Table 42 – Insertion loss

Electrical characteristics	Frequency MHz	Requirement			Test standard
		Connector category			
		5	6	7	
Maximum insertion loss ^a dB	1 to 100	$0,04\sqrt{f}$	-	-	IEC 60512-25-2
	1 to 250	-	$0,02\sqrt{f}$	-	
	1 to 600	-	-	$0,02\sqrt{f}$	
Maximum insertion loss at key frequencies dB	1	0,10	0,10	0,10	
	100	0,40	0,20	0,20	
	250	N/A	0,32	0,32	
	600	N/A	N/A	0,49	

^a Insertion loss at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of less than 0,1 dB shall revert to a requirement of 0,1 dB maximum.

Table 43 – Near end crosstalk (NEXT)

Electrical characteristics	Frequency MHz	Requirement			Test standard
		Connector category			
		5	6	7	
Minimum near end crosstalk (NEXT) ^a dB	1 to 100	$83 - 20 \lg(f)$	-	-	IEC 60512-25-1
	1 to 250	-	$94 - 20 \lg(f)$	-	
	1 to 600	-	-	$102,4 - 15 \lg(f)$	
Minimum NEXT at key frequencies dB	1	80,0	80,0	80,0	
	100	43,0	54,0	72,4	
	250	N/A	46,0	66,4	
	600	N/A	N/A	60,7	

^a NEXT at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 80,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 80,0 dB.

Table 44 – Power sum near end crosstalk (PS NEXT)
(for information only)

Electrical characteristics	Frequency MHz	Requirement ^b			Test standard
		Connector category			
		5	6	7	
Minimum power sum near end crosstalk (<i>PS NEXT</i>) ^a dB	1 to 100	$80 - 20 \lg(f)$	–	–	IEC 60512-25-1
	1 to 250	–	$90 - 20 \lg(f)$	–	
	1 to 600	–	–	$99,4 - 15 \lg(f)$	
Minimum <i>PS NEXT</i> at key frequencies dB	1	77,0	77,0	77,0	
	100	40,0	50,0	69,4	
	250	N/A	42,0	63,4	
	600	N/A	N/A	57,7	

^a *PS NEXT* at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 77,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 77,0 dB.

^b Equations and values for power sum NEXT are provided for information only.

Table 45 – Far end crosstalk (FEXT)

Electrical characteristics	Frequency MHz	Requirement			Test standard
		Connector category			
		5	6	7	
Minimum far end crosstalk (<i>FEXT</i>) ^{a, b} dB	1 to 100	$75,1 - 20 \lg(f)$	–	–	IEC 60512-25-1
	1 to 250	–	$83,1 - 20 \lg(f)$	–	
	1 to 600	–	–	$90 - 15 \lg(f)$	
Minimum <i>FEXT</i> at key frequencies dB	1	65,0	65,0	65,0	
	100	35,1	43,1	60,0	
	250	N/A	35,1	54,0	
	600	N/A	N/A	48,3	

^a *FEXT* at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 65,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 65,0 dB.

^b For connectors, the difference between *FEXT* and *ELFEXT* is minimal. Therefore, connector *FEXT* requirements are used to model *ELFEXT* performance for links and channels.

Table 46 – Power sum far end crosstalk (PS FEXT)
(for information only)

Electrical characteristics	Frequency MHz	Requirement ^c			Test standard
		Connector category			
		5	6	7	
Minimum power sum far end crosstalk (<i>PS FEXT</i>) ^{a, b} dB	1 to 100	72,1 – 20 lg(<i>f</i>)	-	-	IEC 60512-25-1
	1 to 250	-	80,1 – 20 lg(<i>f</i>)	-	
	1 to 600	-	-	87 – 15 lg(<i>f</i>)	
Minimum <i>PS FEXT</i> at key frequencies dB	1	62,0	62,0	62,0	
	100	32,1	40,1	57,0	
	250	N/A	32,1	51,0	
	600	N/A	N/A	45,3	

^a *PS FEXT* at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 62,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 62,0 dB.

^b For connectors, the difference between *PS FEXT* and *PS ELFEXT* is minimal. Therefore, connector *PS FEXT* requirements are used to model *PS ELFEXT* performance for links and channels.

^c Equations and values for power sum *FEXT* are provided for information only.

Table 47 – Input to output resistance

Electrical characteristics	Frequency	Requirement			Test standard
		Connector category			
		5	6	7	
Maximum input to output resistance ^a mΩ	d.c.	200	200	200	IEC 60512-2 Test 2a

^a Input to output resistance is a separate measurement from the contact resistance measurements required in series IEC 60603-7. Input to output resistance is measured from cable termination to cable termination to determine the connector's ability to transmit direct current and low frequency signals. Contact resistance measurements are used to determine mechanical and environmental performance of individual electrical connections. These requirements are applicable to each conductor and to the screen, when present.

Table 48 – Input to output resistance unbalance

Electrical characteristics	Frequency	Requirement			Test standard
		Connector category			
		5	6	7	
Maximum input to output resistance unbalance ^a mΩ	d.c.	50	50	50	IEC 60512-2 Test 2a

^a Input to output resistance measurements are made from cable termination to cable termination.

Table 49 – Current carrying capacity

Electrical characteristics	Frequency	Requirement			Test standard
		Connector category			
		5	6	7	
Minimum current carrying capacity ^{a, b, c} A	d.c.	0,75	0,75	0,75	IEC 60512-3 Test 5b

^a Applicable for an ambient temperature of 60 °C.

^b Sample preparation shall be as specified in IEC 60603-7 (unscreened) or IEC 60603-7-1 (screened).

^c Applicable to each conductor including the screen, if present.

Table 50 – Propagation delay

Electrical characteristics	Frequency MHz	Requirement			Test standard
		Connector category			
		5	6	7	
Maximum propagation delay ns	1 to 100	2,5	–	–	IEC 60512-25-4
	1 to 250	–	2,5	–	
	1 to 600	–	–	2,5	

Table 51 – Delay skew

Electrical characteristics	Frequency MHz	Requirement			Test standard
		Connector category			
		5	6	7	
Maximum delay skew ns	1 to 100	1,25	–	–	IEC 60512-25-4
	1 to 250	–	1,25	–	
	1 to 600	–	–	1,25	

Table 52 – Transverse conversion loss (TCL) f.f.s.

Electrical characteristics	Frequency MHz	Requirement			Test standard
		Connector category			
		5	6	7	
Minimum transverse conversion loss (TCL) ^a dB	1 to 100	$66 - 20 \lg(f)$	–	–	IEC 60603-7-7, Annex K
	1 to 250	–	$66 - 20 \lg(f)$	–	
	1 to 600	–	–	$66 - 20 \lg(f)$ ^b	
Minimum TCL at key frequencies dB	1	60,0	60,0	60,0	
	100	26,0	26,0	26,0	
	250	N/A	18,0	18,0	
	600	N/A	N/A	f.f.s.	

^a TCL at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 60,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 60,0 dB.

^b The applicability of this equation and test standard at frequencies above 250 MHz is f.f.s.

Table 53 – Transfer impedance (screened connectors only)

Electrical characteristics	Frequency MHz	Requirement			Test standard
		Connector category			
		5	6	7	
Maximum transfer impedance Ω	1 to 10	$0,1 f^{0,3}$	$0,1 f^{0,3}$	$0,05 f^{0,3}$	IEC 60512-25-5
	10 to 80	$0,02 f$	$0,02 f$	$0,01 f$	
Maximum transfer impedance at key frequencies Ω	1	0,10	0,10	0,05	
	10,0	0,20	0,20	0,10	
	80,0	1,60	1,60	0,80	

Table 54 – Insulation resistance

Electrical characteristics	Frequency	Requirement			Test standard
		Connector category			
		5	6	7	
Minimum insulation resistance $M\Omega$	d.c.	100	100	100	IEC 60512-2 Test 3a, Method C – 500 V d.c.

Table 55 – Voltage proof

Electrical characteristics	Frequency	Requirement			Test standard
		Connector category			
		5	6	7	
Minimum voltage proof V	d.c.				
Conductor to conductor		1 000	1 000	1 000	IEC 60512-2 Test 4a
Conductor to test panel		1 500	1 500	1 500	

10.2.5 Telecommunications outlet requirements

For cabling Classes A through F, each horizontal balanced cable shall be terminated at the telecommunications outlet with an unkeyed socket that meets 10.2.3 and 10.2.4. Pin and pair grouping assignments shall be as shown in Figure 15.

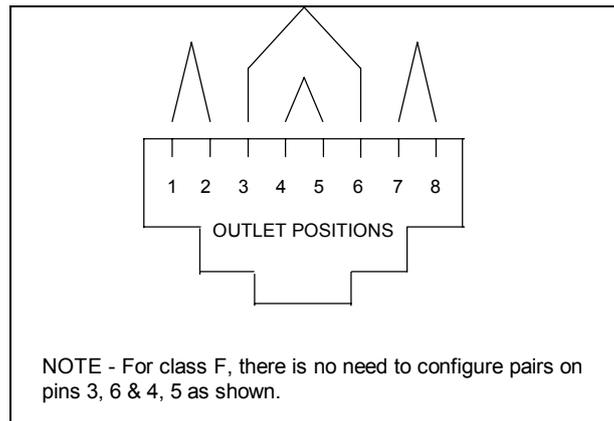


Figure 15 – Eight-position outlet pin and pair grouping assignments (front view of connector)

If different interfaces are used at the distributor, CP or TO in the same link or channel, the cabling connections shall be configured with consistent pin/pair assignments to ensure end-to-end connectivity. Pair rearrangement at the telecommunications outlet should not involve modification of the horizontal cable terminations. If pair rearrangement is used at the telecommunications outlet, the configuration of the outlet terminations shall be clearly identified.

Plugs and sockets that are intermateable shall be backward compatible with those of different performance categories. Backward compatibility means that mated connections with plugs and sockets from different categories shall meet all requirements for the lower category component. See Table 45 for a matrix of mated modular connector performance that is representative of backward compatible connectivity.

Table 56 – Matrix of backward compatible mated modular connector performance

		Category of modular connector (TO) performance		
		Category 5	Category 6	Category 7
Modular Plug & Cord Performance	Category 5	Category 5	Category 5	Category 5
	Category 6	Category 5	Category 6	Category 6
	Category 7	Category 5	Category 6	Category 7

NOTE 1 When two physically similar cabling links are used in the same installation, special precautions are required to ensure that they are properly identified at the telecommunications outlet. Examples of when such identification is necessary would include different performance classes or cables with different nominal impedance. See Clause 12.

NOTE 2 For proper connectivity, care is needed to ensure that pairs are terminated consistently at the telecommunications outlet and floor distributor. If pairs are terminated on different positions at the two ends of a link, although DC continuity may be maintained, through connectivity will be lost. See Clause 12 for cabling system administration.

10.2.6 Design considerations for installation

Connecting hardware should be designed in such a way that the untwisted length in a cable element, resulting from its termination to connecting hardware is as short as possible.

Connecting hardware should permit a minimum length of exposed pairs between the end of the cable sheath and the point of termination. In addition, only the length of cable sheath required for termination and trimming should be removed or stripped back. These recommendations are provided to minimise the impact of terminations on transmission performance and are not intended to constrain twist length for cable or jumper construction.

Earthing requirements and screen continuity considerations are specified in Clause 11.

10.3 Optical fibre connecting hardware

10.3.1 General requirements

The requirements of 10.3.2 through 10.3.5 apply to all connecting hardware used to provide connections between optical fibre cables described in Clause 9 with the following exception. The requirements of 10.3.4 and Table 57, item a) apply to the telecommunications outlet only.

NOTE Fibre adapters and connectors should be protected from dust and other contaminants while they are in an unmated state. It is also recommended to clean fibre end-faces prior to connection.

10.3.2 Marking and colour coding

Correct coding of connectors and adapters, for example by colour, should be used to ensure that mating of different optical fibre types does not occur. In addition, keying and the identification of optical fibre positions may be used to ensure that correct polarity is maintained for duplex links.

The connectors and adapters should be coloured to distinguish between single-mode and multimode optical fibres. Additional colours or labels may be required to distinguish between the multimode optical fibre types.

NOTE 1 These markings are in addition to, and do not replace, other markings specified in Clause 12, or those required by local codes or regulations.

NOTE 2 The following colour codes apply to IEC 60874-19-1 SC duplex and IEC 60874-14 SC simplex connectors but may also be used for other connector types:

Multimode 50 μm and 62,5 μm :	Beige or black
Single-mode PC:	Blue
Single-mode APC:	Green

10.3.3 Mechanical and optical characteristics

Optical fibre connecting hardware shall meet the requirements of Table 57. All connections not covered by 10.3.4 shall comply with at least the equivalent optical, mechanical and environmental performance requirements specified in IEC 60874-19-1.

Table 57 – Mechanical and optical characteristics of optical fibre connecting hardware

Mechanical and optical characteristics		Requirement	Component or test standard	
a)	Physical dimensions (only at telecommunications outlet) a, d	Mating dimensions and gauging	IEC 60874-19-3 (multimode) or IEC 60874-19-2 (single-mode)	
Cable termination compatibility				
b)	Nominal cladding diameter μm	125	IEC 60793-2, Clause 5 (A1a, A1b) and 32.2 (B1)	
	Nominal buffer diameter mm	–	IEC 60794-2, 6.1	
	Cable outer diameter mm	–	IEC 60794-2, 6.1	
c)	Mechanical endurance (durability) cycles	≥ 500	IEC 61300-2-2	
Mated pair transmission performance				
d)	Maximum insertion loss ^{b, c} dB	Other	0.75	IEC 61300-3-34
		Splice	0.3	IEC 61073-1
	Minimum return loss dB	Multimode	20	IEC 61300-3-6
		Single-mode	35	
<p>a See 10.3.4</p> <p>b As required in IEC 61753-1-1, Class M1.</p> <p>c Insertion loss values of connectors and splices shall be met with the referenced test method where the optical source produces an overfilled launch condition (for example, an LED source). Measurements with an optical source that produces an underfilled launch condition (for example, a laser source) will always produce lower insertion loss values.</p> <p>d The connectors used with the specified SC duplex adaptors shall meet the IEC 60874-14 (simplex) or IEC 60874-19 (duplex) series of detail specifications.</p>				

10.3.4 Telecommunications outlet requirements

The optical fibre cables in the work area shall be connected to the horizontal cabling at the telecommunications outlet with a duplex SC-connector (SC-D), that complies with IEC 60874-19-1.

The optical fibre connector used at the TO shall meet the requirements of 10.3.3.

10.3.5 Connection schemes for optical fibre cabling

10.3.5.1 General

Consistent polarity of duplex optical fibre connections shall be maintained throughout the cabling system by means of physical keying, administration (i.e., labelling) or both. The following guidelines are provided to ensure that properly installed connectors and adapters provide a functional and maintainable optical fibre cabling system. Consult with equipment manufacturers and system integrators to determine the suitability of these guidelines for specific networking applications. Additionally, all optical ports should comply with IEC 60825.

To ensure maximum flexibility on the cabling side of TOs and distributor panels a simplex connector is recommended for the termination of horizontal and backbone optical cables as illustrated in Figure 16.

On the work area or patch side of TOs and distributor panels, a duplex presentation maintains the correct polarity of transmit and receive optical fibres in two optical fibre transmission systems while still allowing transmission systems using other optical fibre counts. At the distributor, this presentation is preferably a duplex adapter that maintains the proper spacing and alignment as defined by IEC 60874-19-1 or other applicable IEC interface standards.

Polarity is defined at the TO by either keying, or labelling of the adapters as position A and B. To extend this polarity to the entire cabling system, it is important that the same keying orientation, colour coding, marking, and optical fibre configuration be consistently applied. Once the system is installed and correct polarity is verified, the optical fibre cabling system will maintain the correct polarity of transmit and receive optical fibres.

10.3.5.2 Connectivity options at the TO

The connectors and adapters shall have their keys oriented as shown in Figure 16.

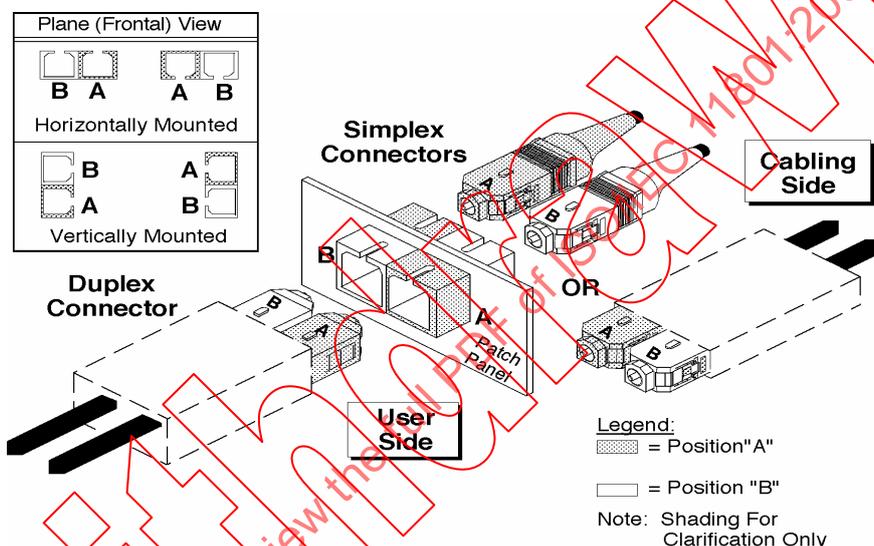


Figure 16 – Duplex SC connectivity configuration

10.3.5.3 Connectivity options at other locations

Polarity at locations other than the TO may be maintained by the strict control of changes to the connectivity at distributors and CPs, or by adopting the configurations detailed in 10.3.5.2. Connectors at locations other than the TO shall meet the optical, mechanical, and environmental requirements stated in IEC 60874-19-1, although they may have other mating interfaces.

10.3.5.4 Other duplex connectors

Alternate connector designs (for example SFF) shall employ similar labelling and identification schemes to the duplex SC. Position A and B on alternate duplex connector designs shall be in the same position as the IEC 60874-19-1 (SC duplex) in Figure 16. For alternate connector designs utilising latches, the latch defines the positioning in the same manner as the key and keyways.

When high density is an important consideration for the building entrance facility, campus distributor, building distributor, floor distributor, or consolidation point, then Small Form Factor (SFF) connector designs are recommended. When used, SFF connectors shall be covered by an approved IEC interface standard and shall satisfy the performance requirements of 10.3.3.

10.3.5.5 Patch cord termination configuration

It is recommended that connection of patch cords and equipment cords to the duplex adapter be made by means of a duplex connector assembly.

Optical fibre patch cords, whether they are used for cross-connection or interconnection to equipment, shall be of a cross-over orientation such that Position A goes to Position B on one optical fibre, and Position B goes to Position A on the other optical fibre of the optical fibre pair (Figure 17). Each end of the optical fibre patch cord shall be identified to indicate Position A and Position B if the connector can be separated into its simplex components. For alternate connector designs utilising latches, the latch defines the positioning in the same manner as the keys.

For simplex connectors, the connector that plugs into the receiver shall be considered Position A, and the connector that plugs into the transmitter shall be considered Position B.

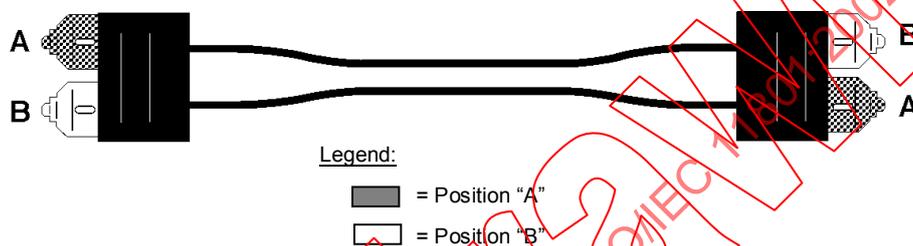


Figure 17 – Optical fibre patch cord

11 Screening practices

11.1 General

This clause applies when screened cables or cables with screened elements or units are used. Only basic guidance is provided. The procedures necessary to provide adequate earthing for both electrical safety and EM performance are subject to national and local regulations, always to proper workmanship in accordance with ISO/IEC TR 14763-2, and in certain cases to installation specific engineering. Some cabling employs components that utilise screening for additional crosstalk performance and is therefore also subject to screening practices. Note that a proper handling of screens in accordance with ISO/IEC TR 14763-2 and suppliers' instructions will increase performance and safety.

11.2 Electromagnetic performance

Cabling screens should be properly bonded to earth for electrical safety and to optimise EM performance. All cabling components which form part of a screened channel should be screened and meet the screening requirements given in Clauses 9 and 10. Screened cabling links shall meet cabling screening requirements given in 6.4. Cable screens shall be terminated to connector screens by low impedance terminations sufficient to maintain screen continuity necessary to meet cabling screening requirements. Suppliers' instructions as how to make low impedance terminations shall be asked for and observed. Work area, equipment cords and the equipment attachment should be screened and if so, shall provide screen continuity.

11.3 Earthing

Earthing and bonding shall be in accordance with applicable electrical codes or IEC 60364-1. All screens of the cables shall be bonded at each distributor. Normally, the screens are bonded to the equipment racks, which are, in turn, bonded to building earth.

NOTE High working frequencies and/or high frequencies of parasitic currents or fields require earthing with low impedance, which may be realised with a meshed system.

The bond shall be designed to ensure that

- a) The path to earth shall be permanent, continuous and of low impedance. It is recommended that each equipment rack is individually bonded, in order to assure the continuity of the earth path.
- b) The cable screens provide a continuous earth path to all parts of a cabling system that are interconnected by it.

This bonding ensures that voltages that are induced into cabling (by any disturbances from power lines or any other disturbers) are directed to building earth, and so do not cause interference to the transmitted signals. All earthing electrodes to different systems in the building shall be bonded together to reduce effects of differences in earth potential. The building earthing system should not exceed the earth potential difference limits of 1 V r.m.s. between any two earths on the network.

12 Administration

Administration is an essential aspect of generic cabling. The flexibility of generic cabling can be fully exploited only if the cabling and its use is properly administered. Administration involves accurate identification and record keeping of all the components that comprise the cabling system as well as the pathways, distributors and other spaces in which it is installed. All changes to the cabling should be recorded when they are carried out. Computer based administration of records is strongly recommended for larger installations.

Telecommunications cabling administration shall comply with ISO/IEC 14763-1.

13 Balanced cords

13.1 Introduction

This clause covers balanced cords constructed of two plugs as specified in the IEC 60603-7 series and balanced cables as specified in the document series IEC 61156. The components used in these cords shall meet the requirements of Clauses 9 and 10. Their purpose is to connect to connecting hardware that utilises sockets that are also defined in the IEC 60603-7 series.

NOTE It is assumed that cords that use connectors with interfaces other than the IEC 60603-7 series also meet the requirements of this clause.

Connecting hardware performance is subject to influence by the properties of the plug termination and therefore cords should be tested to determine the quality of the assembly. This clause specifies the minimum requirements for cords. The test methods and mechanical stresses are specified in IEC 61935-2. All requirements of this clause have to be met after first exposing the device under test to the mechanical stress. Cords shall meet the electrical and mechanical requirements of IEC 61935-2.

13.2 Insertion loss

Insertion loss (*IL*) of cords shall not exceed the value stated for the given length. The insertion loss performance is achieved by design.

13.3 Return loss

Cords shall meet return loss (*RL*) requirements specified in Table 58. The cords shall meet the electrical and mechanical properties of IEC 61935-2.

Table 58 – Minimum return loss for balanced cords

Frequency MHz	Return loss dB
	All Categories
$1 \leq f < 25$	$19,8 + 3 \lg(f)$
$25 \leq f \leq 100/250/600$	$38,0 - 10 \lg(f)$

Table 59 – Informative values of return loss at key frequencies for Category 5, 6 and 7 cords

Frequency MHz	Return Loss dB		
	Category 5 cord	Category 6 cord	Category 7 cord
1	19,8	19,8	19,8
16	23,4	23,4	23,4
100	18,0	18,0	18,0
250	N/A	14,0	14,0
600	N/A	N/A	10,2

13.4 NEXT

The cords for Category 5, 6 and 7 shall meet the requirements calculated according to equations (16) to (20) when measured in accordance with IEC 61935-2.

$$NEXT_{\text{cord}} = -10 \lg \left(\frac{-NEXT_{\text{connectors}}}{10} + 10 \frac{-NEXT_{\text{cable}} + 2 \cdot IL_{\text{connector}}}{10} \right) + RSXT \quad (16)$$

where

$NEXT_{\text{cord}}$ is the NEXT of the entire cord in dB

$NEXT_{\text{connectors}}$ is the NEXT of the connectors in dB

$NEXT_{\text{cable}}$ is the NEXT of the cable itself in dB

$IL_{\text{connector}}$ is the insertion loss of one connector in dB

$RSXT$ is the reflected signal cross talk

NOTE The value for “cord”, “connector” and “cable” is expressed in dB.

with

$RSXT = 0$ dB for category 5 cords

$RSXT = 0,5$ dB for category 6 and category 7 cords.

and

$$NEXT_{connectors} = -20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{-NEXT_{local}}{20}} + 10^{\frac{-NEXT_{remote} + 2(IL_{cable} + IL_{connector})}{20}} \right) \quad (17)$$

The frequency dependence of *NEXT*, if the anchor value at 100 MHz is known, is given by:

$$NEXT_{local} = NEXT_{remote} = NEXT_{connector}(100) - 20 \lg \left(\frac{f}{100} \right) \quad (18)$$

$$IL_{cable} \approx \alpha_{cable\ 100\ m} \times \frac{L}{100} \quad (19)$$

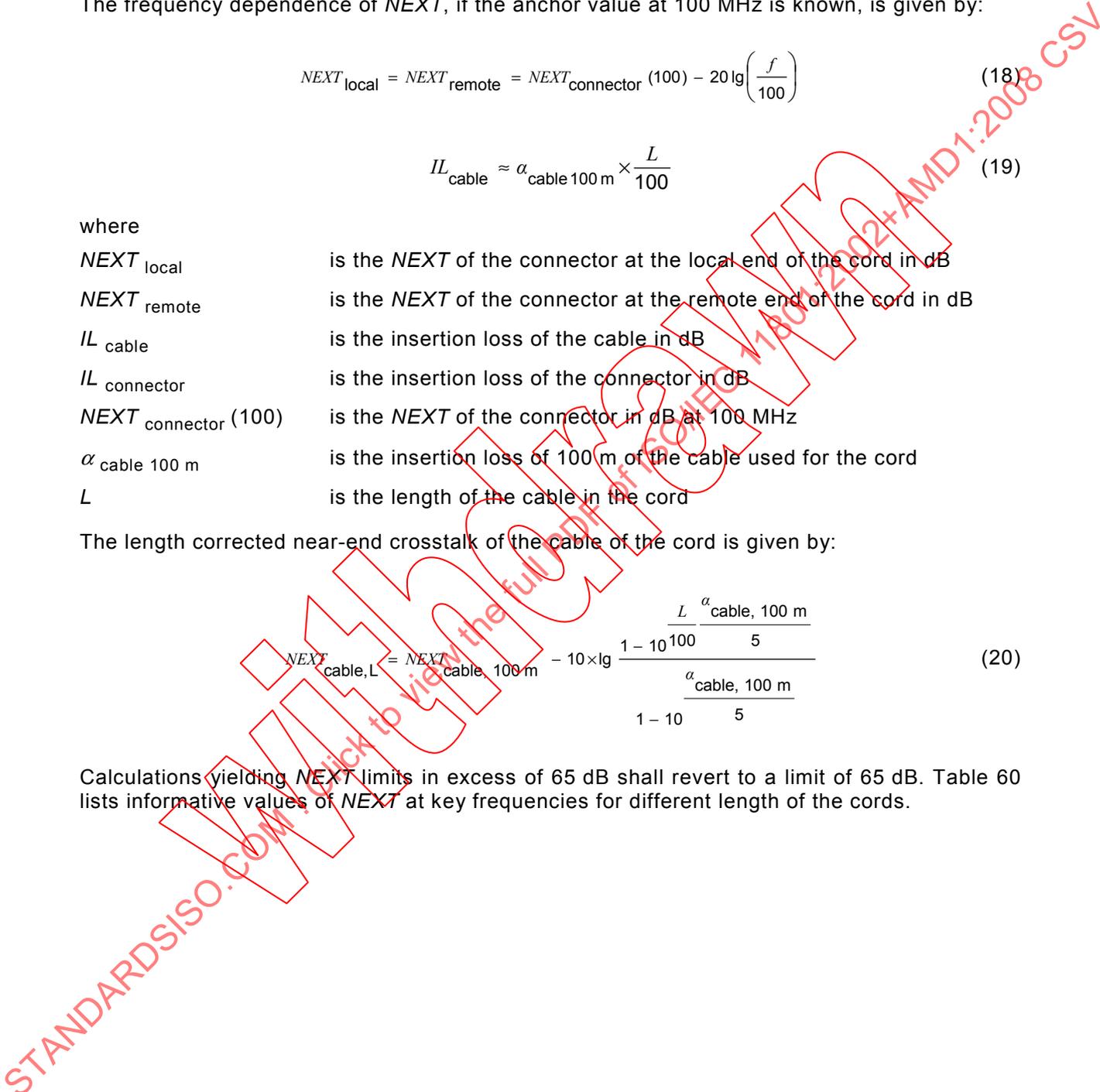
where

- NEXT*_{local} is the *NEXT* of the connector at the local end of the cord in dB
- NEXT*_{remote} is the *NEXT* of the connector at the remote end of the cord in dB
- IL*_{cable} is the insertion loss of the cable in dB
- IL*_{connector} is the insertion loss of the connector in dB
- NEXT*_{connector}(100) is the *NEXT* of the connector in dB at 100 MHz
- $\alpha_{cable\ 100\ m}$ is the insertion loss of 100 m of the cable used for the cord
- L* is the length of the cable in the cord

The length corrected near-end crosstalk of the cable of the cord is given by:

$$NEXT_{cable,L} = NEXT_{cable,100\ m} - 10 \times \lg \frac{1 - 10^{\frac{L \alpha_{cable,100\ m}}{5}}}{1 - 10^{\frac{\alpha_{cable,100\ m}}{5}}} \quad (20)$$

Calculations yielding *NEXT* limits in excess of 65 dB shall revert to a limit of 65 dB. Table 60 lists informative values of *NEXT* at key frequencies for different length of the cords.



