ENGINEERING HANDBOOK

Engineering Data for Copper and Aluminum Conductor Electrical Cables

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Introduction

This booklet is designed to help engineers in the selection of conductor sizes and help in the installation of cable systems. Information from many sources has been compiled in this booklet for your convenience.

The information in Section 1 provides general conductor data. Tables are provided which give the cross sectional area, number of strands, outside diameter and weight of solid wire, class B and C strandings and Class G, H and I flexible strandings. There is also data available to calculate the ac or dc resistance of conductors at many temperatures and frequencies.

Section 2 contains the necessary tables and formulas to determine the required current for a cable circuit.

Normally, the ampacity of a cable is limited by heating but, for some circuits the voltage drop is important. For this reason, in Section 3 information on voltage regulation is included. Formulas for calculating the voltage drop are given along with a nomogram for determining the reactance of conductors.

For some applications large short circuit currents must be carried. Section 4 contains short circuit ampacities for conductors and shields that may be useful in some applications.

The purpose of shielding and the effects of grounding shields are discussed in Section 5. Tables give the voltages above which shielding should be considered. Formulas for calculating shield losses associated with multigrounded shields are presented.

Ampacity tables and various correction factors are given in Section 6. The ampacity data applies to thermosetting (vulcanized) insulations rated at 90°C and 105°C conductor temperatures. The conditions used in calculating table values are given at the top of each table. The appropriate correction factor for any installation condition varying from those for which the tables were calculated should be used. Also included is the NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, 600 Volt ampacity table.

Cable failures may result from poor installation practices. Compliance with the procedures outlined in Section 7 may prolong the life of a cable. Information on conduit, buried, borehole and self-supporting installations is provided.

Information on high voltage dc proof testing, reel capacities, jacket materials selection and other miscellaneous information is given in Sections 8 and 9.

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General Conductor Information Stranding

Flexible stranding

*Per ICEA S-75-381

Specifications applying to conductors

FLEXIBLE COPPER CONDUCTORS

B-172 Rope-Lay Stranded Conductors having Bunch-Stranded Members

B-173 Rope-Lay Stranded Conductors having Concentric-Stranded Members

B-174 Bunch-Stranded Conductors

Table 1-2

General Conductor Information dc Resistance

Resistance in Ohms per 1000 feet per conductor at 20°C and 25°C of solid wire and class B concentric strands copper and aluminum conductor

ANNEALED UNCOATED COPPER **ANNEALED COATED COPPER** ANNEALED ALUMINUM Conductor Stranded **Stranded** Size, Solid Solid Class B Class B AWG or kcmil 20° C 25°C* $25^{\circ}C^*$ 25° C* 20° C $25^{\circ}C^*$ 20° C 20° C CU CU CU CU CU CU AL CU AL AL CU AL 24 262 257 26.8 273 22 16.2 165 16.9 $17₂$ 10.3 105 107 11.0 11.2 20 10.1 10.3 10.5 19 8.05 8.21 8.37 8.53 \equiv \equiv 6.92 6.51 664 <u>e a</u> 7.05 18 6.39 6.51 664 6.77 16 4.02 4 1 0 4 10 4 1 8 4 1 8 4 2 6 4 3 5 4 4 4 2.52 4 1400 2.57 4 2 2 257 262 262 268 2.68 273 14 12 159 2.6000 2.65 2.70 172 1.62 2.66 1.62 1.65 1.62 1.68 1.68 $10\,$ 0.999 1.6400 102 167 1.02 167 1.04 $1.70\,$ 104 1.06 1.06 108 $\overline{9}$ 1 3000 132 133 0.840 0857 0.792 0.808 0.808 0824 135 0.816 0831 $\overline{8}$ 0628 1.0300 0.641 1.05 0 641 1.05 0 6 5 4 1.07 0 6 4 6 0659 0.666 0.679 0.498 0.8170 0.508 0833 0.518 0833 0.518 0.850 0.513 0.523 0.528 0.539 $6\overline{6}$ 0.395 0.6480 0.403 0.661 0.403 0.661 0.410 0.674 0.407 0.415 0.419 0.427 0.5140 0524 0524 5 0.313 0319 0.320 0.326 0.535 0.323 0329 0333 0.339 0.4070 0415 0.253 0416 0.259 0424 0.256 0.261 0.264 0.269 0248 0253 $\overline{4}$ $\mathbf{3}$ 0.197 0.3230 0.201 0.330 0.201 0 3 3 0 0.205 0.336 0 2 0 3 0 207 0 209 0.213 0.2560 0.261 0 1 5 9 0.262 0.267 0.169 0.156 0.159 0.162 0.161 0.164 0.166 $\overline{}$ 0.124 0.2030 0.126 0.207 0.126 0.206 0.129 0.211 0.128 0.130 0.131 0.134 0 0 9 8 2 0.1610 0.100 0 1 6 4 0.100 0 1 6 5 0.102 0.168 0.101 0.103 0.104 0 10 6 $1/0$ $2/0$ 0.0779 0.1280 0 0 7 9 5 0 1 3 0 00795 0.133 00798 0 0 8 1 4 0 0 8 2 7 0.0843 0.131 0 0 8 1 1 $3/0$ 0.0618 0.1010 0.0630 0.103 0.0630 0.103 0.0642 0.105 0.0633 0.0645 0.0656 0.0668 $4/0$ 0.0490 0.0803 0.0500 0.082 0.0500 0.0821 0.0509 0.0836 0.0502 0.0512 0.0515 0.0525 250 0.0423 0.0695 0.0431 0.0708 0.0440 0.0449 300 0.0353 0.0579 0.0360 0.0590 0.0367 0.0374 350 0.0302 0.0496 0.0308 0.0505 0.0314 0.0320 400 0.0264 0.0434 0.0270 0.0442 0 0 2 7 2 0.0278 \equiv \equiv 0 0 3 4 8 0 0 3 5 4 500 0.0212 0.0216 0 0 2 1 8 0.0222 600 0 0 1 7 6 0 0 2 9 0 0.0180 0 0 2 9 5 0 0 1 8 4 0.0187 750 0.0232 0 0 1 4 4 0.0236 0.0145 0.0148 \equiv 0 0 1 4 1 \equiv $\frac{1}{1}$ e. 1000 0 0 1 0 6 0 0 1 7 4 0 0 1 0 8 0 0 1 7 7 0.0109 0 0 1 1 1 1100 0.00962 0.0158 0 0 0 9 8 1 0.0161 0.01020 $\overline{}$ 0 0 0 8 7 1 0 0 0 8 6 3 0 0 0 888 1250 0.00846 0 0 1 3 9 0.0142 1500 0.00705 0.0116 0.00719 0.0118 0 0 0 7 2 6 0.00740 \equiv \equiv 0.00992 0 0 0 6 0 4 0.00616 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 6 2 2 0 0 0 6 3 4 1750 2000 0.00529 0.00869 0.00539 0.00885 0.00544 0.00555 0.00440 0 0 0 4 4 8 2500 0.00427 0.00702 0 0 0 4 3 6 0.00715

*NOTE: To determine resistance for temperatures other than 25° C use a multiplying factor shown on page 4.

