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1 Scope

This sectional specification relates to IEC 61156-1 and IEC 61156-7. The cables described herein are specified up to 1 200 MHz and are specifically designed to build patch, equipment, and work area cables as defined in ISO/IEC 11801 and ISO/IEC 15018.

It covers a cable having four individually screened (STP) pairs. The cable may be provided with a common screen over the cable core. The transmission characteristics are specified for a frequency range 4 MHz to 1 200 MHz and at 20 °C.

These cables can be used for various communication channels which use as many as four pairs simultaneously. In this sense, this sectional specification provides the cable characteristics required by system developers to evaluate new systems.

The cables covered by this sectional specification are intended to operate with voltages and currents normally encountered in communication systems. These cables are not intended to be used in conjunction with low impedance sources, for example the electric power supplies of public utility mains.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60304, *Standard colours for insulation for low-frequency cables and wires*

IEC 61156-1:2007, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC 61156-7, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications – Part 7: Symmetrical pair cables with transmission characteristics up to 1 200 MHz – Sectional specification for digital and analog communication cables*