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Part 301: Electrical tests — Measurement of the permittivity at 23 °C of filling compounds

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## INTRODUCTION

The IEC 60811 series specifies the test methods to be used for testing non-metallic materials of all types of cables. These test methods are intended to be referenced in standards for cable construction and for cable materials.

NOTE 1 Non-metallic materials are typically used for insulating, sheathing, bedding, filling or taping within cables.

NOTE 2 These test methods are accepted as basic and fundamental and have been developed and used over many years, principally for the materials in all energy cables. They have also been widely accepted and used for other cables, in particular optical fibre cables, communication and control cables and cables for ships and offshore applications.

# ELECTRIC AND OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES – TEST METHODS FOR NON-METALLIC MATERIALS –

## Part 301: Electrical tests – Measurement of the permittivity at 23 °C of filling compounds

### 1 Scope

This Part 301 of IEC 60811 gives the procedure to determine the permittivity at 23 °C which typically applies to filling compounds used for optical cables, communication cables and optical fibre cables.

### 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.

IEC 60247, *Insulating liquids – Measurement of relative permittivity, dielectric dissipation factor ( $\tan \delta$ ) and d.c. resistivity*

IEC 60811-100:2012, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 100: General*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60811-100 apply.

### 4 Test method

#### 4.1 General

This part of IEC 60811 shall be used in conjunction with IEC 60811-100.

This test shall be carried out in accordance with the method specified in IEC 60247.

#### 4.2 Apparatus

The test apparatus used shall be a three-terminal cell as described in IEC 60247.

#### 4.3 Sample and test piece preparation

In addition to details given in IEC 60247, the filling compound shall be heated to its clarify point and poured into the cell which has been preheated to the same temperature.

#### 4.4 Ageing procedure

This test shall be carried out according to IEC 60247. Care shall be taken that no air bubbles are introduced into the cell.

The test shall be carried out at temperatures of  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C.



#### **4.5 Measurements**

Measurement details are given in IEC 60247.

#### **4.6 Expression of the results**

Calculation details are given in IEC 60247.

### **5 Test report**

In addition to the test report given in IEC 60247, the test report shall be in accordance with that given in IEC 60811-100.

## Bibliography

IEC 60811-5-1:1990, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 5: Methods specific to filling compounds – Section One – Drop-point – Separation of oil – Lower temperature brittleness – Total acid number – Absence of corrosive components – Permittivity at 23 °C – D.C. resistivity at 23 °C and 100 °C* (withdrawn)

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