

Specification for

**Insulating and sheathing
materials for cables —**

Part 2: Cross-linked elastomeric sheathing compounds —

Section 2.4: Welding cable covering

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Foreword

This section of BS 7655 has been prepared by Subcommittee GEL/20/3. It supersedes BS 7655-2.4:1993 which is withdrawn. It specifies the requirements for cross-linked elastomeric covering compounds for use on welding cables, including a harmonized compound specified in HD 22.1 S3.

This revision brings this section of BS 7655 fully into line with BS 7655-0:1997, including amendment 1:2000.

Test methods are specified in this section of BS 7655 by reference to the latest edition of standards in which they appear. A dated reference to the most recent edition of the relevant standard for each test method is given in BS 7655-0, which is to be read in conjunction with this section.

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1 Scope

This section of BS 7655 specifies the requirements for the cross-linked elastomeric welding cable covering compound listed in Table 1. The relevant test methods are given in BS EN 60811.

This compound is for use on welding cables in accordance with BS 638-4, but may be used for other suitable applications as detailed in the cable specification.

This section is to be read in conjunction with BS 7655-0, which contains essential provisions for the application of this section of BS 7655.

Table 1 — Types of cross-linked elastomeric compound for welding cable covering

Type	Maximum material operating temperature °C	General application
RS 5	90	Covering for welding cables

2 Normative references

For the purposes of this section of BS 7655, the requirements of BS 7655-0, 2.1 apply with regard to normative references.

The latest editions of the standards giving test methods are listed in the most recent edition of BS 7655-0.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this section of BS 7655 the definitions given in BS 7655-0, clause 3 apply.

4 Requirements

The requirements specified for the compounds listed in Table 2 shall be met when the compound is tested using the test methods listed against each particular requirement.

NOTE For cross-references to the latest editions of the test method standards see BS 7655-0, Table 2.

Table 2 — Test requirements

Test	Test method in accordance with BS EN 60811		Requirements for compound type RS 5
	Section	Clause	
<i>Properties in the state as manufactured</i>	1-1	9.2	
Minimum tensile strength (N/mm ²)			6
Minimum elongation at break (%)			200
<i>Properties after ageing in air oven</i>	1-2	8.1.3.1	
Temperature (°C)			135 ± 2
Duration (h)			7 × 24
Maximum variation for tensile strength (%)			30
Maximum variation for elongation at break (%)			30
<i>Properties after ageing in air bomb</i>	2-1	8.2	
Temperature (°C)			127 ± 2
Duration (h)			40
Maximum variation for tensile strength (%)			30
Maximum variation for elongation at break (%)			30
<i>Hot set test</i>	2-1	9	
Temperature (°C)			200 ± 3
Duration (min)			15
Mechanical stress (N/mm ²)			0.2
Requirements			
Maximum elongation under load (%)			100
Maximum elongation after unloading (%)	25		

Bibliography

See BS 7655-0, **2.2**.

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