Table 1-3

General Conductor Information dc Resistance

Based on the resistance-temperature coefficient of copper of 100 percent conductivity and of aluminum 61 percent conductivity (international annealed copper standard) at 25°C and the formulas:

 R_1 = Resistance at 25°C

 R_2 = Resistance at desired temp. T_2 $T_1 = 25^{\circ}$ C

Copper
R₂ = R₁
$$
\frac{234.5 + T_2}{234.5 + T_1}
$$

Aluminum
\n
$$
R_2 = R_1 \left[\frac{228.1 + T_2}{228.1 + T_1} \right]
$$

Example:

R dc at 75°C for 4/0 AWG uncoated copper = $0.0509 \times$ $1.193 = 0607$ ohms/1000 ft.

Table 1-4

Resistance temperature correction factors Copper Conductors

Aluminum Conductors

To determine effective 60-Hertz ac resistance, multiply dc resistance values corrected for proper temperature, by the ac/dc resistance ratio given below. These apply to the following specific conditions.

Use Columns 1 and 2 for:

(a) Single-conductor non-metallic sheathed cables - in air or non-metallic conduit.

(b) Single-conductor metallic-sheathed cables with sheaths insulated - in air or separate non-metallic conduits.

(c) Multiple-conductor non-metallic sheathed cables - in air or non-metallic conduits.

Note: Columns 1 and 2 include skin effect only. For close spacing such as multi-conductor cables or several cables in the same conduit, there will be an additional apparent resistance due to proximity loss. This varies with spacing (insulation thickness) but for most purposes can be neglected without serious error.

Use Column 3 for:

(a) Multiple-conductor metallic-sheathed cable.

(b) Multiple-conductor non-metallic sheathed cables in metal conduit.

(c) Two or more single-conductor non-metallic sheathed cables in same metallic conduit.

ac/dc resistance ratios for copper and aluminum conductors 60 Hertz (65°C)

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General Conductor Information ac/dc Ratios

Calculate ampacity at other frequencies as follows: 1) Determine ac/dc ratio at required frequency from Table 1-7 after calculating value of B and K. By formula:

$$
B = \sqrt{\frac{f}{R_{dc}}} \quad \text{and} \quad K = \frac{D_c}{S}
$$

where $f = frequency$, $R_{dc} = dc$ resistance, ohms /1000 ft. Dc = conductor diameter, $S =$ axial spacing of conductors in inches.

2) Derating factor = $\sqrt{\frac{ac / dc \text{ ratio at } 60 \text{ Hz}}{ac / dc \text{ ratio at f}} }$

3) Ampacity equals 60 Hertz ampacity multiplied by the derating factor.

Conductor resistance and ampacities at high frequencies

600 Volt Rubber-Neoprene Cables - Minimum triangular spacing in air or nonmetallic conduit

Table 1-6

*These derating factors do not apply to cables: 1. In metallic sheath, armor or conduit. 2. Adjacent to steel structures

**Copper conductor resistance
and ampacities at high frequencies**

Skin and Proximity Effects Solid and Concentric Stranded Round Conductors

Table 1-7

General Conductor Information Physical & Mechanical Properties

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Mechanical & Physical Properties of Conductor Materials (Average Values)

Breaking strength Bare copper and aluminum wire

MEDIUM HARD DRAWN COPPER SOFT ANNEALED COPPER **HARD DRAWN** 3/4 HARD DRAWN ALUMINUM HALF HARD ALUMINUM **Breaking Weight Size Approx** Approx AWG in Pounds **Breaking Weight Breaking Weight** in Pounds in Pounds Min. Avg. Max. AL CU CU **AL** CU AL CU AL ${\rm CU}$ AL $\overline{9}$ δ 6 $\overline{4}$ $\overline{3}$ $\overline{2}$ $\mathbf{1}$ $1/0$ $2/0$ $3/0$ $4/0$

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Section 2

General Information

Motor Currents

Full load currents of motors in amperes

Table 2-1

NOTE: In selection of cables for motor leads the regulations of the National Electric Code should be followed. The values do not take into account voltage drop and when motors are connected with long leads the voltage drop should be checked.

*The values of motor full load currents are for motors running at usual speeds and motors with normal torque characteristics. Motors built for especially low speeds or high torques may require more running current.

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Motor Currents

System Diagrams

Full load currents of motors in amperes

Table 2-2

NOTE: In selection of cables for motor leads the regulations of the National Electric Code should be followed. The values do not take into account voltage drop and when motors are connected with long leads the voltage drop should be checked.

† For 90 and 80% power factor the listed currents should be multiplied by 1.1 and 1.25 respectively.

General Information

Electrical Formulas

Voltage Rating

The selection of the cable insulation level to be used in a particular installation shall be made on the basis of the applicable phase to phase voltage and the general system category as outlined below:

100 Percent Level - Cables in this category may be applied where system is provided with relay protection such that ground faults will be cleared as rapidly as possible, but in any case within 1 minute. While these cables are applicable to the great majority of cable installations which are on grounded systems, they may be used also on other systems for which the application of cables is acceptable **provided the above clearing requirements are met in completely de-energizing the faulted section.

133 Percent Level - This insulation level corresponds to that formerly designated for ungrounded systems. Cables in this category may be applied in those situations where the clearing time requirements of the 100 percent level category cannot be met, and yet there is adequate assurance that the faulted section will be de-energized in a time not exceeding 1 hour. Also they may be used when additional insulation strength over the 100 percent level category is desirable.

173 Percent Level - Cables in this category should be applied on systems where the time required to de-energize a grounded section is indefinite. Their use is recommended also for resonant grounded systems. Consult the manufacturer for insulation thickness.

** In common with other electrical equipment, the use of cables is not recommended on systems where the ratio of the zero to positive phase reactance of the system at the point of cable application lies between -1 and -40 since excessively high voltages may be encountered in the case of ground faults.

Table 2-3

Electrical formulas for determining amperes, horsepower, kilowatts and kilovolt-amperes

ALTERNATING CURRENT DESIRED DIRECT Two-Phase* **DATA CURRENT** Single-Phase Three-Phase Four-Wire kva x 1000 kva x 1000 kva x 1000 kva x 1000 Amperes when E $1.73 \times E$ Ë kva is shown $2xE$ kw x 1000 kw x 1000 kw x 1000 kw x 1000 Amperes when $1.73 \times E \times pf$ \overline{E} $E \times pf$ $2 \times E \times pf$ kilowatts are shown hp x 746 hp x 746 hp x 746 hp x 746 Amperes when $E \times \%$ Eff x pf 2 x E x %Eff x pf 1.73 x E x %Eff x pf $E \times \%$ Eff horsepower is shown $1 \times E$ $1x E x 2$ $1 \times E \times 1.73$ $1 \times E$ **Kilovolt-Amperes** 1000 1000 1000 1000 $l \times E \times pf$ $1 x E x 2 x p f$ $1 \times E \times 1.73 \times p f$ $1 \times E$ **Kilowatts** 1000 1000 1000 1000 $1 \times E \times 1$. 73 x %Eff x pf $1 \times E \times \%$ Eff $1 \times E \times \%$ Eff x pf $1 \times E \times 2 \times \%$ Eff x pf Horsepower 746 746 746 746

*In three-wire, two phase balanced circuits, the current in the common conductor is 1.41 times that in either of the other conductors.

E = volts \emptyset - \emptyset ; I = amperes; % Eff = percent efficiency in decimals; $pf = power factor in decimals;$

 $kva = kilovolt-ampere$; hp = horsepower; $kw = kilowatts$

Voltage Regulation

Voltage regulation is often the limiting factor in the choice of either conductor or type of insulation. While the heat loss in the cable determines the maximum current it can safely carry without excessive deterioration, many circuits will be limited to currents lower than this in order to keep the voltage drop within permissible values. In this connection it should be remembered that the high voltage circuit should be carried as far as possible so that the secondary runs, where most of the voltage drop occurs, will be small.

The voltage drop of a feeder may be calculated from the following formulae:

$$
V = \frac{100 (V_s - V_L)}{V_L}
$$

 $V = Voltage$ regulation in percent

 V_1 = Voltage across load

 V_e = Voltage at source

 $V_{\rm s} = \sqrt{(V_{\rm L} \cos \theta + R I)^2 + (V_{\rm L} \sin \theta + X I)^2}$

 $q =$ is the angle by which the load current lags the voltage across the load

 $Cos \theta$ = Power factor of load

 $R = Total$ a-c resistance of feeder

 $X = Total reactance of feeder$

 $I =$ Load current

Approximate formula for voltage drop:

 $(V_s - V_i) = RI \cos \theta + XI \sin \theta$

This above formula is satisfactory where the power factor angle is nearly the same as the impedance angle. It is exact when they are equal.

That is: tan $\theta = \frac{X}{D}$

Above values apply directly for single phase lines when resistance and reactance are loop values and voltage is voltage between lines.

For 3-phase circuits, use voltage to neutral and resistance and reactance of each conductor to neutral. This gives voltage drop to neutral. To obtain voltage drop line-to-line, multiply voltage drop by $\sqrt{3}$. (The percent voltage drop is of course the same between conductors as from conductor to ground and should not be multiplied by $\sqrt{3}$.)

Example: 3 single coated copper conductors 600 volt cables in non-metallic conduit.

Size conductor = 4/0, Awg Copper .080 insulation, .045 jacket. $OD = 810"$ Voltage = $V_s = 440$ volts 3 phase Current = $I = 250$ amperes Power Factor = $\cos \theta = 0.8$ Length = 750 ft.

AC Resistance Per conductor $=$ R = .0527 ohms 1000 feet at 25° C $= 047$ ohms for 750 feet at 75°C Reactance Per conductor $= X$ $= .031$ ohms 1000 feet (Table 3-1) $= 028$ ohms for 750 feet (including 20% for random lay) $V_s = \sqrt{(V_L \cos \theta + R I)^2 + (V_L \sin \theta + X I)^2}$ $\frac{440}{\sqrt{3}}$ = $\sqrt{(.8V_{L} + .047 \times 250)^{2} + (.6 V_{L} + .028 \times 250)^{2}}$ Solving for V_1 ; $V_1 = 240.4$ Line-to-line voltage = 240.4 $\sqrt{3}$ = 417

Voltage drop = $440 - 417 = 23$ volts

$$
v = \frac{440 - 417}{417} (100) = 5.52\%
$$

Approximate Formula:

Voltage drop $=$ line to neutral

 $=$ RI cos θ + XI sin θ

 $= 0.047$ X 250 X 0.8 + 0.028 X 250 X 0.6 $= 94 + 42 = 136$

Line-to-line voltage drop = 13.6 $\sqrt{3}$ = 23.5 volts

Conductor Reactance

The table on page 13 shows a nomogram for determining the reactance of any solid or concentric stranded conductor. This covers spacings encountered for conduit wiring as well as for open wire circuits. Various modifications necessary for use under special conditions are covered in notes on the nomogram. The reactances shown are for 60-Hertz operation.

Where regulation is an important consideration several factors should be kept in mind in order to obtain the best operating conditions.

Open wire lines have a high reactance. This may be improved by using parallel circuits but is much further reduced by using insulated cable. Three conductors in the same conduit have a lower reactance than conductors in separate conduits.

Single conductors should not be installed in individual magnetic conduit because of the excessive reactance.

Three conductors in magnetic conduit will have a somewhat higher reactance than cables in non-magnetic conduit.

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Section 3

Voltage Regulation

Reactance of conductors at 60 Hz (Series inductive reactance to neutral)

Table 3-1

With the ever-increasing kva capacity of power systems, the possible short circuit currents are becoming so high that it is frequently necessary to consider the effect of these short circuits on the heating of the cables. The conductor size must be large enough to carry the short circuit current for a sufficient length of time to permit the circuit breakers to open before the conductor is heated to the point where it damages the insulation.

The chart at right shows the maximum currents to which various size copper conductors can be subjected for various times, up to 100 cycles*, without injuring the insulation. It is based on a 90°C conductor operating temperature. The maximum current for short circuit ratings for 75°C conductor temperatures and for other than 250°C may be obtained by multiplying the value obtained for $T_1 = 90^{\circ}$ C and $T_2 =$ 250°C from chart by appropriate correction factor for other values of T_1 and T₂.

Curves Based On Formula for Copper

$$
\left[\frac{I}{A}\right]^2 t = 0.0297 \log \left[\frac{T_2 + 234}{T_1 + 234}\right]
$$

Where

I = Short Circuit Current - Amperes A = Conductor Area - Circular mils t = Time of Short Circuit - Seconds T_1 = Operating Temperature - 90°C T_2 = Maximum Short Circuit Temperature - 250°C

Alternately,

$$
I = A \left[\frac{0.0297 \log \left(\frac{T_{2} + 234}{T_{1} + 234} \right)}{t} \right]^{1/2}
$$

Time increases by the square of the ratio of the conductor size.

$$
t_2=t_1\left(\frac{A_2}{A_1}\right)^2
$$

*For intermediate and long times (>100 cycles) consult IEEE Std 242 - Buff Book

Allowable short circuit currents for insulated copper conductors*

COPPER & ALUMINUM CORRECTION FACTORS FOR VARIOUS SHORT CIRCUIT TEMPERATURES Short Circuit Temp. (T,)

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Section 4

Short Circuit Currents

Shield short circuit current formula

For short-circuit shield ampacity with a known cable shield area (or an area that can be calculated from formulas given aside), the following simplified formula may be used.

Where $I =$ Amperes A = Shield Area in CM $N =$ Number of Cycles T_1 = Initial Temp. 65°C $K =$ See Table Below

NOTE: Use 200 for thermoplastic and 350 for thermosetting jackets.

<u>And</u> 1/2 W (50%) $4bd_m$ 327 bd_m 1/4 W (25%) 1/5 W (20%) $3.16bd_m$

1/8 W (12.5%)

Permissible short circuit currents for copper shielding tape* amperes

Table 4-2

 $3.02bd_m$

*Values are derived from formula pg. 14 and $T_2 = 200^{\circ}$ C, $T_1 = 65^{\circ}$ C, 5 mil copper tape with 12.5% overlap.

Shielding

Shielding should be considered for non-metallic covered cables operating at a circuit voltage above 2000 volts for single conductor cables and 5000 volts for assembled conductors with a common overall jacket.

Definition of shielding

Shielding of an electric power cable is the practice of confining the electric field of the cable to the insulation of the conductor or conductors. It is accomplished by means of strand and insulation shields.

Functions of Shielding

A strand shield is employed to preclude excessive voltage stress on voids between conductor and insulation. To be effective, it must adhere to or remain in intimate contact with the insulation under all conditions.

An insulation shield has a number of functions:

(a) To confine the electric field within the cable.

(b) To obtain symmetrical radial distribution of voltage stress within the dielectric, thereby minimizing the possibility of surface discharges by precluding excessive tangential and longitudinal stresses.

(c) To protect cable connected to overhead lines or otherwise subject to induced potentials.

(d) To limit radio interference.

(e) To reduce the hazard of shock. If not grounded, the hazard of shock may be increased.

(f) To provide a low impedance path to carry charging current to ground.

Use of Insulation Shielding

The use of shielding involves consideration of installation and operating conditions. Definite rules cannot be established on a practical basis for all cases, but the following features should be considered as a working basis for the use of shielding.

Where there is no metallic covering or shield over the insulation, the electric field will be partly in the insulation and partly in whatever lies between the insulation and ground. The external field, if sufficiently intense in air, will generate surface discharge and convert atmospheric oxygen into ozone which may be destructive to rubber insulations and to protective jackets. If the surface of the cable is separated from ground by a thin layer of air and the air gap is subjected to a voltage stress which exceeds the dielectric strength of air, a discharge will occur, causing ozone formation.

The ground may be either a metallic conduit, a damp nonmetallic conduit or a metallic binding tape or rings on an aerial cable, a loose metallic sheath, etc. Likewise, damage to non-shielded cable may result when the surface of the cable is moist, or covered with soot, soapy grease or other conducting film and the external field is partly confined by such conducting film so that the charging current is carried by the film to some spot where it can discharge to ground. The resultant intensity of discharge may be sufficient to cause burning of the insulation or jacket.

Where nonshielded nonmetallic jacketed cables are used in underground ducts containing several circuits which must be worked on independently, the external field if sufficiently intense can cause shocks to those who handle or contact energized cable. In cases of this kind, it may be advisable to use shielded cable. Shielding used to reduce hazards of shock should have a resistance low enough to operate protective equipment in case of fault. In some cases, the efficiency of protective equipment may require proper size ground wires as a supplement to shielding. The same considerations apply to exposed installations where cables may be handled by personnel who may not be acquainted with the hazards involved.

Operating voltage limits kV, above which insulation shielding is required

Table 5-1

Shielding

Grounding Shielded Cable

When installing shielded cable, metallic shielding must be solidly grounded. Where conductors are individually shielded, each must have its shielding grounded and the shielding of each conductor should be carried across every joint to assure positive continuity of a shielding from one end of the cable to the other. Where grounding conductors are part of the cable assembly, they must be connected with the shielding at both ends of the cable.

For safe and effective operation, the shielding should be grounded at each end of the cable and at each splice. For short lengths or where special bonding arrangements are used, grounding at one point only may be satisfactory.

All grounding connections should be made to the cable shield in such a way as to provide a permanent low resistance bond. Soldering the connection to the cable shield in usually preferable to a mechanical clamp, as there is less danger of a poor connection, loosening, or injury to the cable. The area of contact should be ample to prevent the current from heating the connection and melting the solder.

