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3 General test requirements

In 3.1, line 3, **replace** 5.1 by 4.1.

Table 1 b

In note (1) **replace** “in Table A” by “in this table”

Bibliography

Delete the following entries:

EN 50266 series	Common test methods for cables under fire conditions - Test for vertical flame spread of vertically-mounted bunched wires or cables
EN 50267 series	Common test methods for cables under fire conditions - Tests on gases evolved during combustion of material from cables
EN 50268 series	Common test methods for cables under fire conditions - Measurement of smoke density of cables burning under defined conditions

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Introduction

EN 50396 contains the non-electrical test methods that are used for harmonized low voltage energy cables. These non-electrical test methods include all those previously contained in HD 21 and HD 22. Annex A gives a comparison between the original location of each test method and its place in this new EN.

The content of EN 50396 is not, and will not be, restricted only to test methods for cables to HD 21 and HD 22. Other test methods for harmonized LV cables may be included. Furthermore, the use of test methods in EN 50396 for cables outside HD 21 and HD 22 is not prohibited, but it is strongly recommended that expert advice be taken before such use, or before any proposal for incorporation into another standard.

1 Scope

EN 50396 contains non-electrical test methods required for the testing of harmonized low voltage energy cables, especially those rated at up to and including 450/750 V.

NOTE 1 A description of the origin of these test methods and of the background to the EN are given in the Introduction and Annex A.

The particular cable standard dictates the tests which need to be performed on the relevant cable type. It also specifies whether the specific test is a type test (T), a sample test (S) or a routine test (R) for the particular cable type.

NOTE 2 T, S and R are defined in the relevant cable standard.

The requirements to be met during or after the test are specified for the particular cable type in the relevant cable standard. However, some test requirements are obvious and universal, such as the fact that no cracks shall occur during ozone test, and these are stated in the particular test method.

Test methods for use specifically in utility power cables are not covered by this EN. They can be found in HD 605.

Test methods for use specifically in communications cables are the responsibility of CENELEC TC 46X. At present such test methods are given in EN 50289 (series).

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.

Publication	Year	Title
EN 60332-1-2	2004	Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions - Par1-2: Test for vertical flame propagation for a single insulated wire or cable - Procedure for 1 kW pre-mixed flame
EN 50395	2005	Electrical test methods for low voltage energy cables
EN 60695-11-5	2005	Fire hazard testing - Part 11-5: Test flames - Needle-flame test method - Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance