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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) standard re-structured to contain only those requirements that are specific for generic cabling systems installed in industrial premises;
- b) support of critical process control, monitoring and automation (PCMA) services between automation islands by adding new Annex A (normative) “Industrial cabling system”;
- c) support of specific requirements for industrial cabling the end-to-end link (E2E) has been introduced and delivers additional channel configuration covered in Annex B (normative);
- d) silica optical fibre cabling has been removed from this International Standard.

ISO/IEC 11801-3 is to be read in conjunction with ISO/IEC 11801-1.

This International Standard has been approved by vote of the member bodies, and the voting results may be obtained from the address given on the second title page.

This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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## INTRODUCTION

The importance of cabling infrastructure is similar to that of other fundamental utilities such as water and energy supply and interruptions to the services provided over that infrastructure can have a serious impact. A lack of design foresight, the use of inappropriate components, incorrect installation, poor administration or inadequate support can threaten quality of service and have commercial consequence for all types of users.

This document specifies generic cabling, which is critical for providing robust services to the automation islands in industrial premises, or industrial spaces within other types of building.

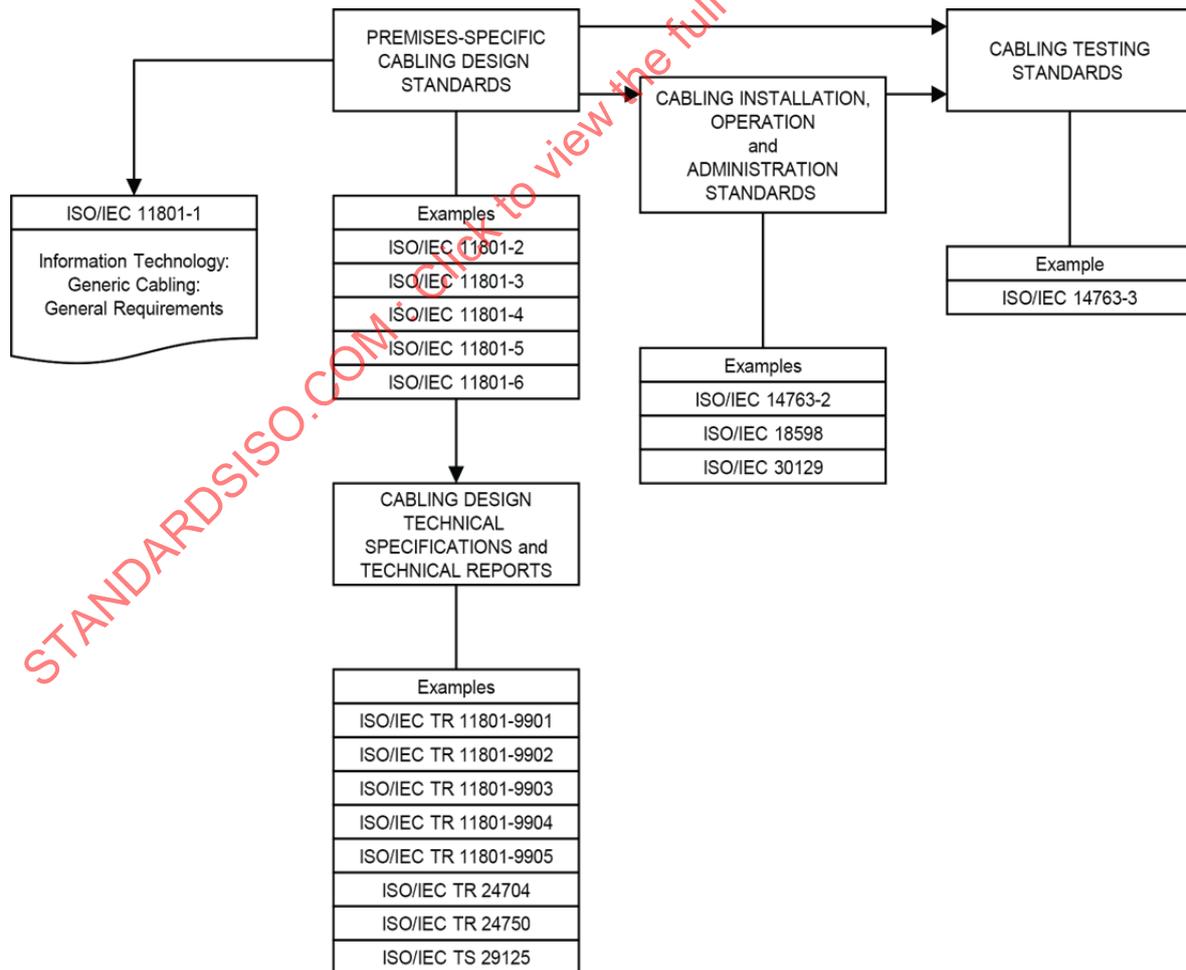
Additionally those premises can include

- office spaces for which generic cabling is specified in ISO/IEC 11801-2,
- data centre spaces for which generic cabling is specified in ISO/IEC 11801-5.

Generic cabling for distributed building services in industrial spaces is specified in ISO/IEC 11801-6, which addresses all of the above premises and spaces within them.

This document has taken into account the correlation between all parts of the ISO/IEC 11801 series and the IEC 61918 and IEC 61784-5 series.

Figure 1 shows the schematic and contextual relationships between the standards relating to information technology cabling produced by ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25, namely the ISO/IEC 11801 series of standards for generic cabling design, standards for the installation, operation and administration of generic cabling and for testing of installed generic cabling.



**Figure 1 – Relationships between the generic cabling documents produced by ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25**

The generic cabling specified by this document provides users with

- a) an application independent system capable of supporting a wide range of applications in a range of installation and operating environments,
- b) a flexible scheme such that modifications are both easy and economical,
- c) a multi-vendor supply chain within an open market for cabling components.

In addition, this document provides

- d) relevant industry professionals with guidance allowing the accommodation of cabling before specific requirements are known, i.e. in the initial planning either for construction or refurbishment and for further deployment as the requirements of areas are defined,
- e) industry and standardization bodies with a cabling system which supports current products and provides a basis for future product development and applications standardization.

Applications addressed in this document include those developed by the technical committees of IEC (including the subcommittees of ISO/IEC JTC 1), including critical industrial process control and monitoring applications and study groups of ITU-T.

As a result, this document

- 1) specifies a structure for generic cabling supporting a wide variety of applications,
- 2) adopts balanced cabling channel and link Classes D, E, E<sub>A</sub>, F and F<sub>A</sub>, specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1,
- 3) adopts component requirements, specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1, and specifies cabling implementations that ensure performance of permanent links and of channels that meet or exceed the requirements of a specified group (e.g. Class) of applications.

Figure 2 shows the relationship between all the documents (the generic cabling standards produced by ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 25 and the application-specific standards produced by IEC SC 65C) that apply to industrial premises:

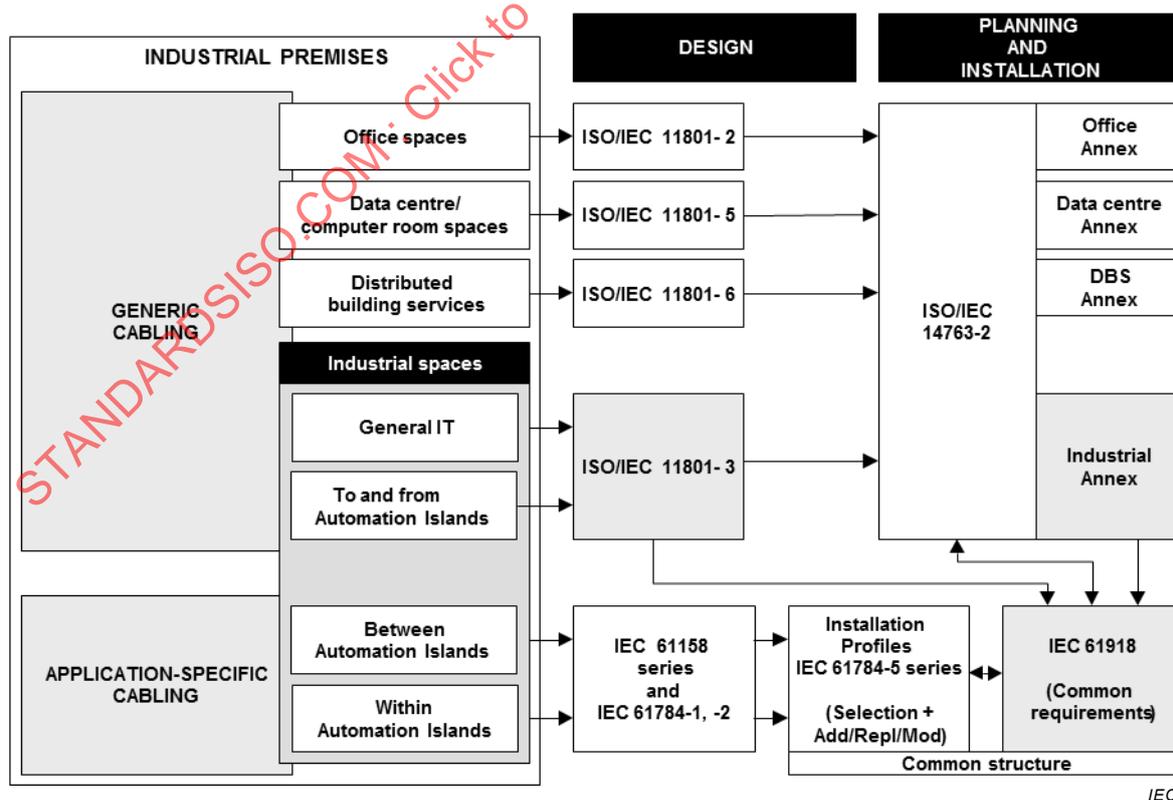


Figure 2 – Relationships between the ISO/IEC and IEC cabling documents that apply to industrial premises

It is anticipated that the generic cabling system meeting the minimum requirements of this document will have a life expectancy consistent with other infrastructures within industrial premises.