For additional security, a mechanical device, such as a nut and bolt, may be used to fasten the ends of the connection together. This combination of a soldered and mechanical connection provides permanent low resistance which will maintain contact even though the solder melts.

The wire or strap used to connect the cable shield ground connection to the permanent ground must be of ample size to carry fault currents.

Effect of Grounding Metallic Shield

The metallic coverings of cables must be grounded to provide satisfactory operating and safety conditions. As the method of grounding may affect the current carrying capacity, formulas for calculating losses and correcting the current carrying capacity for those losses may be found on pages 19 and 20.

Installations of shielded single conductor cables must be studied to determine the best method of grounding. This is necessary as voltage is induced in the shield of a single conductor cable carrying alternating current due to the mutual induction between its shield and any other conductors in its vicinity. This induced voltage can result in two conditions:

1. Metal shields bonded or grounded at more than one point have circulating currents flowing in them, the magnitude of which depends on the mutual inductance to the other cables, the current in these conductors, and the resistance of the shield. This circulating current does not depend on the length of the cables nor the number of bonds, providing there are bonds at each end. The only effect of this circulating current is to heat the shield and thereby reduce the effective current carrying capacity of the cable. If the shield loss exceeds 5 percent or the copper loss, the current carrying capacity should be reduced.

2. Shields bonded or grounded at only one point will have a voltage built up along the shield. The magnitude depends on the mutual inductance to other cables, the current in all the conductors, and the distance to the grounded point. This voltage may cause discharge or create an unsafe condition for workmen. The usual safe potential is about 25 volts for cables having nonmetallic covering over the shield.

Multi-Grounded Shields

If operating conditions permit, it is desirable to bond and ground cable shields at more than one point, to improve the reliability and safety of the circuit. This decreases the reactance to fault currents and increases the human safety factor.

Some general recommendations may be made, but it must be remembered that variations in insulation thickness, conductivity of sheath, spacing of conductors, and the current being carried all affect these recommendations. It is impossible to cover all these variations.

The following single conductor cables carrying alternating currents may, in general, be operated with multisheath grounds.

1. Shielded cables up to and including 250 kcmil with phases in separate ducts.

Cables in ac circuits should not be installed with each phase in separate magnetic conduits under any circumstances due to the high inductance under such conditions. Cables in a-c circuits should not be installed with each phase in separate metallic non-magnetic conduit when their size exceeds 4/0 unless the conduit is insulated to prevent circulating currents.

2. Shielded cables installed with all three phases in the same duct.

3. Cables of any size may be installed with multi-shield grounds, provided allowance is made for heating due to current induced in the shield. Cables carrying direct current may always be solidly grounded at more than one point, except where insulating joints are required to isolate earth currents or to permit cathodic protection.

Shielding

Shields Grounded at One Point

Shields of single conductor cable carrying alternating current will have a potential buildup if grounded at only one point. Historically, a maximum shield voltage limit has been 25 volts. However, with the introduction of more insulating jackets, utilities have allowed higher voltages to be used. For more information, see ANSI/IEEE Std 575-1988 "Guide for the Application of Sheath-Bonding Methods for Single-conductor Cables and the Calculation of Induced voltages and Currents in Cable Sheaths".

Table 5-2 illustrates an example of the maximum lengths which should be allowed between insulating joints in order to keep the shield potential below the historical maximum safe value of 25 volts for specific cables, installation configurations and current loads

Maximum lengths for single conductor cables with shields insulated at joints and terminals and grounded at end of each section only.

Based on 15 kV cables operating at full load, 100% load factor and the equations given in Table 5-3 with ampacities given in Table 6-5 for 1/C per duct and ampacities in Table 6-10 for 3 x 1/C cables per duct.

The lengths given in Table 5-2 apply to cables operating at 60 Hz a-c voltage. Many conditions will permit longer lengths between insulating joints, as for example, where cables are operating at less than full load.

The lengths given are from the grounded point to the insulating joint. If the mid-point of the section is grounded, the total length between insulating joints may be twice the length given.

Induced Shield Voltages, Currents and Losses

Table 5-3 gives formulas for calculating the induced voltage and shield loss for single conductor cables. These formulas neglect proximity loss, but are accurate enough for practical purposes.

It is assumed that the cables are carrying balanced currents.

For cables installed three per conduit use arrangement II. The spacing, S, in this case will be equal to the outside diameter of the cable increased by 20 percent to allow for random spacing in the conduit.

Cross-Bonding

Another method to reduce shield currents and voltages is to employ cross bonding of shields at specific locations. There are numerous arrangements such as end-point, mid-point, cross-bonded without transposition, cross-bonded with transposition, sectionalized cross-bonding, etc. Refer to ANSI/IEEE Std 575 for in-depth details.

Table 5-3

Formulas for calculating shield voltages currents and losses for single-conductor cables

 $\overline{\rm III}$ $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$ VI IV Cable Equilateral Two circuit One phase Rectangular Flat Two circuit Arrangement $\left(\mathsf{B}\right)$ (C) (A) (B) $\left($ C Number $|\leftarrow$ S \rightarrow $|\leftarrow$ S \rightarrow \leftarrow S \rightarrow \leftarrow S \rightarrow \leftarrow S \rightarrow $|s| \leftarrow s \rightarrow \leftarrow s$ and (\widehat{A}) (B) (в) Diagram MICRO VOLTS TO NEUTRAL PER FT. **INDUCED SHIELD VOLTAGE - SHIELDS OPEN CIRCUITED** (MULTIPLY BY 10⁻⁶ TO OBTAIN VOLTS PER FT.) $CABLE - A$ $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3Y^2 + (X_{\text{M}} - \frac{B}{2})^2}$ $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3Y^2 + (X_M - \frac{B}{2})^2}$ IX_{M} IX_{M} $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3Y^2 + (X_M - \frac{A}{2})^2}$ $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3Y^2 + (X_M - A)^2}$ $CABLE - C$ $CABLE - B$ IX_M IX_M IX_{M} $I(X_M + \frac{A}{2})$ **MICRO WATTS PER FT.** SHIELD LOSS - SHIELDS SOLIDLY BONDED (MULTIPLY BY 10⁻⁶ TO OBTAIN WATTS PER FT.) $\frac{(P^2 + 3Q^2) \pm 2\sqrt{3} (P - Q) + 4}{4(P^2 + 1)(Q^2 + 1)}$ $CABLE - A$ ${}^{2}R_{S}\frac{}{R_{s}^{2}+X_{M}^{3}}$ $CABLE - C$
 $CABLE - B$ $+ X_M²$ $I^{2}R_{S}\left[\frac{1}{Q^{2}+1}\right]$ **Total loss** $3I^{2}R_{S}\left[\frac{P^{2}+Q^{2}+2}{2(P^{2}+1)(Q^{2}+1)}\right]$ $Y =$ $X_M + A$ $X_M + A - \frac{B}{2}$ Where: $X_M - \frac{A}{2}$ $Z =$

To facilitate calculating the shield resistance, and reactance, the following formulas may be used:

 $X_m = 2\pi f (0.1404 log_{10} \frac{S}{r})$ micro-ohms per ft.

- $A = 2\pi f$ (0.1404 log₁₀ 2) micro-ohms per ft.
- $B = 2\pi f$ (0.1404 log₁₀ 5) micro-ohms per ft.

 $R_S = \frac{\rho}{8r}$ micro-ohms per ft.

 R_S = resistance of shield (micro-ohms per ft.)

- $t =$ thickness of metal tapes or sheath used for shielding (inches)
- $f = frequency (60$ Hertz)
- $S =$ spacing between center of cables (inches)
- r_m = mean radius of shield (inches)
- $I =$ conductor current (amperes)
- ρ = apparent resistivity of shield in ohms cir mil/ft. at operating temperature (assumed 50°C). This includes allowance for spiraling of tapes or wires.

For 60 Hertz

 X_M = 52.92 log₁₀ $\frac{S}{r}$ micro-ohms per ft. $A = 15.93$ micro-ohms per ft. $B = 36.99$ micro-ohms per ft. Effective Values of ρ Overlapped Copper Tape 30 ohms-cir mil/ft. Overlapped Bronze Tape 90-10 47 ohms-cir mil/ft. Overlapped Copper Alloy Tape C19400 . 52 ohms-cir mil/ft. Overlapped Cupro-Nickel Tape 80-20 . 350 ohms-cir mil/ft. Lead Sheath 150 ohms-cir mil/ft. Corrugated, Welded Bronze Sheath ... 27 ohms-cir mil/ft. Corrugated, Welded Aluminum Sheath . 30 ohms-cir mil/ft. Aluminum Interlock Armor 40 ohms-cir mil/ft. Galv-Steel Armor Wire 85 ohms-cir mil/ft. Stainless Steel SS304 421 ohms-cir mil/ft.

Example Problems

Permissible Ampacities With Shield Losses

The permissible current carrying capacities of cables may be calculated taking into account the shield loss, thus allowing operation with shields solidly bonded and grounded at more than one point.

An approximate correction factor which is on the conservative side and is close enough for most purposes may be obtained by correcting the current taken from the proper current carrying capacity table by:

Correction factor =

\n
$$
\sqrt{\frac{R}{R_a}}
$$
\nWhere

\n
$$
R_a = \frac{\text{shield loss} + I^2 \, R}{I^2}
$$

 $I =$ conductor current (amperes)

 $R =$ effective a-c resistance of the conductor including skin and proximity effect (ohms per ft.)

Example of Sheath Voltage, Currents and Losses

Situation: 3-1/C, 1000 kcmil 15kV cables with a 5 mil copper tape shielding 110" jacket in a flat duct arrangement, spacing 7.5 inches. For 3-1/C cables in ducts at 75% L.F., I = 890 amp. Cable $OD = 2.180$ $r_m = \frac{(2.180 - .220 - .005)}{2} = .978$ $X_m = 52.92 \log \frac{7.5}{978} = 46.82$ micro-ohms/ft. $A = 15.93$ micro ohms/ft. $Y = X_m + A = 46.82 + 15.93 = 62.75$ micro-ohms/ft

$$
Z = X_{\text{m}} - \frac{A}{3} = 46.82 - 5.31 = 41.51 \text{ micro-ohms/ft.}
$$

$$
R_s = \frac{\rho}{8r_m t} = \frac{30}{8(978)(.005)} = 767 \text{ micro-ohms/ft.}
$$

$$
P = \frac{R_s}{Y} = \frac{767}{62.75} = 12.22 \quad Q = \frac{R_s}{Z} = \frac{767}{41.51} = 18.48
$$

The Induced Shield Voltage (V): **Cables A or C:**

$$
V = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3Y_2 + (X_m - A)^2} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3(62.75)^2 + (30.89)^2}
$$

 $V = I \times 56.5$ micro volts per ft.

 $V = 890 \times 56.5 \times 10^{-6} = 050$ volts pr ft.

Maximum ungrnd length =
$$
\frac{25 \text{ V}}{0.050 \text{ V/ ft}} = 500 \text{ ft}.
$$

Cable B:

 $V = I \times X_m = 890 \times 46.82 \times 10^{-6} = .0417$ volts per ft. $Shish^{(1)}$

Shield Loss (P):
\n**Cables A or C**
\n
$$
P_s = I^2 R_s \left[\frac{(P^2 + 3 Q^2) \pm 2 \sqrt{3} (P - Q) + 4}{4 (P^2 + 1) (Q^2 + 1)} \right] \times 10^{-6}
$$
\n
$$
P_s = I^2 R_s \left[\frac{(12.22)^2 + 3 (18.48)^2 \pm 2 \sqrt{3} (12.22 - 18.48) + 4}{4 [(12.22)^2 + 1] [(18.48)^2 + 1]} \right] 10^{-6}
$$

 $P_s = (890)^2 \times 767 \times 0.00582 \times 10^{-6} = 3.536$ watts per ft.

Cable B:

\n
$$
P_{s} = 12R_{s} \left[\frac{1}{Q^{2} + 1} \right] \frac{(890)^{2} \ 767}{(18.48)^{2} + 1} \times 10^{-6}
$$

 $P_s = 1.77$ watts per ft.

Total Shield Losses:

$$
P_s = 3I^2 R_s \left[\frac{P^2 + Q^2 + 2}{2 (P^2 + 1) (Q^2 + 1)} \right] \times 10^{-6}
$$

$$
P_s = 3I^2 R s \left[\frac{(12.22)^2 + (18.48)^2 + 2}{2 (12.22^2 + 1) (18.48^2 + 1)} \right] \times 10^{-6}
$$

$$
P_s = 3(890)^2 \times 767 \times .00478 \times 10^{-6} = 8.72
$$
 watts per ft.