**Table 60 – Informative values of NEXT at key frequencies
for Category 5, 6 and 7 cords**

Frequency MHz	NEXT dB								
	Category 5 cord			Category 6 cord			Category 7 cord		
	Length			Length			Length		
	2 m	5 m	10 m	2 m	5 m	10 m	2 m	5 m	10 m
1	65,0	65,0	65,0	65,0	65,0	65,0	65,0	65,0	65,0
16	50,3	49,5	48,7	61,6	60,0	58,5	65,0	65,0	65,0
100	35,0	34,7	34,5	46,2	45,0	44,2	65,0	65,0	65,0
250	N/A			38,6	37,9	37,6	60,7	61,2	61,9
600	N/A			N/A			55,4	56,2	57,0

For the commonly available Category 5 test head the anchor value at 100 MHz is:

$$NEXT_{\text{connector}}(100) = 41,0 \quad (21)$$

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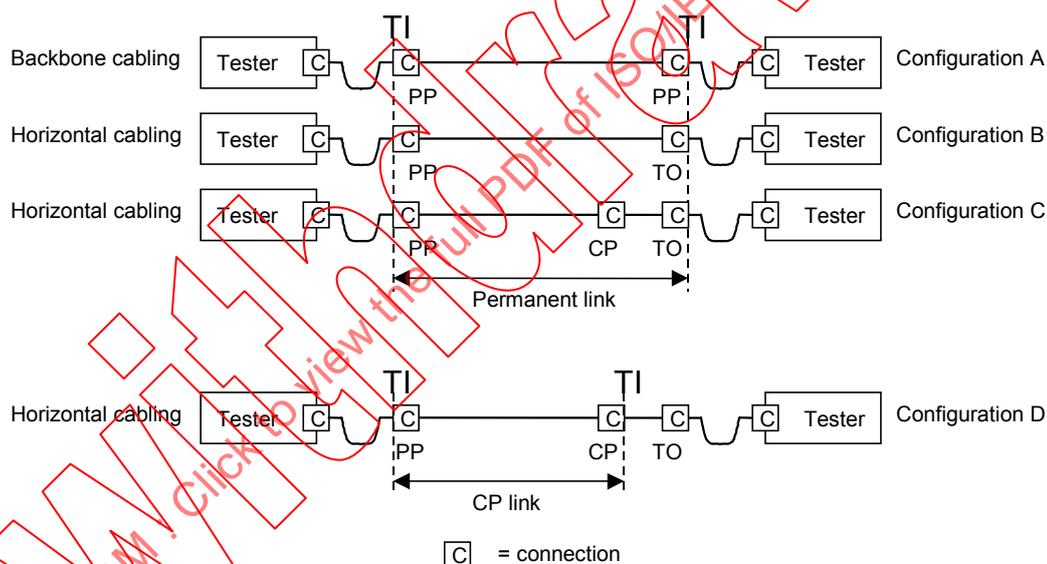
Balanced permanent link and CP link performance

A.1 General

This Annex contains performance requirement equations for balanced permanent links and CP links as shown in Figure A.1.

The cabling under test in configurations A, B and C is termed the permanent link. The configurations A and B comprise fixed cabling only. Configuration C comprises fixed cabling and a CP cable between the CP and the TO. Measurements made for this configuration shall be repeated if the CP cable is changed. The cabling under test in configuration D contains fixed cabling only and is termed the CP link.

In all configurations the test configuration reference plane of a permanent link or CP link is within the test cord. The test cord connection which mates with the termination point of the permanent link or CP link under test is part of the link under test.



PP = patch panel; C = connection (mated pair); CP = consolidation point; TO = telecommunications outlet; TI = Test interface

Figure A.1 – Link options

A.2 Performance

A.2.1 General

The parameters specified in this Annex apply to balanced permanent links and CP links with screened or unshielded cable elements, with or without an overall screen, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

The nominal impedance of balanced permanent links and CP links is 100 Ω. This impedance is achieved by suitable design, and an appropriate choice of cabling components (irrespective of their nominal impedance).

The requirements in this Annex are given by limits computed, to one decimal place, using the equation for a defined frequency range. The limits for the propagation delay and delay skew are computed to three decimal places.

A.2.2 Return loss

The return loss (RL) of each pair of a permanent link or CP link shall meet the requirements derived by the equation in Table A.1.

The return loss (RL) of each pair of a permanent link with maximum implementation at key frequencies is given in Table A.2.

The return loss (RL) requirements shall be met at both ends of the cabling. Return loss (RL) values at frequencies where the insertion loss is below 3,0 dB are for information only.

When required, the return loss shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1. Terminations of $100\ \Omega$ shall be connected to the cabling elements under test at the remote end of the channel.

Table A.1 – Return loss for permanent link or CP link

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum return loss dB
C	$1 \leq f \leq 16$	15,0
D	$1 \leq f < 20$	19,0
	$20 \leq f \leq 100$	$32 - 10 \lg(f)$
E	$1 \leq f < 10$	21,0
	$10 \leq f < 40$	$26 - 5 \lg(f)$
	$40 \leq f \leq 250$	$34 - 10 \lg(f)$
F	$1 \leq f < 10$	21,0
	$10 \leq f < 40$	$26 - 5 \lg(f)$
	$40 \leq f < 251,2$	$34 - 10 \lg(f)$
	$251,2 \leq f \leq 600$	10,0

Table A.2 – Informative return loss values for permanent link with maximum implementation at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum return loss dB			
	Class C	Class D	Class E	Class F
1	15,0	19,0	21,0	21,0
16	15,0	19,0	20,0	20,0
100	N/A	12,0	14,0	14,0
250	N/A	N/A	10,0	10,0
600	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,0

A.2.3 Insertion loss/attenuation

The insertion loss of each pair of a permanent link or CP link shall meet the requirements derived by the equation in Table A.3.

A practical method of establishing conformant link performance is to demonstrate that the margin between the measured value and the channel limits of Table 4 are adequate to accommodate any additional cabling components used to create a channel.

The insertion loss of each pair of a permanent link with maximum implementation is given in Table A.4.

The insertion loss shall be consistent with the cabling components used.

When required, the insertion loss shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1.

Table A.3 – Insertion loss for permanent link or CP link

Class	Frequency MHz	Maximum insertion loss ^a dB
A	$f = 0,1$	16,0
B	$f = 0,1$	5,5
	$f = 1$	3,8
C	$1 \leq f \leq 16$	$0,9 \times (3,23\sqrt{f}) + 3 \times 0,2$
D	$1 \leq f \leq 100$	$(L/100) \times (1,9108\sqrt{f} + 0,0222 \times f + 0,2/\sqrt{f}) + n \times 0,04 \times \sqrt{f}$
E	$1 \leq f \leq 250$	$(L/100) \times (1,82\sqrt{f} + 0,0169 \times f + 0,25/\sqrt{f}) + n \times 0,02 \times \sqrt{f}$
F	$1 \leq f \leq 600$	$(L/100) \times (1,8\sqrt{f} + 0,01 \times f + 0,2/\sqrt{f}) + n \times 0,02 \times \sqrt{f}$
<p>NOTE:</p> <p>$L = L_{FC} + L_{CP} \times Y$ L_{FC} = length of fixed cable (m) L_{CP} = length of CP cord (where present) (m) Y = the ratio of CP cable attenuation (dB/m) to fixed horizontal cable attenuation (dB/m) (see Clause 13) $n = 2$ for Configurations A, B and D $n = 3$ for Configuration C</p>		
<p>^a Insertion loss (IL) at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of less than 4,0 dB shall revert to a maximum requirement of 4,0 dB.</p>		

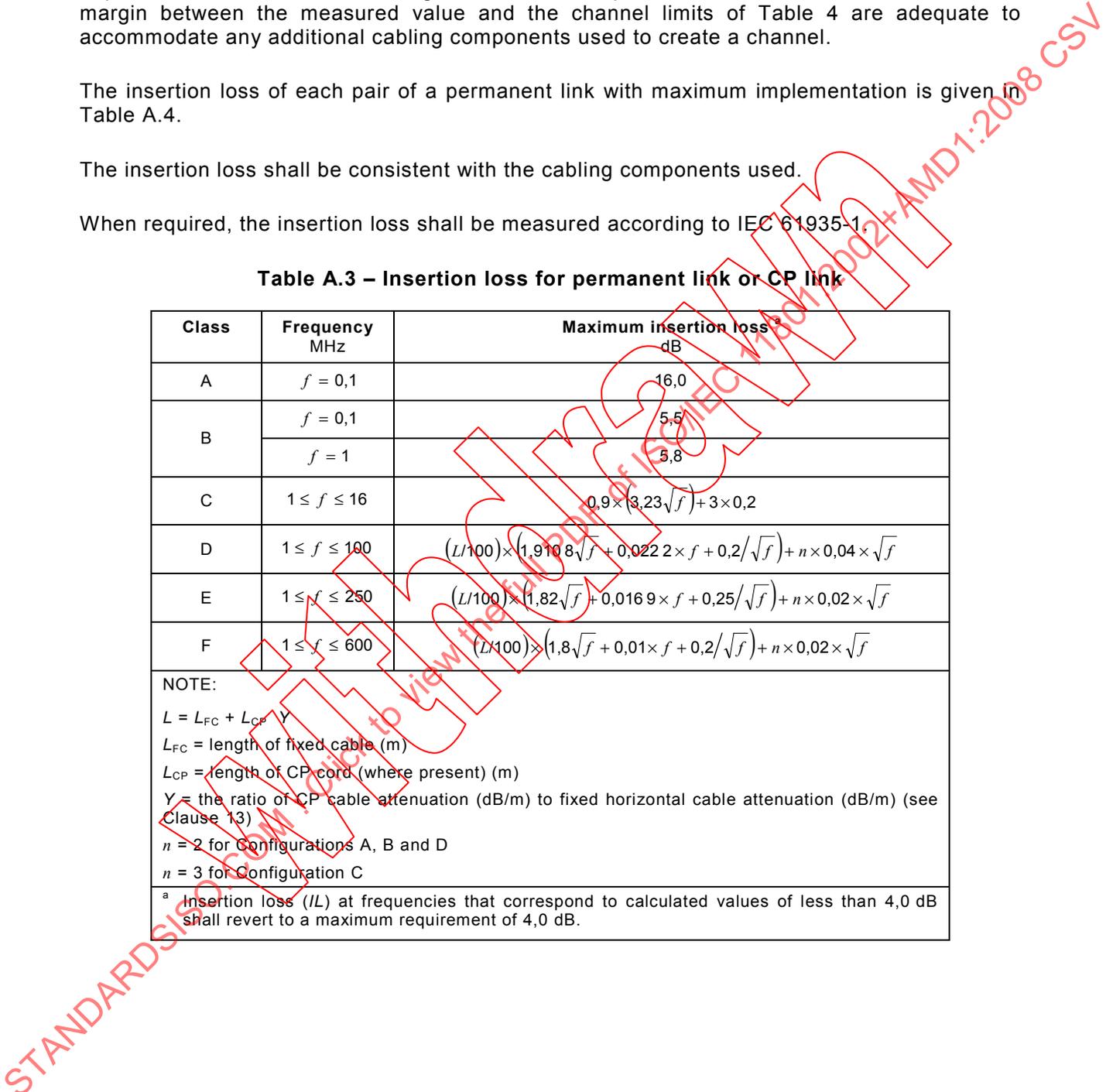


Table A.4 – Informative insertion loss values for permanent link with maximum implementation at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Maximum insertion loss dB					
	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class E	Class F
0,1	16,0	5,5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	N/A	5,8	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0
16	N/A	N/A	12,2	7,7	7,1	6,9
100	N/A	N/A	N/A	20,4	18,5	17,7
250	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30,7	28,8
600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	46,6

A.2.4 NEXT

A.2.4.1 Pair-to-pair NEXT

The NEXT between each pair combination of a permanent link or CP link shall meet the requirements derived by the equation in Table A.5.

