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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the characteristics of UV laser printable jacket, nickel plated copper conductor, electrical cables Crosslinked Ethylene Tetra Fluoro Ethylene co-polymer (XLETFE) family for use in the on-board electrical systems of aircraft at operating temperatures between – 65 °C and 150 °C, operating at voltages not exceeding 600 V r.m.s and frequencies not exceeding 2 000 Hz. These cables are suitable for airframe use without additional protection. In case of conflict between this standard and other referenced documents the requirements of this standard shall take precedence.

## 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.

EN 2083, *Aerospace series — Copper and copper alloys conductors for electrical cables — Product standard*

EN 2235, *Aerospace series — Single and multicore electrical cables, screened and jacketed*

EN 3475-100 (all parts), *Aerospace series — Cables, electrical, aircraft use — Test methods — Part 100: General*

EN 4611-007, *Aerospace series — Cables, electrical, for general purpose, single and multicore assembly — XLETFE Family — Part 007: Nickel plated copper — Operating temperatures, between – 65 °C and 150 °C — Dual extruded wall for open applications — UV laser printable — Product standard*<sup>1)</sup>

EN 4612-002, *Aerospace series — Cables, electrical, for general purpose, single and multicore assembly — XLETFE Family — Jacketed or screened and jacketed — Part 002: General*

EN 9133, *Aerospace series — Quality management systems — Qualification procedure for aerospace standard parts*

## 3 Terms, definitions and symbols

For the purposes of this document, the terms, definitions and symbols given in EN 3475-100 apply.

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## 4 Materials and construction

### 4.1 Materials

These cables shall consist of the following:

- cores according to EN 4611-007;
- number of cores 1 (one) to 4 (four).

2 (two) core to 4 (four) core shall be twisted together according to EN 2235.

Filler cores shall not be permitted.

Screen:

- nickel plated copper stranded woven screen;
- for dimensions of strands, see Table 1;
- material according to EN 2083, tests according to EN 3475-100;
- construction according to EN 2235.

Outer jacket:

- XLETFE;
- it shall be possible to mark the jacket by UV laser printing.

### 4.2 Construction

See Table 1.

Table 1 — Multicore screened and jacketed

Number of cores	Code for nominal section	AWG <sup>a</sup>	Linear resistance at 20 °C	Screen strands nominal diameter	Jacket thickness	External diameter	Mass
			Ω/km max.			mm	
1	001 <sup>b</sup>	26	160,0	0,10	0,15	1,98	7,89
	002 <sup>b</sup>	24	114,0			2,11	9,54
	004	22	60,0			2,26	11,76
	006	20	33,2			2,47	15,30
	010	18	21,1	0,13	0,18	2,77	19,79
	012	16	15,3			3,05	25,10
	020	14	10,9			3,40	33,04
	030	12	6,8			3,91	46,60
2	001 <sup>b</sup>	26	164,8	0,10	0,15	3,02	13,30
	002 <sup>b</sup>	24	117,4			3,28	16,80
	004	22	61,8			3,65	20,90
	006	20	34,2			4,10	28,10
	010	18	21,7	0,13	0,18	4,66	36,60
	012	16	15,8			5,25	47,40
	020	14	11,2			5,92	61,61
	030	12	7,0			6,83	90,70
3	001 <sup>b</sup>	26	164,8	0,10	0,15	3,17	17,20
	002 <sup>b</sup>	24	117,4			3,47	22,10
	004	22	61,8			3,88	27,90
	006	20	34,2			4,36	38,10
	010	18	21,7	0,13	0,18	4,97	50,40
	012	16	15,8			5,60	65,90
	020	14	11,2			6,31	85,72
	030	12	7,0			7,47	129,00
4	001 <sup>b</sup>	26	164,8	0,10	0,15	3,48	21,30
	002 <sup>b</sup>	24	117,4			3,79	27,60
	002	22	61,8			4,23	35,00
	004	20	34,2			4,76	48,40
	006	18	21,7	0,13	0,18	5,45	64,30
	010	16	15,8			6,15	84,60
	012	14	11,2			7,01	111,46
	020	12	7,0			8,24	167,00

<sup>a</sup> AWG = Closest American Wire Gage.