Calculation of Permissible Ampacity when Shield Losses are present. R = Rdc @ 25C x Temp. Corr. x AC/DC Ratio $R = 11.1 \times 10^{-6} \times 1.25 \times 1.067$ $R@90C = 14.8 \times 10^{-6}$ ohms per ft.

$$
R_a = \frac{\text{Shield loss} + 1^2 R}{1^2} = \frac{3.536 + (890^2 \times 14.8 \times 10^6)}{(890)^2}
$$

 $R_a = 19.26 \times 10^{-6}$ ohms per ft.

$$
Correction Factor \sqrt{\frac{R}{R_a}} = \sqrt{\frac{14.8 \times 10^{-6}}{19.26 \times 10^{-6}}} = .877
$$

$$
I = (890) (.877) = 780 \text{ amp}
$$

The ampacity tables in this bulletin cover the installation conditions most commonly encountered. The actual current carrying capacities tables are derived from AIEE-IPCEA "Power-Cable Ampacities", joint publication S-135-1 and P-46-426 which includes more complete tables covering additional earth resistivities and load factors.

The following tables relate to insulated cables in underground ducts, in free air, in conduit in air, and directly buried in earth. The values are based on 90°C and 105°C conductor temperatures and an ambient temperature of 20°C for all cables in underground duct or directly buried in the ground and 40°C for all cables in air.

Ampacity values are based on a 100% load factor. By definition the load factor is the ratio of the average load over a designated period of time to the peak load occurring in that period. For variable continuous loading the base period is 24 hours. These apply for cables in conventional underground duct installations since there is a time lag between the temperature rise of the cable and the temperature rise of the duct structure and surrounding earth. This heat-time-lag characteristic permits assigning higher current ratings for cables in ducts which do not carry full load continuously. For in-air installations 100% load factor is used. These ratings are used to any load factor due to the relatively low thermal capacity of the surrounding air.

Emergency Overloads

For 5 to 46kV rated cable, operations at the emergency overload temperature rated 130°C for insulations rated 90°C continuous and 140°C for insulations rated 105°C continuous, shall not exceed 1500 hours cumulative during the lifetime of the cable. Operation at any temperature above the maximum rated conductor normal operating temperature shall be included in the 1500 hours.

Lower temperatures for emergency overload conditions may be required because of the type of material used in the cable, joints and terminations or because of cable environ-

Correction Factors For Various Ambient Air Temperatures

mental conditions. See appropriate ICEA Standard or consult manufacturer.

Temperature Correction Factors

To determine ampacities for ambient temperatures and conductor temperatures other than those indicated on the individual tables, multiply table values by the correction factors shown in Table 6-1 or Table 6-2.

Correction Factors For Various Ambient Earth Temperatures

Effect of Grouping

Ampacities for cable in air or conduit in air are based on a single isolated cable or conduit. Where the spacing between cable or conduit surfaces is not greater than the cable or conduit diameter, the current rating should be reduced in accordance with values given in the table. Spacings less than one quarter of cable or conduit diameter are not covered.

Single conductor cable underground ducts

Open circuited shield operation, i.e. shields bonded and grounded at one point only

One cable per non-metallic duct, all cables equally loaded and in outside ducts only.

> Earth ambient temperature 20°C Earth thermal resistivity RHO 90 100% Load Factor

Depth of burial - 30" to top of duct bank with ducts on $7 \frac{1}{2}$ centers.

One circuit - three cables in separate ducts

Three circuits - nine cables in separate ducts

Ampacity Tables

Single
conductor cable
direct burial

1/C group buried 36" deep with cables laid on 7-1/2" centers, open circuited shield operation, i.e. shields bonded and grounded at one point only.

> Earth ambient temperature 20°C Earth thermal resistivity RHO 90 100% load factor

Ampacity Tables

Single conductor cable direct burial

1/C groups buried 36" deep with cables laid on 7-1/2" centers, second circuit similarly spaced. Groups separated 24", open circuited shield operation, i.e. shields bonded and grounded at one point only.

Earth ambient temperature 20°C Earth thermal resistivity RHO 90 100% load factor

Two circuits - six cables

Ampacity Tables

Three single or triplexed cable underground ducts

Closed shield operation. Shields bonded and grounded at multiple points. One triplexed cable or three single conductor cables in a duct. All cables equally loaded and in outside ducts only.

> Earth ambient temperature 20°C Earth thermal resistivity RHO 90 100% load factor Depth of burial - 30" to top of duct bank with ducts on 7 1/2" centers.

One circuit - three single or triplexed conductors per duct

Table 6-10

Three single or triplexed conductors Aluminum - underground ducts

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Three circuits - three single or triplexed conductors per duct

Table 6-11

Three single or triplexed conductors **Copper** — underground ducts

Three single or triplexed conductors Aluminum - underground ducts

Six circuits — three single or triplexed
conductors per duct

Table 6-12

Three single or triplexed conductors **Copper** — underground ducts

Three single or triplexed conductors Aluminum - underground ducts

Ampacity Tables

Triplexed
cable direct burial

Triplexed cables or three single conductors buried 36" deep and separated by 24". Shields bonded and grounded at multiple points.

Earth ambient temperature 20°C Earth thermal resistivity RHO 90 100% load factor

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One circuit

Three single or triplexed conductors

Three single or triplexed conductors

Two circuits

Table 6-14

Table 6-13

Three single or triplexed conductors
 Copper — direct burial

Three single or triplexed conductors
Aluminum — direct burial

Three conductor cable underground ducts

One cable per duct, all cables equally loaded and in outside ducts only.

> Earth ambient temperature 20°C Earth thermal resistivity RHO 90. 100% load factor

Depth of burial - 30" to top of duct bank with duct on 7 1/2 centers.

One circuit - one cable in duct bank

Table 6-15

Three conductor **Copper** - underground ducts

Three conductor Aluminum - underground ducts

Six circuits - six cables in duct bank

Table 6-17

Three conductor **Copper** - underground ducts

Three conductor Aluminum - underground ducts

Ampacity Tables

Three Conductor cable
direct burial

Cables buried 36" deep. For two cables, currents based on cables being laid on 24" centers.