The NEXT between each pair combination of a permanent link with maximum implementation is given in Table A.6.

The NEXT requirements shall be met at both ends of the cabling. NEXT values at frequencies where the insertion loss (IL) is below 4,0 dB are for information only.

The NEXT shall be consistent with the cabling components used.

When required the NEXT shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1.

Table A.5 – NEXT for permanent link or CP link

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum NEXT dB
A	$f = 0,1$	27,0
B	$0,1 \leq f \leq 1$	$25 - 15 \lg(f)$
C	$1 \leq f \leq 16$	$40,1 - 15,8 \lg(f)$
D	$1 \leq f \leq 100$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{65,3 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 10^{\frac{83 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)$ ^a
E	$1 \leq f \leq 250$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{74,3 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 10^{\frac{94 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)$ ^b
F	$1 \leq f \leq 600$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{102,4 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 10^{\frac{102,4 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)$ ^b

^a NEXT at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 60,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 60,0 dB.

^b NEXT at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 65,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 65,0 dB.

Table A.6 – Informative NEXT values for permanent link with maximum implementation at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum NEXT dB					
	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class E	Class F
0,1	27,0	40,0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	N/A	25,0	40,1	60,0	65,0	65,0
16	N/A	N/A	21,1	45,2	54,6	65,0
100	N/A	N/A	N/A	32,3	41,8	65,0
250	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	35,3	60,4
600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	54,7

A.2.4.2 Power sum NEXT (PS NEXT)

The PS NEXT requirements are applicable only to classes D, E and F.

The PS NEXT of each pair of a permanent link or CP link shall meet the requirements derived by the equation in Table A.7.

The PS NEXT of each pair of a permanent link with maximum implementation is given in Table A.8.

The PS NEXT requirements shall be met at both ends of the cabling. PS NEXT values at frequencies where the insertion loss (IL) is below 4,0 dB are for information only.

The PS NEXT shall be consistent with the cabling components used.

$PS NEXT_k$ of pair k is computed as follows:

$$PS NEXT_k = -10 \lg \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^n 10^{\frac{-NEXT_{ik}}{10}} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

where

i is the number of the disturbing pair;

k is the number of the disturbed pair;

n is the total number of pairs;

$NEXT_{ik}$ is the near end crosstalk loss coupled from pair i into pair k .

Table A.7 – PS NEXT for permanent link or CP link

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum PS NEXT dB
D	$1 \leq f \leq 100$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{62,3 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 10^{\frac{80 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)^a$
E	$1 \leq f \leq 250$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{72,3 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 10^{\frac{90 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)^b$
F	$1 \leq f \leq 600$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{99,4 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} + 10^{\frac{99,4 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)^b$

^a $PS NEXT$ at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 57,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 57,0 dB.

^b $PS NEXT$ at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 62,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 62,0 dB.

Table A.8 – Informative PS NEXT values for permanent link with maximum implementation at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum PS NEXT dB		
	Class D	Class E	Class F
1	57,0	62,0	62,0
16	42,2	52,2	62,0
100	29,3	39,3	62,0
250	N/A	32,7	57,4
600	N/A	N/A	51,7

A.2.5 Attenuation to crosstalk ratio (ACR)

The *ACR* requirements are applicable only to Classes D, E and F.

A.2.5.1 Pair-to-pair ACR

Pair-to-pair *ACR* is the difference between the pair-to-pair *NEXT* and the insertion loss of the cabling in dB.

The *ACR* of each pair combination of a permanent link or CP link shall meet the difference of the *NEXT* requirement of Table A.5 and the insertion loss requirement of Table A.3 of the respective class.

The *ACR* of each pair combination of a permanent link with maximum implementation is given in Table A.9.

The *ACR* requirements shall be met at both ends of the cabling. *ACR* values at frequencies where the insertion loss (*IL*) is below 4,0 dB are for information only.

ACR_{ik} of pairs *i* and *k* is computed as follows:

$$ACR_{ik} = NEXT_{ik} - IL_k \quad (A.2)$$

where

i is the number of the disturbing pair;

k is the number of the disturbed pair;

$NEXT_{ik}$ is the near end crosstalk loss coupled from pair *i* into pair *k*;

IL_k is the insertion loss of pair *k*. When required, it shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1.

Table A.9 – Informative ACR values for permanent link with maximum implementation at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum ACR dB		
	Class D	Class E	Class F
1	56,0	61,0	61,0
16	37,5	47,5	58,1
100	11,9	23,3	47,3
250	N/A	4,7	31,6
600	N/A	N/A	8,1

A.2.5.2 Power sum ACR (PS ACR)

The *PS ACR* of each pair of a permanent link or CP link shall meet the difference of the *PS NEXT* requirement of Table A.7 and the insertion loss requirement of Table A.3 of the respective class.

The *PS ACR* of each pair of a permanent link with maximum implementation is given in Table A.10.

The *PS ACR* requirements shall be met at both ends of the cabling. *PS ACR* values at frequencies where the insertion loss (*IL*) is below 4,0 dB are for information only.

PS ACR_k of pair *k* is computed as follows:

$$PS ACR_k = PS NEXT_k - IL_k \quad (A.3)$$

where

k is the number of the disturbed pair;

PS NEXT_k is the power sum near-end crosstalk loss of pair *k*;

IL_k is the insertion loss of pair *k*. When required, it shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1.

Table A.10 – Informative PS ACR values for permanent link with maximum implementation at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum PS ACR dB		
	Class D	Class E	Class F
1	53,0	58,0	58,0
16	34,5	45,1	55,1
100	8,9	20,8	44,3
250	N/A	2,0	28,6
600	N/A	N/A	5,1

A.2.6 ELFEXT

The *ELFEXT* requirements are applicable only to Classes D, E and F.

A.2.6.1 Pair-to-pair ELFEXT

The ELFEXT of each pair combination of a permanent link or CP link shall meet the requirements derived by the equation Table A.11.

The ELFEXT of each pair combination of a permanent link with maximum implementation is given in Table A.12.

The ELFEXT shall be consistent with the cabling components used.

ELFEXT_{ik} of pairs *i* and *k* is computed as follows:

$$ELFEXT_{ik} = FEXT_{ik} - IL_k \tag{A.4}$$

where

i is the number of the disturbed pair;

k is the number of the disturbing pair;

FEXT_{ik} is the far end crosstalk loss coupled from pair *i* into pair *k*. When required, it shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1:

IL_k is the insertion loss of pair *k*. When required, it shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1.

NOTE The ratio of the insertion loss of the disturbed pair to the input-to-output FEXT is relevant for the signal-to-noise-ratio consideration. The results computed according to the formal definition above cover all possible combinations of insertion loss of wire pairs and corresponding input-to-output FEXT.

Table A.11 – ELFEXT for permanent link or CP link

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum ELFEXT ^a dB
D	1 ≤ <i>f</i> ≤ 100	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{63,8 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} + n \times 10^{\frac{75,1 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)$ ^b
E	1 ≤ <i>f</i> ≤ 250	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{67,8 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} + n \times 10^{\frac{83,1 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)$ ^c
F	1 ≤ <i>f</i> ≤ 600	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{94 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} + n \times 10^{\frac{90 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)$ ^c

NOTE *n* = 2 for Configurations A, B and D
n = 3 for Configuration C

^a ELFEXT at frequencies that correspond to measured FEXT values of greater than 70,0 dB are for information only.

^b ELFEXT at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 60,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 60,0 dB.

^c ELFEXT at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 65,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 65,0 dB.

Table A.12 – Informative ELFEXT values for permanent link with maximum implementation at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum ELFEXT dB		
	Class D	Class E	Class F
1	58,6	64,2	65,0
16	34,5	40,1	59,3
100	18,6	24,2	46,0
250	N/A	16,2	39,2
600	N/A	N/A	32,6

A.2.6.2 Power sum ELFEXT (PS ELFEXT)

The *PS ELFEXT* of each pair of a permanent link or CP link shall meet the requirements derived by the equation in Table A.13.

The *PS ELFEXT* of each pair of a permanent link with maximum implementation is given in Table A.14.

The *PS ELFEXT* shall be consistent with the cabling components used.

PS ELFEXT_k of pair *k* is computed as follows:

$$PS\ ELFEXT_k = -10 \lg \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^n 10^{\frac{-ELFEXT_{ik}}{10}} \quad (A.5)$$

where

i is the number of the disturbing pair;

k is the number of the disturbed pair;

n is the total number of pairs;

ELFEXT_{ik} is the equal level far end crosstalk loss coupled from pair *i* into pair *k*.

Table A.13 – PS ELFEXT for permanent link or CP link

Class	Frequency MHz	Minimum PS ELFEXT ^a dB
D	$1 \leq f \leq 100$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{60,8 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} + n \times 10^{\frac{72,1 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)^b$
E	$1 \leq f \leq 250$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{64,8 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} + n \times 10^{\frac{80,1 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)^c$
F	$1 \leq f \leq 600$	$-20 \lg \left(10^{\frac{91 - 20 \lg(f)}{-20}} + n \times 10^{\frac{87 - 15 \lg(f)}{-20}} \right)^c$
NOTE $n = 2$ for configurations A, B and D $n = 3$ for configuration C		
^a PS ELFEXT at frequencies that correspond to measured FEXT values of greater than 70,0 dB are for information only.		
^b PS ELFEXT at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 57,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 57,0 dB.		
^c PS ELFEXT at frequencies that correspond to calculated values of greater than 62,0 dB shall revert to a minimum requirement of 62,0 dB.		