This document has taken into account requirements specified in application standards listed in ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, Annex E. It refers to International Standards for components and test methods whenever appropriate International Standards are available.

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## Part 3: Industrial premises

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 11801 specifies generic cabling for use within industrial premises, or industrial areas within other types of premises, which can comprise single or multiple buildings on a campus. It covers balanced cabling and optical fibre cabling.

This document is optimized for premises in which the maximum distance over which telecommunications services can be distributed is 10 000 m. The principles of this document can be applied to larger installations.

Cabling defined by this document supports a wide range of services, including automation, process control, and monitoring applications. That can also incorporate the supply of power.

This document specifies directly or via reference to ISO/IEC 11801-1

- a) the structure and minimum configuration for generic cabling within industrial premises,
- b) the interfaces at the telecommunications outlet (TO),
- c) the performance requirements for cabling links and channels,
- d) the implementation requirements and options,
- e) the performance requirements for cabling components,
- f) the conformance requirements and verification procedures.

The cabling providing critical automation, process control and monitoring applications within the automation islands is not addressed by this document. Information for this application-specific cabling is provided in the IEC 61784-5 series (design) and in IEC 61918 (installation).

Safety (electrical safety and protection, fire, etc.) and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements are outside the scope of this document, and are covered by other standards and by regulations. However, information given by this document can be of assistance.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 61918, *Industrial communication networks – Installation of communication networks in industrial premises*

IEC 61754-20, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Fibre optic connector interfaces – Part 20: Type LC connector family*

IEC 61784-5 (all parts), *Industrial communication networks – Profiles – Part 5: Installation of fieldbuses – Installation profiles for CPF*

ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, *Information technology – Generic cabling for customer premises – Part 1: General requirements*

ISO/IEC 11801-2, *Information technology – Generic cabling for customer premises – Part 2: Office premises*

ISO/IEC 14763-2, *Information technology – Implementation and operation of customer premises cabling – Part 2: Planning and installation*

ISO/IEC 14763-4, *Information technology – Implementation and operation of customer premises cabling – Part 4: Measurement of end-to-end (E2E) links<sup>1</sup>*

ISO/IEC 30129, *Information technology – Telecommunications bonding networks for buildings and other structures*

### **3 Terms, definitions, abbreviated terms and symbols**

#### **3.1 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 11801-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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##### **3.1.1**

##### **apparatus**

one or more pieces of equipment having specific and defined overall functions within industrial premises served by one or more network interfaces

##### **3.1.2**

##### **apparatus attachment cord**

cord used to connect a telecommunications outlet to a network interface

##### **3.1.3**

##### **automation island**

premises and areas where a combination of systems that control, monitor and protect process(es) of a plant are installed

##### **3.1.4**

##### **automation outlet**

fixed connecting hardware which provides an interface to the automation island (AI)

##### **3.1.5**

##### **bulkhead**

wall or barrier which maintains the ingress and climatic environmental classifications applicable on either side

##### **3.1.6**

##### **equipment room**

room dedicated to housing distributors and application-specific equipment

##### **3.1.7**

##### **floor cable**

cable connecting the floor distributor to the intermediate distributor

##### **3.1.8**

##### **floor distributor**

distributor used to make connections between the floor cable, other cabling subsystems and active equipment

##### **3.1.9**

##### **intermediate cable**

cable connecting the intermediate distributor to the telecommunications outlet

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### 3.1.10

#### **intermediate distributor**

distributor used to make connections between the intermediate cable, other cabling subsystems and active equipment

### 3.1.11

#### **industrial intermediate distributor**

intermediate distributor used to make connections between several automation islands and transmit critical process control, monitoring and automation data (PCMA) between them

### 3.1.12

#### **network interface**

interface between the apparatus attachment cabling and the apparatus network

### 3.1.13

#### **telecommunications room**

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

## 3.2 Abbreviated terms

AI	automation island
AO	automation outlet
CPL	CP link
E2E link	end-to-end link
FD	floor distributor
ID	intermediate distributor
IID	industrial intermediate distributor
NI	network interface
PCMA	process control, monitoring and automation (data)

## 3.3 Symbols

Symbols used in this document are defined at the place where they occur.

Symbols used identically in different parts of ISO/IEC 11801 are defined in ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 3.3.

## 4 Conformance

For a cabling installation to conform to this document the following applies.

- a) The configuration and structure shall conform to the requirements outlined in Clause 5.
- b) Channels shall meet the requirements specified in Clause 6 when subjected to environment conditions, local to the channels (see NOTE below), as defined by the applicable environmental Class(es) of Clause 6.

This shall be achieved by one of the following:

- 1) a channel design and implementation ensuring that the prescribed channel performance of Clause 6 is met;
- 2) attachment of appropriate components to a permanent link or CP link design meeting the prescribed performance class of Clause 7. Channel performance shall be ensured where a channel is created by adding more than one cord to either end of a link meeting the requirements of Clause 7;
- 3) for E<sub>1</sub> environments, using the reference implementations of Clause 8 and compatible cabling components conforming to the requirements of Clauses 9, 10 and 11 based upon a statistical approach of performance modelling.

- c) The interfaces to the cabling at the TO shall conform to the requirements of Clause 10 with respect to mating interfaces and performance when subjected to environment conditions, local to the connecting hardware (see NOTE below), as defined by the applicable environmental Class(es) of Clause 6.
- d) Connecting hardware at other places in the cabling structure shall meet the performance requirements specified in Clause 10 when subjected to environment conditions, local to the connecting hardware (see NOTE below), as defined by the applicable environmental Class(es) of Clause 6.
- e) The requirements of ISO/IEC 14763-2 and ISO/IEC 30129 shall be met.

This document does not specify which tests and sampling levels should be adopted. Test methods to assess conformance with the channel and link requirements of Clause 6 and Clause 7, respectively, are specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1. The test parameters to be measured, the sampling levels and the treatment of measured results to be applied for particular installation shall be defined in the installation specification and quality plan for that installation prepared in accordance with ISO/IEC 14763-2.

For installations beyond the IID, IEC 61918 and IEC 61784-5 series shall be met (see Annex A).

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

Specifications marked "ffs" are preliminary specifications, and are not required for conformance to this document.

NOTE The applicable environment of ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 6.2.2, local to the cabling or cabling component(s), is that of the external environment or that modified environment created by use of mitigating installation techniques.

## 5 Structure of the generic cabling system

### 5.1 General

Clause 5 identifies the functional elements of generic cabling for industrial premises, describes how they are connected together to form subsystems and identifies the interfaces at which application-specific components are connected. Applications listed in ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, Annex E, are supported by connecting active equipment at the TOs and the distributors.

In general, all functional elements, subsystems and interfaces from the campus distributor to the floor distributor as described in ISO/IEC 11801-1 are applicable.

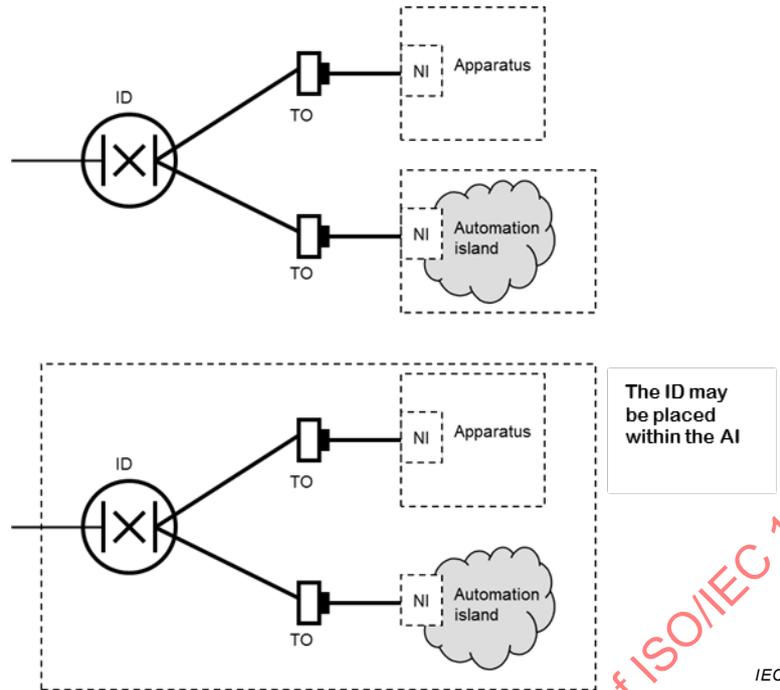
### 5.2 Functional elements

In addition to the functional elements of ISO/IEC 11801-1, cabling in accordance with this document specifies the following functional elements:

- a) floor distributor (FD),
- b) floor cable,
- c) intermediate distributor (ID),
- d) intermediate cable,
- e) consolidation point (CP) – optional,
- f) consolidation cable (CP cable),
- g) telecommunications outlet (TO).

As shown in Figure 3, an ID is able to serve TOs on separate pieces of apparatus or multiple TOs on a single piece of apparatus. The type and nature of the apparatus cabling are beyond the scope of this document.

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

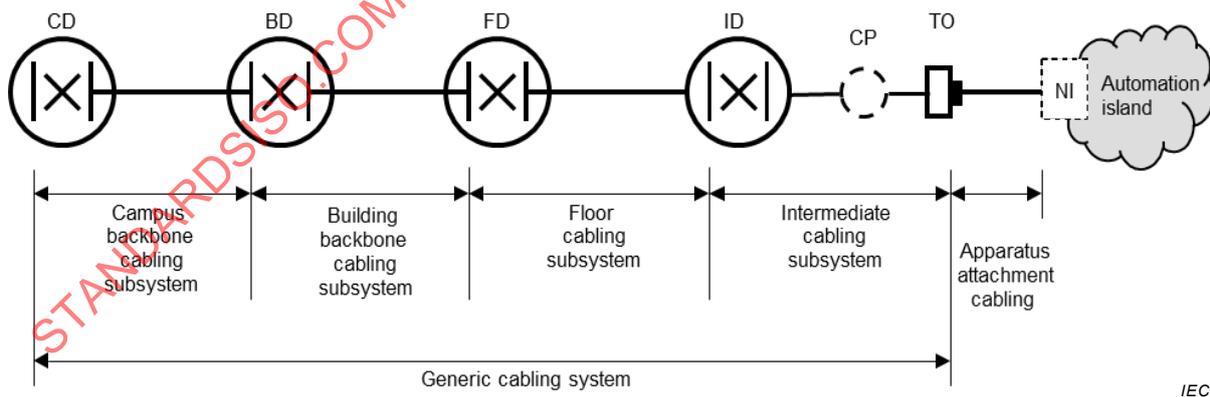


**Figure 3 – Configuration of apparatus-based functional elements within industrial premises**

**5.3 Cabling subsystem**

**5.3.1 General structure**

Generic cabling schemes for industrial premises contain up to four cabling subsystems: campus backbone, building backbone, floor and intermediate. In addition, cabling is necessary to connect telecommunication, process control and monitoring equipment to the generic cabling. This apparatus attachment cabling is application-specific and therefore not specified by this document. 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 structure as shown in Figure 4.



**Figure 4 – Structure of generic cabling for industrial environment**

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 ISO/IEC 11801-1). Passive connections between cabling subsystems shall be achieved using cross-connections generally by way of either patch cords or jumpers.

Examples of more complex equipment connection systems that are not in accordance with Clause 5 are described in Annex A, Annex B and Annex C as follows.

- a) Annex A describes the combined cabling structure of generic and industrial cabling system to connect several AIs via an ID to support critical process, monitoring, control and automation data (PMCA).
- b) Annex B describes reference implementations, using the components of Clauses 9, 10 and 11, which deliver transmission performance in accordance with the Classes of Clause 6.
- c) Annex C describes reference implementations, using the components of Clauses 9, 10 and 11, that are capable of delivering transmission performance in accordance with the Classes of Clause 6 but are not able to be supported in a normative manner by this document.

### **5.3.2 Campus and building backbone cabling subsystem**

See ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 5.3.2.

### **5.3.3 Floor cabling subsystem**

The floor cabling subsystem extends from a floor distributor (FD) to the ID connected to it. The subsystem includes

- a) the floor cables,
- b) the mechanical termination of the floor cables including the connecting hardware (e.g. of interconnect or cross-connect) at both the FD and IDs together with associated patch cords and/or jumpers,
- c) any passive connections to the building backbone cabling.

Although equipment cords are included in a channel, they are not considered part of the cabling subsystem because they can be application-specific.

### **5.3.4 Intermediate cabling subsystem**

The intermediate cabling subsystem extends from an ID to the TOs connected to it. The subsystem includes

- a) the intermediate cables,
- b) an optional CP,
- c) the mechanical termination of the intermediate cables including the connections at the TO and the ID together with associated patch cords and/or jumpers at the ID,
- d) the TO.

Although equipment cords and apparatus attachment cords are included in a channel, they are not considered part of the cabling subsystem because they can be application-specific.

Intermediate cables should be continuous from the ID to the TOs. The installation of a consolidation point in the intermediate cabling between the ID and the TO can be useful in an open industrial space where the flexibility of relocating TOs is desired.

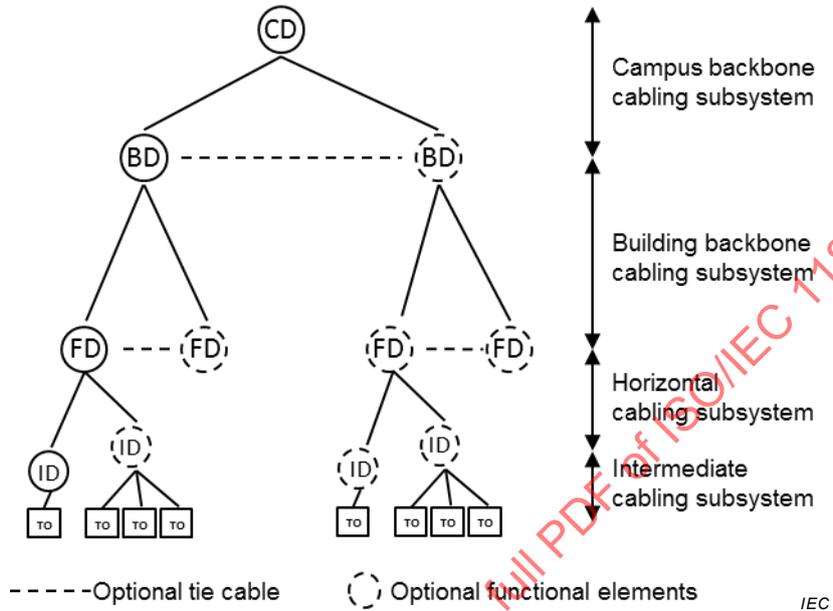
It is expected that the industrial environment is harsh and that the cabling is used to carry control and measurement data and therefore requires additional specifications, for example based on environmental performance requirements specified by MICE in ISO/IEC 11801-1.

The cabling within and between IDs and the automation islands shall meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 11801-1.

In the case where several AIs transmit critical process control, monitoring and automation data (PCMA) via an ID, an additional performance specification may be needed (see Annex A).

**5.3.5 Centralized cabling architecture**

Centralized cabling structures as shown in Figure 5 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 centralized 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.



**Figure 5 – Centralized structure of generic cabling for industrial premises**

**5.3.6 Design objectives**

Intermediate cabling can be designed to support the broadest set of existing and emerging applications and therefore provide the longest operational life. This will minimize disruption and the high cost of re-cabling in the work area.

Floor and building backbone cabling can 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**

In cabling for industrial premises, the functional elements of the cabling subsystems are interconnected to form a hierarchical structure as shown in Figure 6.

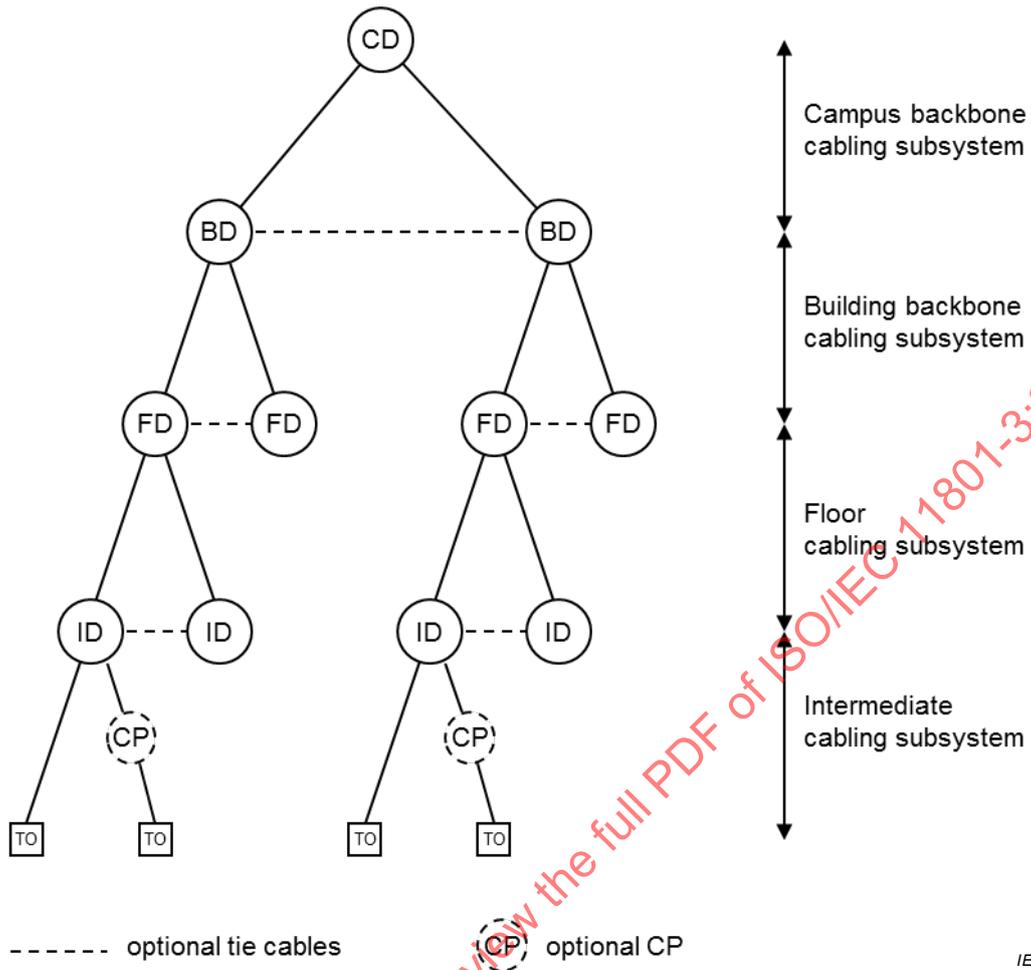


Figure 6 – Hierarchical structure of generic cabling for industrial premises

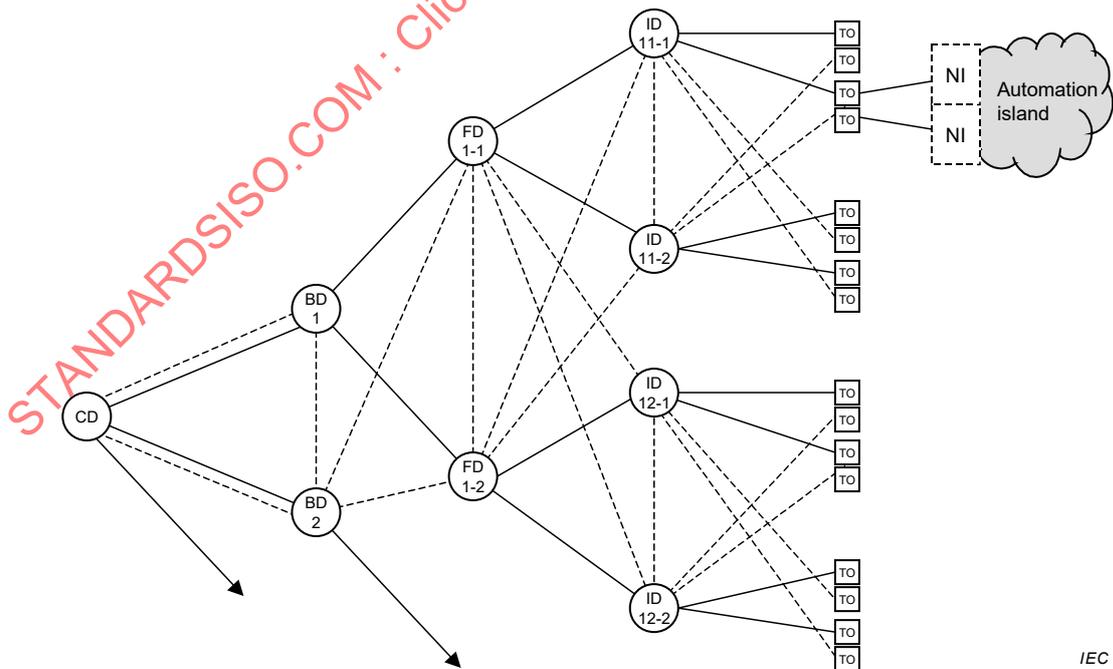


Figure 7 – Inter-relationship of functional elements in an installation with diversity for protection against failure (CPs optional between IDs and TOs)

In certain circumstances, for example for security or reliability reasons, redundancy can be built into a cabling design. Figure 7 is a schematic showing one of many possible examples of the connection of functional elements within the structured framework to provide such redundancy. 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 cables providing connection to external service provision.

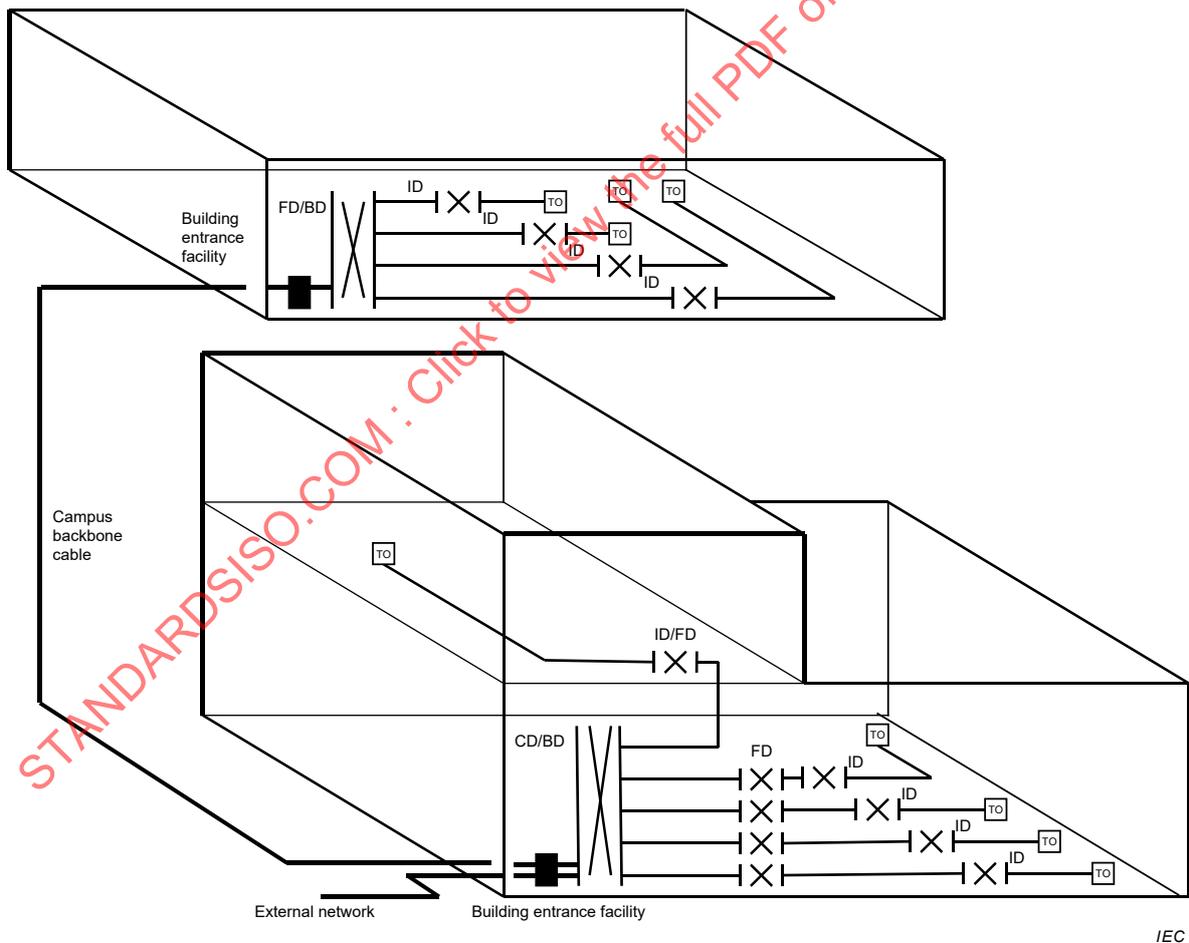
**5.5 Accommodation of functional elements**

Figure 8 shows an example of how the functional elements are accommodated in a building.

FDs and IDs are typically located in industrial enclosures, equipment rooms, telecommunications rooms or adjacent to, on or within apparatus. Other distributors are typically located in equipment rooms or telecommunications rooms as detailed in ISO/IEC 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 tray. Requirements for the pathways and the cable management systems within them are provided in ISO/IEC 14763-2 and IEC 61918.

TOs are normally located on the fixed building structure. If necessary, the TO can be placed within or on an apparatus.



**Figure 8 – Accommodation of functional elements (CPs optional between IDs and TOs)**

## 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.

Test interfaces to generic cabling are located at the ends of each subsystem.

Figure 9 shows the potential equipment and test interfaces.