<sup>b</sup> Nickel plated copper alloy component conductor.



### 4.3 Colour coding of cores and jacket

See EN 4612-002.

## 5 Required characteristics

According to EN 2235 and EN 3475-100.

See Table 2.

Table 2

EN 3475-	Test	Details
201	Visual examination	Applicable
202	Mass	Applicable; see Table 1.
203	Dimensions	Applicable; see Table 1.
–	Lay Factor	Less than 3 in accordance with Annex A (normative).
–	Screen coverage, see EN 2235.	Applicable not less than 85 % in accordance with Annex A (normative).
301	Ohmic resistance per unit length	Applicable; see Table 1.
302	Voltage proof test	Applicable
303	Insulation resistance	Applicable (20 ± 2) °C, 500 MΩ.km minimum (95 ± 2) °C, 1 MΩ.km minimum
304	Surface resistance	Not applicable
305	Overload resistance	Not applicable
401	Accelerated ageing	Applicable Temperature (200 ± 3) °C
402	Shrinkage and delamination	Applicable Temperature (150 ± 5) °C Maximum shrinkage at each end of cable: Jacket: 2 mm on size 001 to 010 3 mm on size 012 to 050 Cores: 0,80 mm on size 001 to 006 1,00 mm on size 010 to 012 1,20 mm on size 020 to 030

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Table 2 (continued)

EN 3475-	Test	Details
403	Delamination and blocking	Applicable Temperature (150 ± 5) °C
404	Thermal shock	Applicable Temperatures (– 65 ± 2) °C and (260 ± 5) °C Maximum shrinkage at each end of cable: Jacket: 2 mm on size 001 to 010 3 mm on size 012 to 050 Cores: 0,80 mm on size 001 to 006 1,00 mm on size 010 to 012 1,20 mm on size 020 to 030
405	Bending at ambient temperature	Applicable
406	Cold bend test	Applicable Temperature (– 65 ± 2) °C
407	Flammability	Applicable Methods 1 and 2 Flame application 15 s Extinguishing time: 3 s max.
408	Fire resistance	Not applicable
409	Air-excluded ageing	Not applicable
410	Thermal endurance	Not applicable
411	Resistance to fluids	Applicable Volume swell not greater than 10 % Scrape not applicable
412	Humidity resistance	Applicable Method B Temperature (90 ± 2) °C Duration 672 hours
413	Wrap back test	Not applicable
414	Differential scanning calorimeter (DSC test)	Not applicable

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Table 2 (continued)

EN 3475-	Test	Details																											
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503	Scrape abrasion	<p>Applicable to jackets of single core cables only Temperature (150 ± 3) °C Minimum number of cycles to screen = 100</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="975 1207 1433 1700"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="975 1207 1110 1330">Size code</th> <th data-bbox="1114 1207 1262 1330">Nominal section mm<sup>2</sup></th> <th data-bbox="1265 1207 1433 1330">Load N</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="975 1335 1110 1375">001</td> <td data-bbox="1114 1335 1262 1375">0,15</td> <td data-bbox="1265 1335 1433 1375">3,0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="975 1379 1110 1420">002</td> <td data-bbox="1114 1379 1262 1420">0,20</td> <td data-bbox="1265 1379 1433 1420">3,5</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="975 1424 1110 1464">004</td> <td data-bbox="1114 1424 1262 1464">0,40</td> <td data-bbox="1265 1424 1433 1464">4,0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="975 1469 1110 1509">006</td> <td data-bbox="1114 1469 1262 1509">0,60</td> <td data-bbox="1265 1469 1433 1509">4,5</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="975 1514 1110 1554">010</td> <td data-bbox="1114 1514 1262 1554">0,95</td> <td data-bbox="1265 1514 1433 1554">5,0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="975 1559 1110 1599">012</td> <td data-bbox="1114 1559 1262 1599">1,35</td> <td data-bbox="1265 1559 1433 1599">5,5</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="975 1603 1110 1644">020</td> <td data-bbox="1114 1603 1262 1644">1,80</td> <td data-bbox="1265 1603 1433 1644">6,0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="975 1648 1110 1688">030</td> <td data-bbox="1114 1648 1262 1688">3,00</td> <td data-bbox="1265 1648 1433 1688">6,5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Size code	Nominal section mm <sup>2</sup>	Load N	001	0,15	3,0	002	0,20	3,5	004	0,40	4,0	006	0,60	4,5	010	0,95	5,0	012	1,35	5,5	020	1,80	6,0	030	3,00	6,5
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504	Torsion	Not applicable																											
505	Tensile test on conductors and strands	Applicable																											
506	Plating continuity	Applicable																											
507	Adherence of plating	Applicable																											

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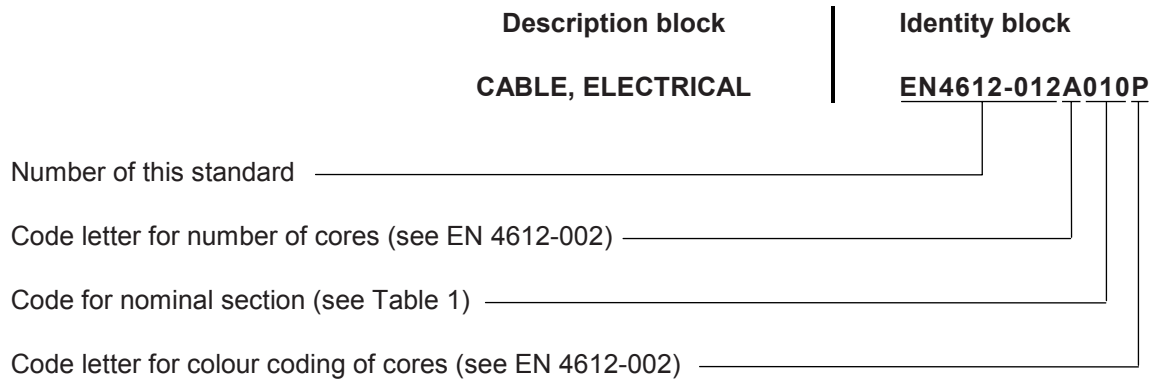
EN 3475-	Test	Details
508	Plating thickness	Not applicable
509	Solderability	Not applicable
510	Tensile strength and elongation of extruded insulation, sheath and jacket material	Applicable cable jacket Eb 75 % minimum TS 34 MPa minimum
511	Cable-to-cable abrasion	Applicable (single core) Load 1 kg – 6 000 000 cycles to screen
512	Flexure endurance	Not applicable
601	Smoke density	Subject to agreement between customer and supplier
602	Toxicity	Subject to agreement between customer and supplier
603	Resistance to wet arc tracking	Not applicable
604	Resistance to dry arc propagation	Not applicable
605	Wet short circuit test	Not applicable
701	Strippability and adherence of insulation to the conductor	Not applicable
702	Screen pushback capability	Applicable
703	Permanence of manufacturer's marking	Applicable
704	Flexibility	Not applicable
705	Contrast measurement	Applicable Laser marking $K \geq 50 \%$
706	Laser markability	Not applicable

## 6 Quality assurance

See EN 9133.

## 7 Designation

EXAMPLE



## 8 Identification and marking

See EN 4612-002.

## 9 Packaging, labelling and delivery lengths

See EN 2235.

## 10 Technical specification

See EN 2235.

## Annex A (normative)

### Formulae for calculating braid details

#### A.1 The filling factor $K_f$ is given by the following formula

$$K_f = \frac{mnd_w}{2\pi D} \left( 1 + \frac{\pi^2 D^2}{L^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

where

$D$  is the mean diameter braid (i.e. diameter under braid +  $2d_r$ );

$d_w$  is the effective width of one end;

$d_r$  is the effective radial depth of one end;

$L$  is the lay length;

$m$  is the total number of spindles;

$n$  is the total number of ends per spindle.

#### A.2 Lay factor

The lay factor ( $K_L$ ) is given by:

$$K_L = 1 + \frac{\pi^2 D^2}{L^2}$$

where  $D$  and  $L$  are defined in A.1 above.

#### A.3 Coverage

The percentage coverage is given by the formula:

$$100 (2K_L - K_L^2)$$



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