Table A.14 – Informative PS ELFEXT values for permanent link with maximum implementation at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Minimum PS ELFEXT dB		
	Class D	Class E	Class F
1	55,6	61,2	62,0
16	31,5	37,1	56,3
100	15,6	21,2	43,0
250	N/A	13,2	36,2
600	N/A	N/A	29,6

A.2.7 Direct current (d.c.) loop resistance

The d.c. loop resistance of each pair of a permanent link or CP link shall meet the requirements derived by the equation in Table A.15.

A practical method of establishing conformant link performance is to demonstrate that the margin between the measured value and the channel limits of Table 16 are adequate to accommodate any additional cabling components used to create a channel. This is fulfilled if the insertion loss requirement and the delay skew requirement for the permanent link or CP link are met.

The d.c. loop resistance of each pair of a permanent link with maximum implementation is given in Table A.16.

The d.c. loop resistance shall be consistent with the cabling components used.

When required, the d.c. loop resistance shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1.

Table A.15 – Direct current (d.c.) loop resistance for permanent link or CP link

Class	Maximum d.c. loop resistance Ω
A	530
B	140
C	34
D	$(L/100) \times 22 + n \times 0,4$
E	$(L/100) \times 22 + n \times 0,4$
F	$(L/100) \times 22 + n \times 0,4$
NOTE	
L	$L_{FC} + L_{CP} \times Y$
L_{FC}	length of fixed cable (m)
L_{CP}	length of CP cord (where present) (m)
Y	the ratio of CP cable attenuation (dB/m) to fixed horizontal cable attenuation (dB/m) (see Clause 13)
n	2 for Configurations A, B and D
n	3 for Configuration C

Table A.16 – Informative d.c. loop resistance for permanent link with maximum implementation

Maximum d.c. loop resistance Ω					
Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class E	Class F
530	140	34	21	21	21

A.2.8 Direct current (d.c.) resistance unbalance

The d.c. resistance unbalance between the two conductors within all pairs of a permanent link or CP link shall not exceed 3 % for all classes. This shall be achieved by design.

A.2.9 Propagation delay

The propagation delay of each pair of a permanent link or CP link shall meet the requirements derived by the equation in Table A.17.

A practical method of establishing conformant link performance is to demonstrate that the margin between the measured value and the channel limits of Table 17 are adequate to accommodate any additional cabling components used to create a channel. This is fulfilled if the insertion loss requirement and the delay skew requirement for the permanent link or CP link are met.

The propagation delay of each pair of a permanent link with maximum implementation is given in Table A.18.

The propagation delay shall be consistent with the cabling components used.

When required, the propagation delay shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1.

Table A.17 – Propagation delay for permanent link or CP link

Class	Frequency MHz	Maximum propagation delay µs
A	$f = 0,1$	19,400
B	$0,1 \leq f \leq 1$	4,400
C	$1 \leq f \leq 16$	$(L/100) \times (0,534 + 0,036/\sqrt{f}) + n \times 0,0025$
D	$1 \leq f \leq 100$	$(L/100) \times (0,534 + 0,036/\sqrt{f}) + n \times 0,0025$
E	$1 \leq f \leq 250$	$(L/100) \times (0,534 + 0,036/\sqrt{f}) + n \times 0,0025$
F	$1 \leq f \leq 600$	$(L/100) \times (0,534 + 0,036/\sqrt{f}) + n \times 0,0025$
NOTE		
L	$L_{FC} + L_{CP}$	
L_{FC}	length of fixed cable (m)	
L_{CP}	length of CP cord (where present) (m)	
n	2 for configurations A, B and D	
n	3 for configuration C	

Table A.18 – Informative propagation delay values for permanent link with maximum implementation at key frequencies

Frequency MHz	Maximum propagation delay µs					
	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class E	Class F
0,1	19,400	4,400	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	N/A	4,400	0,521	0,521	0,521	0,521
16	N/A	N/A	0,496	0,496	0,496	0,496
100	N/A	N/A	N/A	0,491	0,491	0,491
250	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0,490	0,490
600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0,489

A.2.10 Delay skew

The delay skew between all pairs of a permanent link or CP link shall meet the requirements derived by the equation in Table A.19.

A practical method of establishing a conformant link performance is to demonstrate that the margin between the measured value and the channel limits of Table A.19 are adequate to accommodate any additional cabling components used to create a channel. This is fulfilled if the insertion loss requirement and the delay skew requirement for the permanent link or CP link are met.

The delay skew between all pairs of a permanent link with maximum implementation is given in Table A.20.

The delay skew shall be consistent with the cabling components used.

When required, the delay skew shall be measured according to IEC 61935-1.

Table A.19 – Delay skew for permanent link or CP link

Class	Frequency MHz	Maximum delay skew μs
A	$f = 0,1$	N/A
B	$0,1 \leq f \leq 1$	N/A
C	$1 \leq f \leq 16$	$(L/100) \times 0,045 + n \times 0,001\ 25$
D	$1 \leq f \leq 100$	$(L/100) \times 0,045 + n \times 0,001\ 25$
E	$1 \leq f \leq 250$	$(L/100) \times 0,045 + n \times 0,001\ 25$
F	$1 \leq f \leq 600$	$(L/100) \times 0,025 + n \times 0,001\ 25$
NOTE		
$L = L_{FC} + L_{CP}$		
L_{FC} length of fixed cable (m)		
L_{CP} length of CP cord (where present) (m)		
$n = 2$ for configurations A, B and D		
$n = 3$ for configuration C		

Table A.20 – Informative delay skew for permanent link with maximum implementation

Class	Frequency MHz	Maximum delay skew μs
A	$f = 0,1$	N/A
B	$0,1 \leq f \leq 1$	N/A
C	$1 \leq f \leq 16$	0,044 ^a
D	$1 \leq f \leq 100$	0,044 ^a
E	$1 \leq f \leq 250$	0,044 ^a
F	$1 \leq f \leq 600$	0,026 ^b
^a This is the result of the calculation $0,9 \times 0,045 + 3 \times 0,001\ 25$.		
^b This is the result of the calculation $0,9 \times 0,025 + 3 \times 0,001\ 25$.		

Annex B (normative)

Test procedures

B.1 General

This annex on test procedures is divided into four parts. B.1 gives general information. B.2 gives references to test procedures for installed cabling and for cabling in laboratory environment. B.3 gives references to test procedures for prefabricated cords. B.4 gives references to test procedures for individual components.

B.2 Channel and link performance testing

B.2.1 Testing balanced cabling channels, permanent links and CP links

The test procedures for balanced cabling installations are specified in IEC 61935-1

B.2.2 Testing optical fibre cabling channels

The test procedures for optical cabling installations are specified in ISO/IEC TR 14763-3.

NOTE If test methods for some parameters are missing in the referenced standard, they can be found in the optical cable standards IEC 60794-1 or IEC 60793-1-XX.

B.2.3 Channel and link test schedules

Channels and links are normally tested for compliance with the specified requirements after installation. For these tests 'in field' test instruments are available. The channels and permanent links may also be tested in laboratory environments. This is in order to prove compliance for systems made up of specific components. These tests may use laboratory equipment or field test equipment. Tests using laboratory test instruments, which are carried out according to international standards, may be reference tests which can be used to evaluate the accuracy of field test equipment.

NOTE If field testers are not available for testing of certain classes of cabling, laboratory equipment can be used. For testing parameters, which require access to both ends of the installed cabling, laboratory equipment is not practical. It is recommended that this cabling is installed in such a way that only acceptance testing (see the definition below) is required.

The different kinds of testing may be classified as follows:

a) Acceptance testing

As a means of validating installed cabling, which is known to comply with the implementation requirements of this standard and which is made up of elements complying with the performance requirements for components for the relevant categories.

b) Compliance testing

As a means of validating installed cabling, comprising known or unknown components.

c) Reference testing

As a means for testing cabling models in laboratory environment and for comparing the result of measurements performed with laboratory and field test instruments. Reference testing in laboratory on cabling models is also used for verifying compliance for properties, which cannot be tested in field.

In Table B.1, the type of test to be carried out for each channel or permanent link is indicated by an "I" (informative) or "N" (normative). Parameters, which are computed from the measured parameters, are indicated by a "C". The tests indicated by "I" may be carried out as part of an acceptance test. The tests indicated by "N" shall be carried out as part of an acceptance, reference or compliance test.

Table B.1 – Cabling characteristics of copper and optical fibre cabling for acceptance, compliance and reference testing

Characteristics of copper cabling	Testing for		
	Acceptance	Compliance	Reference
Return loss	I	N	N
Insertion loss	I	N	N
NEXT	I	N	N
PS NEXT	C	C	C
ACR	I	N	N
PS ACR	I	C	C
ELFEXT	I	N	N
PS ELFEXT	C	C	C
DC loop resistance	I	N	N
Propagation delay	I	N	N
Skew	I	N	N
Unbalance attenuation, near end (TCL)			N
Coupling attenuation			f.f.s.
Length ^a	I	I	N
Wiremap	N	N	N
Continuity of conductors, screens (if applicable), short and open circuits	N	N	N
^a Length is not a pass/fail criterion			

Characteristics of optical fibre cabling	Testing for		
	Acceptance	Compliance	Reference
Optical attenuation	N	N	N
Multimode modal bandwidth			N
Propagation delay	I	N	N
Length	C	C	C
Continuity and maintenance of polarity	N	N	N

Cabling characteristics to be tested for acceptance, compliance and reference shall meet or exceed the requirements outlined in 6.4 for balanced cabling and in Clause 8 for optical cabling.

B.3 Transmission testing of cords for balanced cabling

Testing of cords for balanced cabling shall be performed according to IEC 61935-2.

B.4 Transmission testing of components for cabling

B.4.1 Transmission testing of copper cables for balanced cabling

Testing of cables for balanced cabling shall be performed according to IEC 61156-1.

B.4.2 Transmission testing of connecting hardware for balanced cabling

Testing of connecting hardware for balanced cabling shall be performed according to the relevant part of IEC 60603-7. If connecting hardware is used that is not covered by the IEC 60603-7 series, it shall be tested according to the relevant specification.