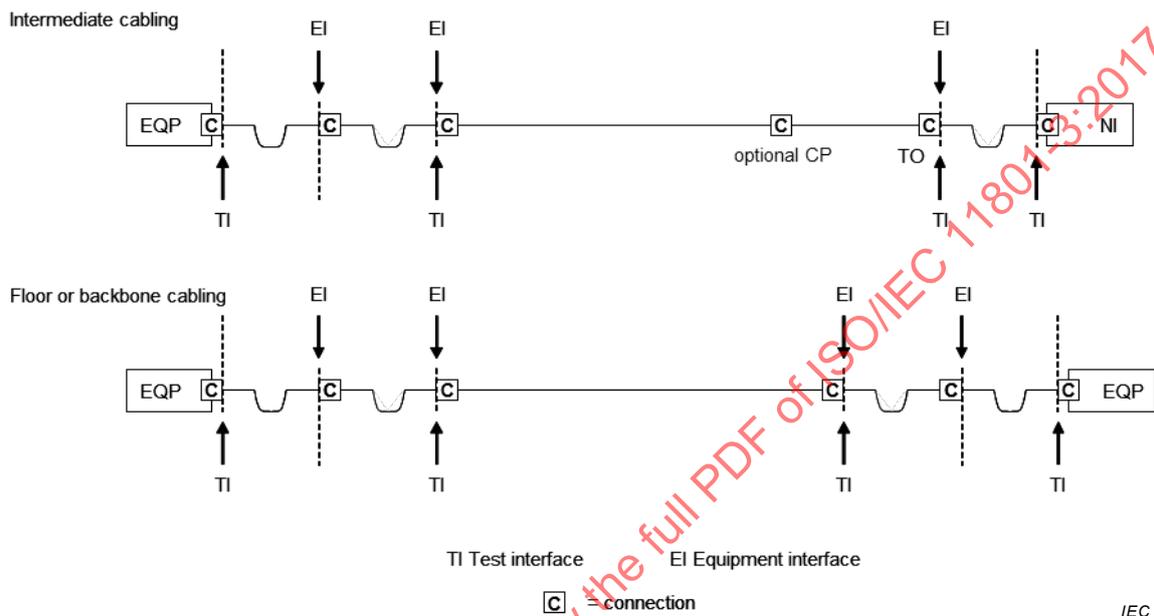


Figure 9 – Equipment and test interfaces

### 5.6.2 Channels and permanent links

The transmission performance of generic cabling between specific test interfaces is detailed in Clause 6 for channels and Clause 7 for permanent links.

The channel is the transmission path between active equipment interfaces. A typical channel would consist of the intermediate cabling subsystem together with apparatus attachment and equipment cords. For longer reach services the channel would be formed by the connection of two or more subsystems (again with apparatus attachment and equipment cords). It is important that the generic cabling channel is designed to meet the required performance for the applications that are to be supported. The channel excludes the mated connection at the active equipment.

## 5.7 Dimensioning and configuring

### 5.7.1 General

ISO/IEC 11801-1 specifies requirements for generic cabling. Subclauses 5.7.2 to 5.7.8 specify additional and/or modified requirements for generic cabling for industrial premises.

### 5.7.2 Distributors

The number and type of subsystems that are included in a generic cabling implementation depend upon the size and geography of the campus, building and the strategy of the user.

Usually there would be one campus distributor per campus. However, the number of BDs, FDs and IDs shall be determined by the size of the building, the floor space and the disposition of apparatus.

If the premises comprise only a single building that is small enough to be served by a single BD, there is no need for a campus backbone cabling subsystem.

The design of distributors shall ensure that the lengths of patch cords, jumpers and equipment cords are minimized and administration should ensure that the design lengths are maintained during operation. Distributors should be located such that the resulting cable lengths are consistent with the channel performance requirements of Clause 6

In the case of the reference implementations described in Clause 8, 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 1 – Maximum channel lengths**

Channel	Length m
Intermediate	100
Intermediate + horizontal + building backbone + campus backbone	10 000
NOTE In some implementations of the intermediate cabling subsystem in Clause 8, the ID might not support TOs up to the maximum distance shown.	

It is possible to combine multiple functional elements into a single element.

### 5.7.3 Connecting hardware

Connecting hardware shall provide only direct onward attachment for each conductor and shall not provide any contact between more than one incoming or outgoing conductor (e.g. bridge taps shall not be used).

### 5.7.4 Apparatus attachment and equipment cords

The apparatus attachment cord connects the TO to the network interface. Equipment cords connect active equipment to the generic cabling at distributors. Both are non-permanent and application-specific. The performance contribution of these cords shall be taken into account in the design of the channel.

Clause 8 provides guidance on cord lengths for reference implementations of generic cabling.

### 5.7.5 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 8 provides guidance on cord/jumper lengths for reference implementations of generic cabling.

### 5.7.6 Telecommunications outlet

The design of generic cabling for industrial premises should provide for TOs to be installed and located according to the requirements of the apparatus as follows.

- a) Each apparatus network shall be served by a minimum of one TO.
- b) The TO shall be configured with either balanced cable terminated in accordance with 10.2.2 or optical fibres terminated in accordance with 10.3.2.
- c) The TO should terminate
  - all pairs of four-pair balanced cable in accordance with 10.2.2.1 or the TO should terminate
  - two pairs of a two-pair balanced cable in accordance with 10.2.2.2 may be used as an alternative to four pairs. However, four pairs per TO is recommended to support common applications. In the case of using two pairs per TO, pair reassignment might be required.

There shall be provision for identification, visible to the user, at the location of each TO.

d) Application-specific devices, if used, shall be external to the TO.

Care should be taken that the initial pair assignment and all subsequent changes are recorded (see ISO/IEC 14763-2 for details of recommended administration schemes). Pair reassignment by means of inserts is allowed.

### 5.7.7 Telecommunications rooms and equipment rooms

See ISO/IEC 11801-1.

### 5.7.8 Industrial enclosures

Industrial enclosures shall provide all the facilities (space, power), in accordance with national and local regulations, for industrial control equipment, ID and power distribution equipment. The equipment within the industrial enclosure will conform to the appropriate environmental classes outlined in Clause 6. The industrial enclosures can or cannot provide incremental environmental protection for their contents.

## 6 Channel performance requirements

### 6.1 General

Clause 6 specifies the minimum channel performance of generic cabling at and between the connections to active equipment as shown in Figure 10 and comprises only passive sections of cable, connecting hardware, cords and jumpers.

The channel performance is specified as a combination of environmental performance and transmission performance.

The minimum requirements for the transmission performance of cabling channels are specified in 6.3. The required transmission performance Class shall be met for all environmental performance Classes specified for the channel.

Compatibility between the structures and materials at the interfaces between these components and assemblies shall ensure that the required mechanical, environmental and transmission performance is maintained for the intended life of the cabling.

Where applications listed in ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, Annex E, are to be supported, the performance of the connections at the active equipment are the responsibility of the equipment supplier.

Application support depends on channel performance, which in turn depends on cable length, number of connections and performance of the components within the environments to which the channel is subjected.

Transmission and environmental performance shall be assured by the selection of cabling components suitable for the environmental Class(es) or by the use of pathway systems and installation practices that provide the required protection to the installed cabling.

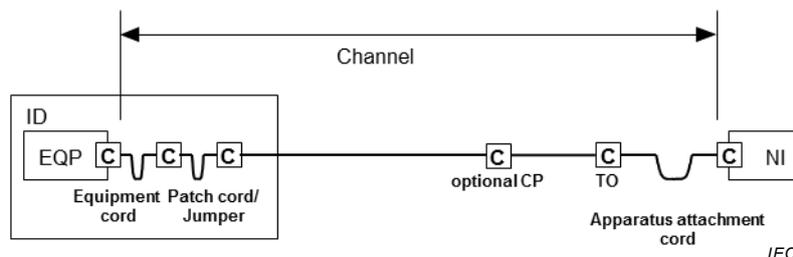


Figure 10 – Transmission performance of a channel

Application support depends on channel transmission performance only, which in turn depends on cable length, the number of connections and the performance of the components within the environments to which the channel is subjected.

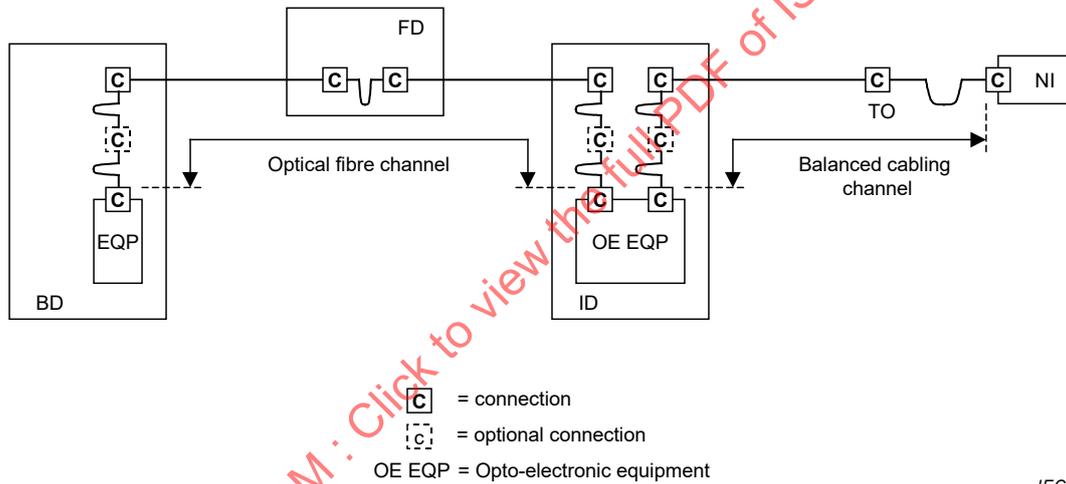
The required transmission performance Class shall be met for all environmental performance Classes specified for the channel.

