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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) Item [8], engineering information: Maximum tensile force and average power introduced,
- b) Item [9], electrical, environmental and mechanical characteristics more detailed,
- c) Item [9], requirements for “Content of toxic and harmful substances” introduced.

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COAXIAL COMMUNICATION CABLES –

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61196 applies to coaxial communication cables described in IEC 61196-11. It specifies the layout and style for detail specifications for semi-rigid coaxial communication cables with polyethylene (PE) dielectric. Semi-rigid coaxial communication cables with polyethylene (PE) dielectric are widely used in the interconnection between wireless communication equipment and antenna, as well as RF and microwave electronic equipment, broadcast television, microwave relay, navigation, etc.

This part of IEC 61196 is used in conjunction with IEC 61196-1 and IEC 61196-11, which determines the layout and style for detail specifications, based on the blank detail specification. It is prepared by a national organization, a manufacturer, or a user.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

IEC 61196-1:2005, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1: Generic specification: General, definitions and requirements*

IEC 61196-11:2022, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 2: Sectional specification for semi-rigid cables with polyethylene (PE) dielectric*

IEC 61169-4, *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 4: RF coaxial connectors with inner diameter of outer conductor 16 mm (0,63 in) with screw lock – Characteristic impedance 50 Ω (type 7-16)*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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4 Guidance for the preparation of detail specifications

The detail specification shall be written in accordance with the layout of the blank detail specification, which forms part of this document.

NOTE 1 When a characteristic does not apply, then NA (not applicable) is entered in the appropriate space.

NOTE 2 When a characteristic applies but a specific value is not considered necessary, then NS (not specified) is entered.

The numbers shown in brackets in this and the following pages correspond to the following items of required information, which should be entered in the space provided.

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- [5] Any other references to the cable, national reference, trade name, etc.
- [6] Complete description of the cable.
- [7] Cable construction.
- [8] Engineering information.
- [9] Parameter or characteristic.
- [10] Reference to the relevant subclause of the sectional specification.
- [11] Minimum requirements, the values entered shall meet as a minimum the requirements of the sectional specification.
- [12] Remarks.

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5 Blank detail specification

Title	
[1] Prepared by:	[2] Document No.: Issue: Date:
[3] Available from:	[4] Generic specification IEC 61196-1 Sectional specification IEC 61196-11
[5] Additional references:	
[6] Cable description: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Type designation of cable b) Material of inner conductor c) Material of dielectric d) Outer conductor e) Material of sheath (if any) 	
[7] Cable construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Inner conductor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material: Construction: For corrugated inner conductor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peak diameter and tolerance (mm): Root diameter and tolerance (mm): Pitch and tolerance (mm): For others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diameter and tolerance (mm): b) Dielectric <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material: PE Construction: Diameter (mm) nominal: Tolerance (mm) tube: $\pm \dots$ (for cables with smooth tube outer conductor) c) Outer conductor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material: Construction: For corrugated outer conductor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peak diameter and tolerance (mm): Root diameter and tolerance (mm): Pitch and tolerance (mm): For smooth tube outer conductor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diameter and tolerance (mm): d) Sheath (if any) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material: Minimum thickness (mm): Diameter (mm): Tolerance (mm): $\pm \dots$ 	
[8] Engineering information (reference only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Operating temperature range, storage temperature range, installation temperature range: b) Maximum recommended operating frequency, cut-off frequency: c) Nominal characteristic impedance: d) Relative propagation velocity (velocity ratio): e) Maximum continue working voltage: f) Minimum bending radius (static state): g) Minimum bending radius (dynamic state): h) Nominal weight: i) Capacitance: j) Maximum tensile force: k) Average power: l) Peak power: 	

[9] Parameter	[10] IEC 61196-11:2022 Subclause	[11] Value	[12] Remarks
Electrical characteristics	8.2		
Continuity	8.2.1	Inner conductor shall be continuous. Outer conductor shall be continuous.	
Inner and outer conductor direct current resistance	8.2.2	≤ ... Ω/km	
Withstand voltage of dielectric	8.2.3	... kV RMS	40 Hz to 60 Hz
Withstand voltage of sheath (or spark test)	8.2.4	... kV RMS	40 Hz to 60 Hz
Insulation resistance	8.2.5	≥ 10 ⁴ MΩ·km	
Capacitance	8.2.6	(... ± ...) pF/m	
Mean characteristic impedance	8.2.7	(50 ± 2) Ω, or as specified in the detailed specification.	200 MHz
Regularity of impedance	8.2.8	≥40 dB or resp ≤1 %	
Propagation velocity	8.2.9	≥80 %, or as specified in the detailed specification.	30 MHz to 200 MHz
Return loss	8.2.10	...MHz to MHz ≥ ...dB	Specimen length:20 m
Attenuation	8.2.11	... MHz ≤... dB/100 m at 20 °C	If necessary, refer to a table at the end of the detail specification
Attenuation stability ^a	8.2.12	According to IEC 61196-11:2022, 8.3.1	
Passive intermodulation ^a	8.2.13	Better than -158 dBc	This test is only applicable to the cable with a characteristic impedance of 50 Ω. Both ends of the specimen should be attached with suitable RF connectors (recommended type 7-16 connectors, according to IEC 61169-4) PIM should be performed under the minimum bending radius. Input power: 2 × 20 W Test frequency ^c
Transfer impedance ^a	8.2.14	≤...mΩ/m Frequency:...MHz to...MHz	
Screening attenuation	8.2.15	Better than -110 dB, or as specified in the detailed specification.	0,5 GHz to 3 GHz

[9] Parameter	[10] IEC 61196- 11:2022 Subclause	[11] Value	[12] Remarks
Environmental characteristics	8.3		
Ageing ^b	8.3.1	a) The return loss shall be in accordance with the detail specification b) The attenuation shall be in accordance with the detail specification c) No crack in inner conductor and sheath. d) No visible black spots in the outer conductor	The test temperature: 90 °C ± 2 °C Duration: 168 h
Cold bend performance	8.3.2	a) No cracks, flaws or other damage in the corrugated outer conductor, inner conductor, insulation and sheath b) The return loss shall be in accordance with the detail specification	The test temperature: PE sheath: -30 °C ± 2 °C, LSZH sheath: -15 °C ± 2 °C
Water penetration ^a	8.3.3		
Climatic sequence – method 1 ^a	8.3.4	a) No physical damages shall be visible in the cable. b) The return loss shall be in accordance with the detail specification	CUT shall be specified in the detail specification T_A = minimum environmental rated temperature T_B = maximum environmental rated temperature t_1 = 16 h, unless otherwise specified in the detail specification. Humidity: 55 °C, 93 % RH 1 day (after cold and heat) No. of cycles: 2, unless otherwise specified in the detail specification.
Environmental stress cracking	8.3.5	No physical damages shall be visible in the cable.	
Ultraviolet stability of the sheath ^a	8.3.6	– After 720 h, change in elongation $\leq \pm 20$ % – After 720 h, change in tensile strength $\leq \pm 20$ % – No visual cracks	Test procedure shall be specified in the detail specification (only for PE sheath).

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Mechanical characteristics	8.4		
Visual examination	8.4.1	The sheath shall be free of cracks, splits, irregularities, and imbedded foreign material. The outer conductor shall be free of black spots or cracks.	
Dimensional examination	8.4.2	The requirement shall be specified in the detailed specification.	
Ovality of inner conductor	8.4.3	≤ 7 %	
Eccentricity of dielectric	8.4.4	≤ 7 %	
Adhesion of dielectric	8.4.5	Adhesion ≥ 98 N, or value in accordance with the detail specification.	Test temperature: 20 °C ± 5 °C Specimen length: L = 50 mm
Cable bending	8.4.6	a) The maximum impedance irregularity shall be ...%. b) The return loss shall be in accordance with the detail specification. c) No physical damage in cable. PIM shall remain within the specified limits in 8.2.13.	a) Single bending (Clause 4, Procedure 2): single bend radius; b) Repeated bending (Clause 5): multiple bend radius and number of bends;
Tensile strength of cable (longitudinal pull)	8.4.7	a) The maximum impedance irregularity shall be ≤...%. b) The return loss shall be in accordance with the detail specification. c) No physical damage in cable.	The maximum tension applied shall be greater than the cable weight of 100 m or be specified in the detail specification.
Crush resistance of cable ^b	8.4.8	a) The maximum impedance irregularity shall be ≤...%. b) The return loss shall be in accordance with the detail specification c) No physical damage in cable.	When applicable, load shall be specified in the detail specification, applied for 2 min.
Shrinkage for insulations	8.4.9	≤6,4 mm	Test temperature: 115 °C ± 2 °C Time: 4 h cooling down to standard atmospheric conditions
Fire performance requirement	8.5		
Flame propagation ^a	8.5.1	The distance between the upper carbonization point and the lower edge of the upper support is greater than 50 mm, and the distance between the lower carbonization point and the lower edge of the upper support is not greater than 540 mm, or is specified in the detail specification.	
Halogen acid gas emission ^a	8.5.2	≤5 mg/g or specified in the detailed specification.	
Toxic gas emission ^a	8.5.3	According to the detail specification.	
Smoke density ^a	8.5.4	Transmittance ≥60 % or specified in the detailed specification.	