B.4.3 Transmission testing of cables for optical cabling

Testing of cables for optical cabling shall be performed according to the IEC 60794-2 series for indoor cables and the IEC 60794-3 series for outdoor cables.

B.4.4 Transmission testing of connectors for optical cabling

Testing of connectors for optical cabling shall be performed according to IEC 61300-3-34.

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Annex C (normative)

Mechanical and environmental performance testing of connecting hardware for balanced cabling

C.1 Introduction

The mechanical and environmental performance of connecting hardware is vital to the cabling system. Changes in contact resistance because of operational and environmental stress can negatively affect the transmission characteristics of the cabling system. Product life testing is accomplished by subjecting the product to a number of mechanical and environmental conditions and measuring any resistance deviations at prescribed intervals and after completion of each conditioning sequence. In addition, the product shall not show evidence of degradation with respect to the ease of mechanical termination, safety or other functional attributes at any time during or after environmental conditioning.

To ensure that all connecting hardware for balanced cabling systems will perform reliably under field installation conditions, it shall be capable of maintaining reliable connections throughout the series of environmental conditioning and testing illustrated in Table C.2 to Table C.5. Products under test shall be mounted and connected in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines. Unless otherwise specified, tests should be carried out under standard atmospheric conditions in accordance with 5.3.1 of IEC 60068-1.

NOTE 1 This annex provides mechanical connection performance requirements for connections that are not covered by a specific IEC connector standard. It is intended to replace the specifications in this annex by reference to international standards, as they become available.

NOTE 2 Connection interfaces that conform to the mechanical and environmental performance requirements of IEC 60603-7 (unscreened) or IEC 60603-7-1 (screened) are exempt from this annex. Connection interfaces that are covered by international standards other than the IEC 60603-7 series shall comply with at least the equivalent mechanical and environmental performance requirements specified in this annex.

C.2 Test requirements

C.2.1 General

This test schedule shows all tests and the order in which they shall be carried out, as well as the requirements to be met.

Unless otherwise specified, connecting hardware shall be tested in the mated or terminated state. Care shall be taken to keep a particular combination of connecting hardware together during the complete test sequence. That is, when unmating is necessary for a certain test, the same connecting hardware shall be mated for the subsequent tests.

Hereinafter, mated/terminated connecting hardware is called the "specimen".

For each group, a minimum of 10 product samples shall be used to compile data for supporting a conclusion that pass criteria are satisfied.

C.2.2 Initial test measurements

All specimens shall be subjected to the measurements and sequence shown in Table C.1.

Table C.1 – Group P

Test phase	Test			Measurement to be performed		
	Title	IEC 60512 Test No.	Severity or condition of test	Title	IEC 60512 Test No.	Requirements
P 1	General examination	1		Visual examination	1a	There shall be no defects that would impair normal operation
				Examination of dimensions and mass	1b	The dimensions shall comply with those specified in the detail specification
P 2	Polarization (if applicable)					
P 3	Contact resistance		All signal contacts and screen/specimens (bulk resistance subtracted)	Millivolt level method	2a	Contact resistance = 20 mΩ maximum
P 4			Test voltage 100 V ± 15 V d.c. Method A Mated or terminated connectors	Insulation resistance	3a	500 MΩ minimum
P 5			Contact/contact Method A Mated or terminated connectors	Voltage proof	4a	1 000 V d.c. or a.c. peak
			All contacts to screen Method A Mated or terminated connectors			1 500 V d.c. or a.c. peak

C.2.3 Environmental and mechanical performance

The specimens shall be divided into four groups, group A, group B, group C and group D. Connecting hardware in each group shall undergo the tests specified in the relevant group.



Table C.2 – Group A

Test phase	Test			Measurement to be performed		
	Title	IEC 60512 Test No.	Severity or condition of test	Title	IEC 60512 Test No.	Requirements
AP 1	Insertion and withdrawal forces (two piece connectors)	13b	Connector locking device depressed (if applicable)			As per manufacturer's specifications
AP 2	Effectiveness of connector coupling device (if applicable)	15f	Rate of load application 44,5 N/s max.			As per manufacturer's specifications
AP 3	Rapid change of temperature	60068-2-14	–40 °C to 70 °C Mated or terminated connectors 25 cycles $t = 30$ min Recovery time 2 h			
AP 4			Test voltage 100 V \pm 15 V d.c. Method A Mated or terminated connectors	Insulation resistance	3a	500 M Ω min.
AP 5			All signal contacts and screen/specimens (bulk resistance subtracted)	Contact resistance	2a	20 m Ω max change from initial
AP 6			Contact/contact: Method A Mated or terminated connectors	Voltage proof	4a	1 000 V d.c. or a.c. peak
			All contacts to screen: Method A Mated or terminated connectors			1 500 V d.c. or a.c. peak
AP 7			Unmated or unterminated connectors	Visual examination	1a	There shall be no defects that would impair normal operation
AP 8	Cyclic damp heat	60068-2-38	21 cycles low temperature 25 °C high temperature 65 °C cold subcycle –10 °C humidity 93 % Half of the samples in mated or terminated state Half of the samples in unmated or unterminated state			
AP 9			All signal contacts and screen/specimens (bulk resistance subtracted)	Contact resistance	2a	20 m Ω max change from initial
AP 10	Insertion and withdrawal forces (two piece connectors)	13b	Connector locking device depressed (if applicable)			As per manufacturer's specification
AP 11	Effectiveness of connector coupling device (if applicable)	15f	Rate of load application 44,5 N/s (10 lbf/s) max.			As per manufacturer's specification
AP 12			Unmated or unterminated connectors	Visual examination	1a	There shall be no defects that would impair normal operation

Table C.3 – Group B

Test phase	Test			Measurement to be performed		
	Title	IEC 60512 Test No.	Severity or condition of test	Title	IEC 60512 Test No.	Requirements
BP 1	Locking device mechanical operations (if applicable)		Mechanical operations			As per manufacturer's specification, but equivalent to $N = 200$ insertions and withdrawals
BP 2	Mechanical operations	9a	$N/2$ operations Speed 10 mm/s rest 5 s (two piece connectors). Locking device inoperative			$N = 200$
BP 3	Flowing mixed gas corrosion	11-7	4 days Half of the samples in mated or terminated state Half of the samples in unmated or unterminated state			Mixture of gases: $SO_2 = (0,5 \pm 0,1) 10^{-6}$ (vol/vol) $H_2S = (0,1 \pm 0,02) 10^{-6}$ (vol/vol) Temperature: (25 ± 2) °C Relative humidity: (75 ± 3) %
BP 4			All signal contacts and screen / specimens (bulk resistance subtracted)	Contact resistance	2a	20 mΩ maximum change from initial
BP 5	Mechanical operations	9a	$N/2$ operations Speed 10 mm/s. Rest 5 s (two piece connectors). Locking device inoperative			
BP 6			All signal contacts and screen / specimens	Contact resistance	2a	20 mΩ maximum change from initial
BP 7			100 V ± 15 V d.c. Method A Mated or terminated connectors	Insulation resistance	3a	500 MΩ Min.
BP 8			Contact/contact: Method A Mated or terminated connectors	Voltage proof	4a	1 000 V d.c. or a.c. peak
			All contacts to screen: Method A Mated or terminated connectors			1 500 V d.c. or a.c. peak
BP 9				Visual examination	1a	There shall be no defects that would impair normal operation

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Table C.4 – Group C

Test phase	Test			Measurement to be performed		
	Title	IEC 60512 Test No.	Severity or condition of test	Title	IEC 60512 Test No.	Requirements
CP 1	Vibration	11c	Measurement points as per manufacturer's specification	Contact disturbance	2e	10 µs max.
CP 2			Test voltage 100 V d.c. Method A Mated or terminated connectors	Insulation resistance	3a	500 MΩ min.
CP 3			All signal contacts and screen/specimens (bulk resistance subtracted)	Contact resistance	2a	20 mΩ max. change from initial
CP 4			Unmated or unterminated connectors	Visual examination	1a	There shall be no defects that would impair normal operation

Table C.5 – Group D

Test phase	Test			Measurement to be performed		
	Title	IEC 60512 Test No.	Severity or condition of test	Title	IEC 60512 Test No.	Requirements
DP 1	Electrical load and temperature	9b	5 connectors 500 h, 70 °C Recovery period 2 h			0,5A, 5 connectors No current, 5 connectors
DP 2			Test voltage 100 V d.c. Method A Mated or terminated connectors	Insulation resistance	3a	500 MΩ min.
DP 3			Contact/contact: Method A Mated or terminated connectors	Voltage proof	4a	1 000 V d.c. or a.c. peak
			All contacts to screen: Method A Mated or terminated connectors			1 500 V d.c. or a.c. peak
DP 4			Unmated or unterminated connectors	Visual examination	1a	There shall be no defects that would impair normal operation
DP 5			All signal contacts and screen / specimens (bulk resistance subtracted)	Contact resistance	1a	20 mΩ max. change from initial

Annex D (informative)

Electromagnetic characteristics

Cabling consists of passive components and can therefore only be verified for conformance to electromagnetic compliance (CISPR 22 and CISPR 24) when attached to application specific equipment. However, electromagnetic characteristics of a network installation are influenced by parameters, such as the balance and/or screening properties of the cabling.

Balance is characterised by unbalance attenuation, i.e. the ratio between the unwanted common mode signal power and the injected differential mode signal power. This common mode signal which arises from imperfections in the cabling system, such as asymmetry, causes electromagnetic emission and affects noise immunity. Unbalance attenuation is characterised for components, including cables and connecting hardware. Limits for unbalance attenuation are also given for cabling. Unbalance attenuation test methods for components are well established for frequencies up to 100 MHz.

Screening effectiveness is characterised for components including cables, connecting hardware and patch cords. At frequencies up to about 30 MHz, the effectiveness of component screening can be characterised by transfer impedance. Transfer impedance is the ratio of the longitudinal voltage developed on the secondary side of a screen to the current flowing in the screen. This unwanted current causes radiation and affects immunity. At higher frequencies screening effectiveness may be characterised by screening attenuation, i.e. the ratio between the common mode signal in the conductors enclosed in the screen and the radiated signal outside the screen.

Balance and screening effectiveness properties may be combined in one parameter, coupling attenuation, which is the ratio between the wanted signal power and the unwanted radiated power from the cabling. Coupling attenuation is normally measured from 30 MHz to 1 000 MHz.