Transmission and environmental performance shall be assured by the selection of cabling components suitable for the environmental Class(es) or by the use of pathway systems and installation practices that provide the required protection to the installed cabling.

Channels are implemented using

- a) intermediate cabling only,
- b) floor cabling only,
- c) building backbone cabling only,
- d) campus backbone cabling only,
- e) combinations of the above.

Figure 11 shows an example of an NI connected to a host using two channels: an optical fibre channel and a balanced cabling channel. The optical fibre and balanced cabling channels are connected together using an optical fibre to balanced cable converter. There are four channel interfaces: one at each end of the balanced cabling channel, and one at each end of the optical fibre cabling channel.



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

## 6.2 Environmental performance

See ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 6.2.

## 6.3 Transmission performance

### 6.3.1 General

The channel performance requirements described in 6.3 shall be used for the design and may be used for verification of any implementation of this document, using the test methods defined, or referred to, by 6.3. In addition, these requirements can be used for application development and troubleshooting.

### 6.3.2 Balanced cabling

#### 6.3.2.1 Backbone cabling

Backbone balanced cabling shall provide channel performance as required from Classes A to F<sub>A</sub> as specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 6.3.

### **6.3.2.2 Floor cabling**

Floor balanced cabling shall comply with the channel performance as required from Classes D to F<sub>A</sub> as specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 6.3.

The implementation of channels of a lower Class, incorporating intermediate cabling, is discussed in Annex B and Annex C.

### **6.3.2.3 Intermediate cabling**

Intermediate balanced cabling shall comply with the channel performance as required from Classes D to F<sub>A</sub> as specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 6.3.

### **6.3.2.4 Cable sharing**

In the case of cable sharing, additional requirements shall be taken into account for balanced cabling. The additional crosstalk requirements are specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 9.3.2.5.1.

### **6.3.3 Optical fibre cabling**

The selection of optical fibre components shall take into account the applications to be supported, and the required channel lengths, and should take into account any predicted changes to the applications to be supported during the expected life of the cabling.

Cabling shall be designed using the cabled optical fibres referenced in 9.3 to provide channel performance as required to support the relevant applications of ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, Annex E for the following parameters:

- a) channel attenuation,
- b) channel length.

Channel performance shall meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 6.5.

## **7 Link performance requirements**

### **7.1 General**

A link comprises only passive sections of cable and connections. Compatibility between the structures and materials at the interfaces between these components shall ensure that the required mechanical, environmental and transmission performance is maintained for the intended life of the cabling.

### **7.2 Balanced cabling**

Link performance shall meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 7.2.

### **7.3 Optical fibre cabling**

Link performance shall meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 7.4.

## **8 Reference implementations**

### **8.1 General**

Clause 8 describes implementations of generic cabling that utilize components referenced in Clauses 9, 10 and 11. These reference implementations meet the requirements of Clause 5 and, when installed in accordance with ISO/IEC 14763-2 or IEC 61918, comply with the channel transmission performance requirements of Clause 6.

### **8.2 Balanced cabling**

#### **8.2.1 General**

Balanced components are referenced in Clauses 9, 10 and 11. In the reference implementations of Clause 8, the components used in each cabling channel shall have the same nominal impedance.

The implementations are based on component performance at 20 °C. The effect of temperature on the performance of cables shall be accommodated by de-rating length as shown in Table 3 and Table 4. Where the temperature range exceeds that defined in ISO/IEC 11801-1 then manufacturers' information shall be consulted regarding required reductions in cable length.

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.

## **8.2.2 Intermediate cabling subsystem**

### **8.2.2.1 Component choice**

The following reference implementations are applicable to intermediate cabling subject to the condition that components used shall meet the environmental requirements of Clauses 9, 10 and 11.

The selection of balanced cabling components will be determined by the Class to be met. Refer to ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, Annex E, for applications supported by cabling Classes.

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),

- a) Cables can be specified with lower insertion loss specifications than those detailed in 8.3.2 and 8.3.3, or
- b) appropriate protection can be provided to reduce the operating temperature of the channel.

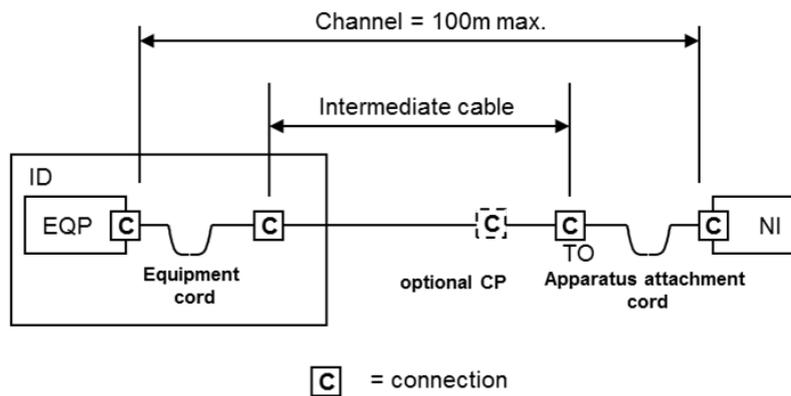
Using the configurations of 8.2.2.2,

- 1) Category 5 components provide Class D balanced cabling performance,
- 2) Category 6 components provide Class E balanced cabling performance,
- 3) Category 6<sub>A</sub> or 8.1 components provide Class E<sub>A</sub> balanced cabling performance,
- 4) Category 7 components provide Class F balanced cabling performance,
- 5) Category 7<sub>A</sub> or 8.2 components provide Class F<sub>A</sub> balanced cabling performance.

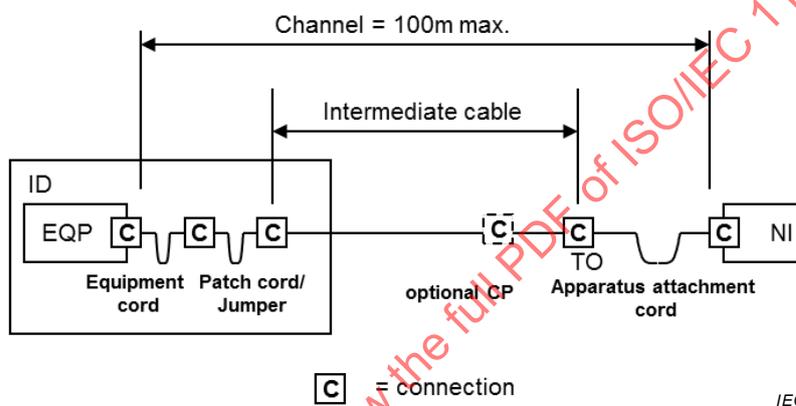
### **8.2.2.2 Dimensions**

Figure 12 shows the models used to correlate intermediate cabling dimensions specified in Clause 8 with the channel specifications in Clause 6.

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 ID to the TO. The channel includes cords comprising patch cords/jumpers, equipment and apparatus attachment cords.



a) Interconnect – TO model



b) Cross-connect – TO model

**Figure 12 – Intermediate cabling models**

Table 2 contains the length assumptions of the mathematical model used to validate channel performance using components of Clauses 9, 10 and 11. They do not represent absolute restrictions on the implementation of channels and permanent links, but may be used for guidance in reference implementations.

**Table 2 – Length assumptions used in the mathematical modelling of balanced intermediate cabling**

Segment	Length m	
	Minimum	Maximum
ID-CP	15	85
CP-TO	5	-
ID-TO (no CP)	15	90
Apparatus attachment cord <sup>a</sup>	2	5
Patch cord	2	-
Equipment cord <sup>b</sup>	2	5
All cords	-	10

<sup>a</sup> If there is no CP, the minimum length of the apparatus attachment cord is 1 m.

<sup>b</sup> If there is no cross-connect, the minimum length of the equipment cord is 1 m.

In order to accommodate cables used for apparatus attachment cords, patch cords, jumpers and equipment cords with different insertion loss, the length of the cables used within a channel shall be determined by the equations shown in Table 3.

