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## Foreword

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## 1 Scope

This detail specification describes straight screened patch cords and patch cords and application-specific cords enabling the construction of Class E channels as defined in the EN 50173 series of standards.

This detail specification describes cords of which the transmission characteristics are up to 250 MHz for digital communication. The test configuration is detailed in EN 61935-2.

## 2 Normative references

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

EN 50173-4, *Information technology — Generic cabling systems — Part 4: Homes*

EN 50288-1, *Multi-element metallic cables used in analogue and digital communication and control — Part 1: Generic specification*

EN 50288-5-2, *Multi-element metallic cables used in analogue and digital communication and control — Part 5-2: Sectional specification for screened cables characterised up to 250 MHz — Work area and patch cord cables*

EN 50289-1-13, *Communication cables — Specifications for test methods — Part 1-13: Electrical test methods — Coupling attenuation or screening attenuation of patch cords / coaxial cable assemblies / pre-connectorised cables*

EN 50289-4-17, *Communication cables — Specifications for test methods — Part 4-17: Test methods for UV resistance evaluation of the sheath of electrical and optical fibre cable*

EN 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 (IEC 60603-7-5)*

EN 60794-1-2, *Optical fibre cables — Part 1-2: Generic specification — Basic optical cable test procedures (IEC 60794-1-2)*

EN 61935-2-2010, *Testing of balanced communication cabling in accordance with standards series EN 50173 — Part 2: Patch cords and work area cords (IEC 61935-2:2010)*

EN 61935-2-20, *Testing of balanced communication cabling in accordance with series EN 50173 — Part 2-20: Patch cords and work area cords — Blank detail specification for class D applications (IEC 61935-2-20)*

EN 62012-1:2002, *Multicore and symmetrical pair/quad cables for digital communications to be used in harsh environments — Part 1: Generic specification (IEC 62012-1:2002)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

### 3.1

#### **straight cord**


cord of which the respective pins of the connectors are mated together (1 to 1, 2 to 2,...)

### 3.2

#### **cross over cord**

cord that is not a straight cord and of which the respective pins of connectors are mated following a specific combination, (e.g.: 1 to 3, 2 to 6, 3 to 1, 4 to 4, 5 to 5, 6 to 2, 7 to 7, 8 to 8)

#### 4 Detail specification for screened cords for Class E channels

<b>[1] Issued by :</b>		<b>[2] Document:</b> <b>Edition :</b> <b>Date:</b>		
[3] Available from:		[4] Sectional specification for the cords : EN 61935-2 Blank Detail specification : EN 61935-2-20		
[5] Additional references : EN 50288-1 ; EN 50288-5-2 ; EN 50173-4 ; EN 60603-7-5				
[6] Cord description::Straight cord. Screened twisted pair cable, 4 pair with stranded copper conductors, used for work area connection, with nominal impedance of 100 for Class E channels .				
[7] Cable assembly construction:				
				
EN 61935-2:2010, 4.1	EN 50288-1 4.12	EN 50288-5-2 4.12	Conductor Material Sheath Material Nominal thickness Colour Overall length Diameter Marking	Stranded annealed copper  PVC, ZH  ns 10 m max 6 mm max Acc customer
	2.2.13	2.2.13	Packaging :	
Visual examination	EN 61935-2:2010, 5.1			
[8]				
Minimum bending radius for static bending:			24 mm	
Minimum bending radius for dynamic bending:			48 mm	
Temperature range for installation			0 – 50 °C	
Operating temperature range under static conditions: from -10 °C to +60 °C				

[9] Characteristics	[10] EN 50288-1 subclause	[11] EN 50288-5-2 subclause	[12] Recommended severities/Requirements	[13] Comments			
<b>Electrical Characteristics</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>					
DC loop resistance	5.1.1.1	5.1.1	Assumed to be met by design				
CS Resistance unbalance	5.1.1.2	5.1.1	Assumed to be met by design				
Wire Map	EN 61935-2:2010, 5.2						
<b>Transmission characteristics</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.3</b>					
Propagation Delay		EN 61935-2:2010, 5.3	Assumed to be met by design				
Differential phase delay (skew)		EN 61935-2:2010, 5.4	Assumed to be met by design				
Insertion loss		EN 61935-2:2010, 5.5	MHz	2 m	5 m	10 m	Values are in dB
			1	0,10	0,20	0,35	
			16	0,39	0,73	1,30	
			100	1,00	1,89	3,38	
			250	1.62	3,10	5.56	
Near-end crosstalk (Pair to pair)	6.3.4	EN 61935-2:2010, 5.7	MHz	2 m	5 m	10 m	Values are in dB
			1	65,0	65,0	65,0	
			16	62,6	61,0	59,5	
			100	46,2	45,1	44,2	
			250	38,7	38	37,6	
Return loss		EN 61935-2:2010, 5.6	$4 \leq f < 25$ $19,8+3 \times \log f$ $25 \leq f \leq 250$ $38-10 \times \log f$	Values are in dB			
Screening attenuation	EN 50289-1-13	EN 50289-1-13	$\geq 40$ dB				
Transfer impedance	6.2.7	6.2.7	na				
Coupling attenuation	6.2.8	EN 61935-2:2010, 7.8	type II 30 – 100 MHz : $\geq 55$ dB 100 – 1000 MHz : $\geq 55 - 20 \log(f/100)$ .	Values are in dB			
<b>Mechanical and dimensional characteristics</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>					
Tensile performance of the cord		EN 61935-2:2010, 7.2	$\geq 50$ N				
Flexure		EN 61935-2:2010, 7.3	500 flex				
Bending		EN 61935-2:2010, 7.4	24 mm RL : $4 \leq f < 25$ $19,8+3 \times \log f$ $25 \leq f \leq 250$ $38-10 \times \log f$	Values are in dB			
Twisting		EN 61935-2:2010, 7.5	Applicable				
Crushing		EN 61935-2:2010, 7.6	800 N				
Dust test		EN 61935-2:2010, 7.7	2 cycles				
Impact test of the cable	6.4.9	6.4.9	1 J				
Shock	EN 62012-1:2002, 3.4.4	EN 62012-1	15 g / 11 ms				
Bump	EN 62012-1:2002, 3.4.3	EN 62012-1	na				
Vibrations	EN 62012-1:2002, 3.4.2	EN 62012-1	10 – 500 Hz Amplitude= 0,35mm Acc=50m/s <sup>2</sup> 10 sweeping /axe,	10 $\mu$ s			
Water immersion	EN 60794-1-2, method F10		na				



<b>[9] Characteristics</b>	<b>[10] EN 50288-1 subclause</b>	<b>[11] EN 50288-5-2 subclause</b>	<b>[12] Recommended severities/Requirements</b>	<b>[13] Comments</b>
Damp heat steady state	EN 62012-1:2002, 3.5.2	EN 62012-1	na	
Solar radiation	EN 50289-4-17		UC	
Solvents and contaminating fluids	EN 62012-1:2002, 3.6.2	EN 62012-1	na	
Salt mist and sulphur dioxide tests	EN 62012-1:2002, 3.6.2	EN 62012-1	na	
Climatic sequence		EN 61935-2:2010, 6.9	-10 °C to +60 °C	
<b>Environmental characteristics</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>		
Cold bend test of cable	5.3.1	5.3		
Heat shock test			na	
Flame propagation of a single cable	5.4	5.4		
<p>NOTE It is assumed that a thickness of 0,5 mm is sufficient for spark testing up to 3 kV, thickness larger than 0,8 mm are assumed to be sufficient for spark testing up to 5 kV.</p>				





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