Coupling attenuation can be applied to screened and unscreened cables, connecting hardware and cabling.

Test methods and requirements for components have been developed. Characterisation of coupling attenuation for cabling is a subject for further study.

Use of components with good electromagnetic characteristics, the use of screened or unscreened components throughout a system, and installation according to manufacturers' instructions, will help to achieve good electromagnetic characteristics of the cabling.

The electromagnetic characteristics of the components referenced in this standard may be used for guidance when application specific electronic equipment is constructed, and tested for compliance with CISPR 22 and CISPR 24. The relationship between the CISPR requirements and these characteristics is a subject for further study.

Annex E (informative)

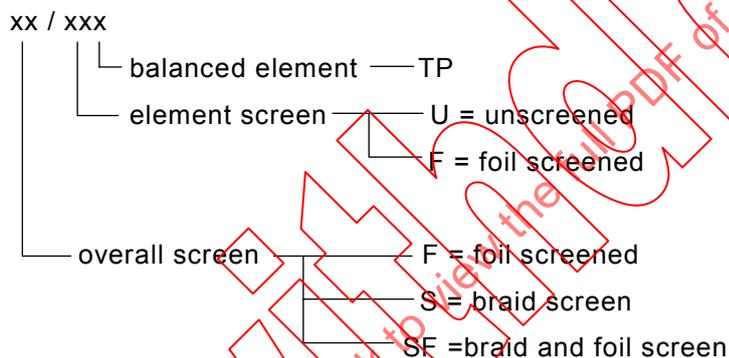
Acronyms for balanced cables

There is a great variety of cable constructions and a number of systems to describe these constructions in a shortened form. These abbreviations have been used to describe the difference in construction as well the difference in impedance. Since such acronyms are used in many commercial documents and have never been clearly specified by a standard, the same term could mean different kinds of constructions in different contexts.

The intention of this annex is to clarify this situation and give guidance on how to use abbreviations for the main constructions used for communication cables. This document uses the words balanced cable, unscreened/screened cable and unscreened/screened cable element for the cable constructions described in this annex.

To reduce confusion, a more systematic naming is specified in Figure E.1. It is understood that cable names based on this schema only describe the types of constructions and not any transmission characteristics such as impedance. All screened cables, whether individually or overall, foiled, braided or both, require matching connecting hardware capable of handling all of the screens involved.

Figure E.2 gives examples of cable constructions and their names based on this schema.

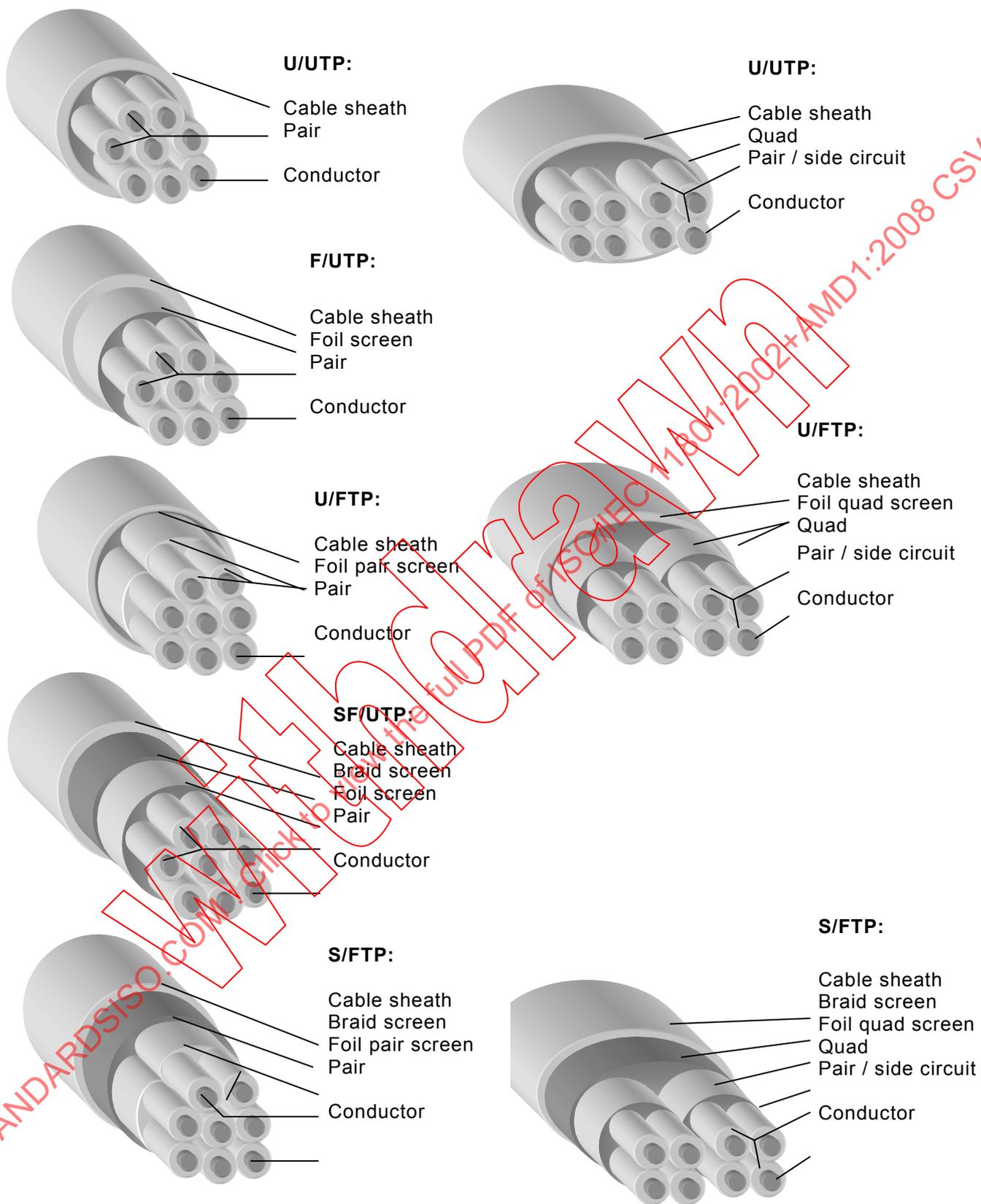


For example:

SF/UTP = overall braid and foil screened cable with unscreened balanced elements

S/FTP = overall braid screened cable with foil screened balanced elements

Figure E.1 – Cable naming schema



NOTE Sometimes the letter P in the abbreviation is replaced by Q to characterise a quad construction.

Figure E.2 – Cable types

Annex F (informative)

Supported applications

F.1 Supported applications for balanced cabling

Balanced cabling specified in this International Standard is intended to support the applications detailed in this Annex. Other applications, not listed, may be supported too.

Balanced cabling applications are matched to channel performance classes specified in Clause 6 of this standard. Generic cabling has been designed to support optical and electrically balanced transmission. Applications using unbalanced transmission are outside the scope of this standard.

Table F.1 contains applications with mature or technically stable international specifications (for example, published ITU recommendations, ATM Forum specifications or ISO/IEC standards or at least DIS status at ISO/IEC).

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Table F.1 – Applications using balanced cabling

Application	Specification reference	Date	Additional name
Class A (defined up to 100 kHz)			
PBX	National requirements		
X.21	ITU-T Rec. X.21	1996	
V.11	ITU-T Rec. X.21	1994	
Class B (defined up to 1 MHz)			
S0-Bus (extended)	ITU-T Rec. I.430	1993	ISDN Basic Access (Physical Layer)
S0 Point-to-Point	ITU-T Rec. I.430	1993	ISDN Basic Access (Physical Layer)
S1/S2	ITU-T Rec. I.431	1993	ISDN Primary Access (Physical Layer)
CSMA/CD 1BASE5	ISO/IEC 8802-3	2000	Starlan
Class C (defined up to 16 MHz)			
Ethernet 10Base-T	IEEE 802.3 ^b	2005	CSMA/CD ISO/IEC 8802-3:2000
CSMA/CD 10BASE-T	ISO/IEC 8802-3	2000	
CSMA/CD 100BASE-T4	ISO/IEC 8802-3	2000	Fast Ethernet
CSMA/CD 100BASE-T2	ISO/IEC 8802-3	2000	Fast Ethernet
Token Ring 4 Mbit/s	ISO/IEC 8802-5	1998	
ISLAN	ISO/IEC 8802-9	1996	Integrated Services LAN
Demand priority	ISO/IEC 8802-12	1998	VGAnyLAN TM
ATM LAN 25,60 Mbit/s	ATM Forum af-phy-0040.000	1995	ATM-25/Category 3
ATM LAN 51,84 Mbit/s	ATM Forum af-phy-0018.000	1994	ATM-52/Category 3
ATM LAN 155,52 Mbit/s	ATM Forum af-phy-0047.000	1995	ATM-155/Category 3
Class D 1995 (defined up to 100 MHz)			
CSMA/CD 100BASE-TX	ISO/IEC 8802-3	2000	Fast Ethernet
CSMA/CD 1000BASE-T	ISO/IEC 8802-3	2000	Gigabit Ethernet
Token Ring 16 Mbit/s	ISO/IEC 8802-5	1998	
Token Ring 100 Mbit/s	ISO/IEC 8802-5	2001	
TP-PMD	ISO/IEC FCD 9314-10	2000	Twisted-Pair Physical Medium Dependent
ATM LAN 155.52 Mbit/s	ATM Forum af-phy-0015.000	1994	ATM-155/Category 5
Ethernet 100Base-TX	IEEE 802.3 ^b	2005	Fast Ethernet ISO/IEC 8802-3:2000
PoE	IEEE 802.3 af	2003	Power over Ethernet
Class D 2002 (defined up to 100 MHz)			
Ethernet 1000Base-T	IEEE 802.3 ^b	2005	Gigabit Ethernet / ISO/IEC 8802-3:2000
Fibre Channel 1 Gbit/s	INCITS 435	2007	Twisted-pair Fibre Channel 1G
Firewire 100 Mbit/s	IEEE 1394b	1999	Firewire/Category 5
Class E 2002 (defined up to 250 MHz)			
ATM LAN 1.2 Gbit/s	ATM Forum af-phy-0162.000	2001	ATM-1200/Category 6
Ethernet 10GBase-T ^a	IEEE 802.3an	2006	10Gigabit Ethernet