**Table 3 – Intermediate link length equations**

Model	Figure	Implementation equation		
		Class D	Class E and E <sub>A</sub>	Class F and F <sub>A</sub>
Interconnect – TO	12a)	$l_i = 109 - l_a \times X$	$l_i = 104 - l_a \times X$	$l_i = 105 - l_a \times X$
Cross-connect – TO	12b)	$l_i = 107 - l_a \times X$	$l_i = 103 - l_a \times X$	$l_i = 103 - l_a \times X$
$l_i$ maximum length of the intermediate cable (m) $l_a$ combined length of patch cords/jumpers, equipment and apparatus attachment cords (m) $X$ ratio of cord cable insertion loss (dB/m) to fixed horizontal cable insertion loss (dB/m)				
For operating temperatures above 20 °C, $l_i$ 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.				

For the purpose of calculation in Table 3 it is assumed that

- a) the flexible cable within these cords has a higher insertion loss than that used in the intermediate cable (see 11.2),
- b) all the cords in the channel have a common insertion loss specification.

The following general restrictions apply.

- 1) The physical length of the channel shall not exceed 100 m.
- 2) The physical length of the intermediate cable shall not exceed 90 m. When the total length of patch, equipment and apparatus attachment cords exceeds 10 m, the allowed physical length of the intermediate cable shall be reduced according to Table 3.
- 3) The length of patch cords/jumper cables should not exceed 5 m.

The maximum length of the intermediate 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 and jumper cables used to create the channel conform to the design rules for the floor, building or installation.

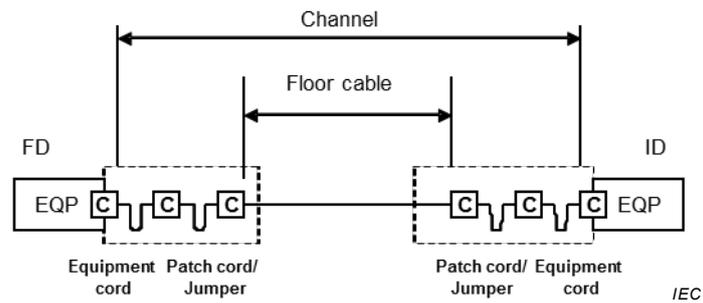
### 8.2.3 Floor cabling subsystem

#### 8.2.3.1 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 ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, Annex E, for guidance.

#### 8.2.3.2 Dimensions

Figure 13 shows the model used to correlate cabling dimensions specified in Clause 8 with the channel specifications in Clause 6. The channel shown contains a cross-connect at each end. This represents the maximum configuration for a Class D, E, E<sub>A</sub>, F or F<sub>A</sub> floor channel. The channel includes additional cords comprising patch cords/jumpers and equipment cords.



EQP = equipment; C = connection (mated pair)

**Figure 13 – Floor cabling model**

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 shall be determined by the equations shown in Table 4.

In Table 4 it is assumed that

- a) the flexible cable within these cords can have a higher insertion loss than that used in the floor cable,
- b) all the cords in the channel have a common insertion loss specification.

The following general restrictions apply for Classes D, E, E<sub>A</sub>, F and F<sub>A</sub>.

- 1) The physical length of channels shall not exceed 100 m.
- 2) When four connections are used in a channel, the physical length of the floor cable should be at least 15 m.

The maximum length of the floor 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.

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**Table 4 – Floor link length equations**

Component Category	Floor implementation equations				
	Class D	Class E	Class E <sub>A</sub>	Class F	Class F <sub>A</sub>
5	$l_{fb} = 105 - l_a \times X$	–	–	–	–
6	$l_{fb} = 111 - l_a \times X$	$l_{fb} = 102 - l_a \times X$	–	–	–
6 <sub>A</sub> or 8.1	$l_{fb} = 114 - l_a \times X$	$l_{fb} = 105 - l_a \times X$	$l_{fb} = 102 - l_a \times X$	–	–
7	$l_{fb} = 115 - l_a \times X$	$l_{fb} = 106 - l_a \times X$	$l_{fb} = 104 - l_a \times X$	$l_{fb} = 102 - l_a \times X$	–
7 <sub>A</sub> or 8.2	$l_{fb} = 117 - l_a \times X$	$l_{fb} = 108 - l_a \times X$	$l_{fb} = 102 - l_a \times X$	$l_{fb} = 102 - l_a \times X$	$l_{fb} = 102 - l_a \times X$

$l_{fb}$  maximum length of the floor or backbone cable (m)  
 $l_a$  combined length of patch cords/jumpers and equipment cords (m)  
 $X$  ratio of cord cable insertion loss (dB/m) to backbone cable insertion loss (dB/m)

Where channels contain a different number of connections than in the model shown in Figure 13, the fixed cable length is reduced (where more connections exist) or increased (where fewer connections exist) by 2 m per connection for Category 5 cables and 1 m per connection for Category 6, 6<sub>A</sub>, 7 and 7<sub>A</sub> cables. Additionally, the NEXT, return loss (RL) and ACR-F performance should be verified.

For operating temperatures above 20 °C,  $l_{fb}$  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.

### 8.2.4 Campus and building backbone cabling subsystem

See ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 8.2.

### 8.3 Optical fibre cabling

See ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 8.3.

In order to accommodate increased quantities of mated connections and splices used within a channel, the total length of the channels is typically reduced to accommodate the additional attenuation.

Additional connections may be used if the maximum channel insertion loss (or optical power budget, as applicable) of the application allows (see ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, Annex E).

## 9 Cable requirements

### 9.1 General

Clause 9 defines the minimum requirements for

- cables installed in the intermediate, floor and backbone cabling subsystems specified in Clause 5 and used in the reference implementations of Clause 8,
- flexible balanced cables to be assembled as cords as specified in Clause 11 and used in the reference implementations of Clause 8,
- balanced cables or cable elements to be used as jumpers.

### 9.2 Balanced cables

See ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 9.3.1 and 9.3.2.

### 9.3 Optical fibre cables

Cabled optical fibres shall meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 9.5.

## 10 Connecting hardware requirements

### 10.1 General requirements

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 floor cabling and permitting connections to equipment (if provided);
- d) in an intermediate distributor providing the cross-connections between floor and intermediate cabling and permitting connections to equipment (if provided);
- e) at the TO;
- f) at bulkheads.

### 10.2 Connecting hardware for balanced cabling

#### 10.2.1 General requirements

See ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 10.1.

#### 10.2.2 Electrical, mechanical and environmental performance

##### 10.2.2.1 Connecting hardware at the TO using four pairs at the TO

See ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 10.2, 10.6 and 10.9.

Where space is a consideration and a smaller interface is needed, connecting hardware meeting the mechanical and physical requirements of IEC 61076-2-109 X-coding may also be used.

Pair rearrangement at the TO should not involve modification of the intermediate cable terminations. If pair rearrangement is used at the TO, the configuration of the outlet terminations shall be clearly identified.

##### 10.2.2.2 Connecting hardware at the TO using two pairs at the TO

Where a smaller housing is required and where the provision of only two balanced pairs is acceptable, connecting hardware meeting the mechanical and physical requirements of IEC 61076-2-101 D-coding may also be used as an alternative to that specified in 10.2.2.1. See ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 10.2 and 10.8.

If four pair cables are used with two pair connectors, the unused pairs shall be terminated to match the nominal impedance of the cable pairs. The same pair count shall be used throughout the link or channel.

When two physically similar cabling links are used in the same installation (for example, different performance categories and cables with different nominal impedance) special precautions are required to ensure that they are properly identified.

##### 10.2.2.3 Connecting hardware at other locations

The requirements of 10.2.2.1 and 10.2.2.2 are based upon the categories of connecting hardware specified in the reference implementations of Clause 8. For channel, permanent link, and CP link design routes to conformance, as specified in Clause 4, other connecting hardware can be used at places other than the TO.

### **10.3 Connecting hardware for optical fibre cabling**

#### **10.3.1 General requirements**

See ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 10.1.

#### **10.3.2 Optical, mechanical and environmental performance**

##### **10.3.2.1 Connecting hardware at the TO**

See ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 10.5.

The connecting hardware shall be as specified in IEC 61754-20 (LC connector family).

##### **10.3.2.2 Connecting hardware at other locations**

See ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 10.5.

### **11 Cords**

#### **11.1 Jumpers**

See Clause 9.

#### **11.2 Balanced cords**

##### **11.2.1 General**

See ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3.

Cords shall be assembled using flexible cables in accordance with ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 9.3 and connectors in accordance with Clause 10 with the exception of the equipment connectors used on apparatus attachment and equipment cords that lie outside the scope of this document.

##### **11.2.2 Additional requirements for apparatus attachment cords**

Apparatus attachment cords shall only be assembled using flexible cables as defined in ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 9.3.2.6.

#### **11.3 Optical fibre cords**

See ISO/IEC 11801-1, 11.1, 11.2 and 11.5.

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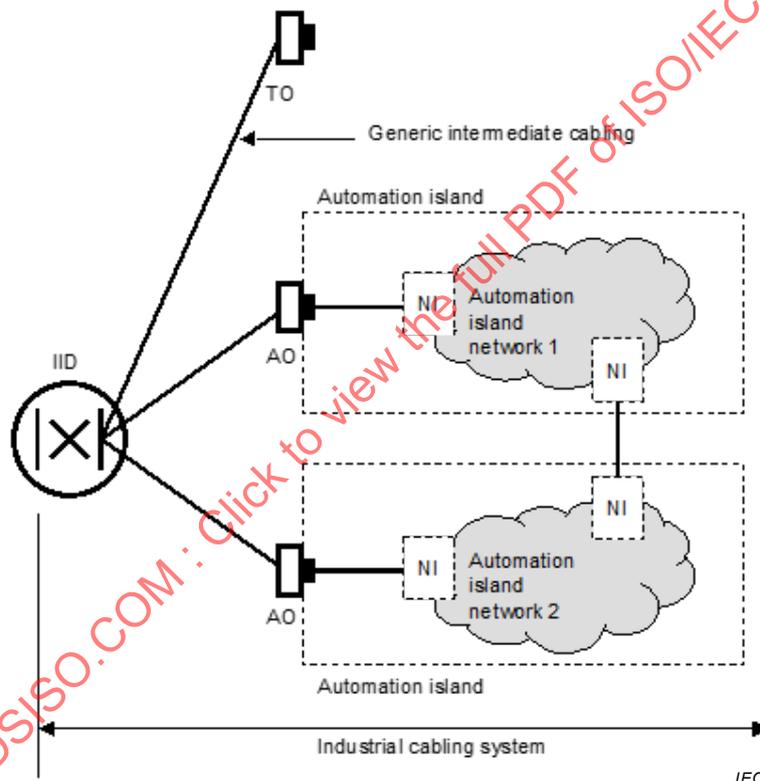
**Industrial cabling system**

**A.1 General**

An automation island (AI) can be connected to the generic cabling by the intermediate cabling subsystem as described in 5.3.4 and shown in Figure 4.

In the case where several AIs transmit critical process control, monitoring and automation data (PCMA) via a distributor additional performance specifications may be needed defined by IEC 61918 and the intermediate distributor (ID) of Clause 5 is replaced by an industrial intermediate distributor (IID) which serves an industrial cabling system.

An IID may also serve TOs in accordance with Clause 5 with intermediate cabling subsystem channels in accordance with Clause 6.



**Figure A.1 – Industrial cabling system supporting several AIs via an IID**

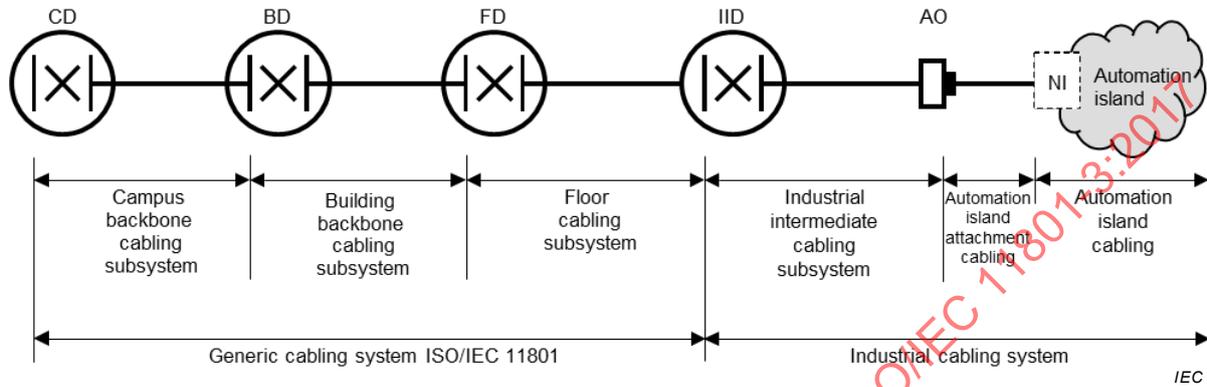
In the case where an industrial intermediate distributor is installed, TOs can become AOs. For connecting hardware requirements at the TO(s) see ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 10.6, 10.8, 10.9 and 10.11. Where connections provide dedicated support for applications specified by the IEC 61784-5 series, the TO becomes an AO and the AI interfaces of IEC 61918 should be used.

For operating requirements according to the environmental classes of MICE specification, see ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017, 10.1.4.

**A.2 Industrial intermediate cabling subsystem**

The industrial intermediate cabling subsystem starts with and extends from an IID to the TO(s) or AO(s) connected to it or it extends directly from the IID to the NI of AIs and/or apparatus (see Figure A.2). The subsystem includes

- a) the IID,
- b) the industrial intermediate cables,
- c) the mechanical termination of the industrial intermediate cables including the connections at the TO or AO and the IID together with associated patch cords and/or jumpers at the IID,
- d) the TO or AO – optional.



**Figure A.2 – Combined structure of generic and industrial cabling system using an IID**

The industrial intermediate cabling subsystem supports one or more applications defined by IEC 61784-5 series but not necessarily all applications defined by ISO/IEC 11801. The industrial intermediate cabling subsystem delivers connections between AI(s) and/or industrial apparatus going through the IID and directly between AI(s) and/or industrial apparatus (see Figure A.1).

Industrial intermediate cabling subsystems shall conform at a minimum to the requirements of ISO/IEC 11801-1 and ISO/IEC 11801-2 and the TCL, ELTCTL and coupling attenuation shall be as defined in IEC 61918.

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## Annex B (normative)

### Additional reference implementations

#### B.1 General

Annex B describes implementations of generic cabling that utilize components referenced in Clauses 9, 10 and 11. These additional reference implementations do not meet the requirements of Clause 5 and thus are non-conformant. When installed in accordance with ISO/IEC 14763-2 and IEC 61918, they comply with the channel transmission performance requirements of Clause 6 based on a statistical approach of performance modelling.

#### B.2 Channel configurations

##### B.2.1 General

B.2.2 discusses channels with no intermediate connections. B.2.3 discusses inter-connections only. Both consider the channel according to the definition in ISO/IEC 11801-1.

In addition, B.2.4 describes a cabling definition called end-to-end link (E2E link), which is defined and explained in ISO/IEC TR 11801-9902.

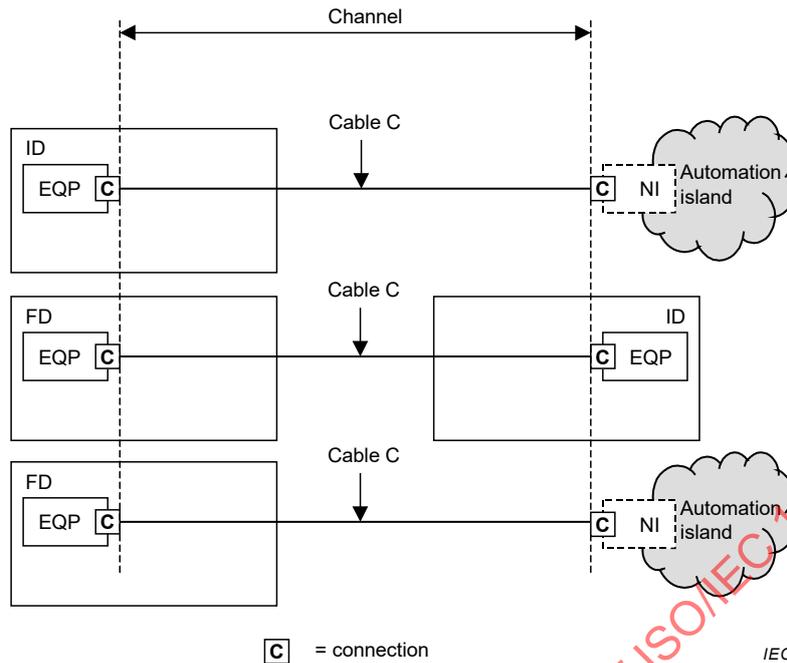
##### B.2.2 Channels with no connections

Figure B.1 shows

- a) an intermediate cabling channel and a floor distribution channel created without intermediate connections,
- b) a floor distribution channel created without intermediate connections,
- c) a combined intermediate and floor distribution channel created without intermediate connections.

For balanced cabling, the length of the channel shall be determined by using  $N = 0$  and  $l_a = 0$  within the equations shown in Table B.1.

It should be noted that although reassignment of cable elements is possible at one or other of the ends of the cable as required by the application-specific equipment, this will create difficulties for the testing of such installed cabling.



**Figure B.1 – Channel configurations without intermediate connections**

**B.2.3 Channels with inter-connections**

Figure B.2 shows the channels of Figure B.1 with the addition of an interconnect panel and an equipment cord at the distributor(s).

For balanced cabling, the length of the channel shall be determined by the equations shown in Table B.1.

In Table B.1 it is assumed that

- a) the flexible cable within the equipment cord(s) has a higher insertion loss specification than that used in the fixed cable (see 9.2),
- b) the cables within these cords in the channel have a common insertion loss specification.

The maximum length of the fixed 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 used to create the channel conform with the design rules for the floor, building or installation.

It should be noted that although reassignment of cable elements is possible at one or other of the ends of the cords as required by the application-specific equipment, this will create difficulties for the testing of such a channel.