Earth ambient temperature 20°C Earth thermal resistivity RHO 90 100% load factor

One circuit - one cable

Three conductor **Copper** - direct burial

Three conductor Aluminum - direct burial

Two circuits - two cables

Table 6-19

Table 6-18

Three conductor Aluminum - direct burial

Single conductor
cable in air

Open circuited shield operation, i.e. shields bonded and grounded at one point only.

Any load factor from 30 to 100%. The ampacities are for a single, loaded cable in still air. In a group of loaded cables in close proximity in air, exposed or enclosed, follow the correction method shown on page 21.

Air ambient temperature is 40°C.

One cable per support or messenger

Table 6-20

Aluminum

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 $T = k \cdot k \cdot 0.4$

Three single or triplexed conductors - in air

Closed shield operation. Shields bonded and grounded at multiple points. Any load factor from 30 to 100%.

Also applies to single conductors in a group and in contact with each other.

The ampacities are for a single, loaded cable in still air. In a group of loaded cables in close proximity in air, exposed or enclosed, follow the correction method shown on page 21

For ambient temperatures other than indicated, use correction factors shown on page 21.

Air ambient temperature 40°C.

Cable in Tray

For single and multi-conductor cables installed in cable tray, refer to NEC Code ampacity tables. For non-NEC applications, refer to ICEA P-54-440.

Three cables per support or messenger

Aluminum

 C_{anmon}

Ampacity Tables

Three conductor
cable in air

Any load factor from 30 to 100%.

The ampacities are for a single loaded cable in still air. In a group of loaded cables in close proximity in air, exposed or enclosed, follow the correction method shown on page $21.$

Air ambient temperature 40°C.

One cable in air per support or messenger

Aluminum

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Three single conductor cables in conduit $-$ in air

Closed shield operation. Shields bonded and grounded at multiple points. Any load factor from 30 to 100%.

One triplexed cable or three single conductor cables in a conduit.

The load ratings are for a single, loaded cable in still air. In a group of loaded cables in close proximity in air, exposed or enclosed, follow the correction method shown on page 21.

Air ambient temperature 40°C.

One isolated conduit - three single or triplexed conductors - in air

Copper

Table 6-23

Aluminum

Three conductor cable conduit in air

Any load factor from 30 to 100%.

The ampacities are for a single, loaded cable in still air. In a group of loaded cables in close proximity in air, exposed or enclosed, follow the correction method shown on page 21.

Air ambient temperature 40°C.

One isolated conduit - three conductors in air **Copper** Table 6-24

**NEC Code installations
*Ampacity at 75°C conductor** temperature 30°C ambient

Table 6-25

Correction factors for room temperatures over 30°C (86F) ambient

*Ampacities are maximum allowed by the National Electrical Code, Sizes of conductors used on all normal electrical circuits in buildings may be determined on the basis of N.E.C. requirements taking into account voltage drop and operating efficiency at lower conductor temperatures.

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Methods for Determining Conduit Sizes

Conduits or ducts should be properly constructed having smooth walls and of adequate size as determined by the overall cable diameter and recommended percentage of fill of conduit area.

Dimensions of conduit (Sch. 40) Table 7-1

For groups or combinations of cables it is recommended that the conduit or tubing be of such size that the sum of the cross-sectional areas of the individual cables will not be more than the percentage of the interior cross-sectional area of the conduit or tubing as shown in the following tables.

Maximum percent internal area of conduit or tubing

Table 7-2

* This section summarizes procedures, calculations, and recommendations required for proper installation practices.

For more information consult Okonite's "Installation Practices for Cable Raceway Systems" handbook.

Maximum percent internal diameter of conduit or tubing

Table 7-3

Maximum allowable diameter (in inches) of
individual cables in given size of conduit

Table 7-4

NOTE: To determine the size conduit required for any number (n) of equal diameter cables in excess of four, multiply the diameter of one cable by $\sqrt{\frac{n}{4}}$

This will give the "equivalent" diameter of four such cables and the conduit size required for (n) cables may then be found by using the column for four cables.

*These diameters are based on percent fill only. The Jam Ratio, Conduit I.D. divided by one Cable O.D., should be checked to avoid possible jamming.

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Conduit size for combinations of cable with different outside diameters

This size conduit required for a group of cables of different sizes may be determined by calculating the equivalent diameter d" and then finding the size required for this diameter in the tables on previous page. For 1 to 4 Cables:

d" = Equivalent diameter of same number of cables all of same outside diameter having total area equal to total area of group of cables of different sizes (a fictitious diameter appearing in column corresponding to total number of cables $(n_1 + n_2 + n_m + \dots)$

 n_1 = number of cables of diameter d_1

 n_2 = number of cables of diameter d_2

 n_m = number of cables of diameter d_m , etc.

$$
d'' = \sqrt{\frac{n_1 d_1^2 + n_2 d_2^2 + n_m d_m^2 + \dots}{n_1 + n_2 + n_m + \dots}}
$$

EXAMPLE: Find size conduit for 2 neoprene-sheathed cables having diameter of 1.20" and 1 cable having diameter $0.63"$

$$
d'' = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times (1.20)^2 + 1 \times (0.63)^2}{2 + 1}} = \sqrt{\frac{2.88 + .397}{3}}
$$

= 1.045

In the column for three cables a diameter of 1.045" is between 0.901" and 1.120". Therefore 3" conduit is required.

Maximum pulling tensions

The force required to pull cable into a duct or the maximum pulling length can be determined from the following:

A. The maximum stresses must not be exceeded when pulling a cable:

1. The maximum tension shall not exceed 0.008 times CM area when pulled with a pulling eye attached to the copper or aluminum conductors.

$$
T_m = 0.008 \times n \times CM
$$

 T_m = maximum tension lb.

where

 $n =$ number of conductors in cable

 $CM =$ circular mil area of each conductor

The maximum tension for a 1/C cable should not exceed 6,000 lbs. The maximum tension for 2 or more conductors should not exceed 10,000 lbs.

2. The maximum stress for leaded cables shall not exceed 1500 lb /sq. inch of lead sheath area when pulled with a basket grip.

 $T_m = 4712$ t(D-t)

 $t =$ lead sheath thickness, inches where

 $D =$ outside diameter of cable, inches

3. The maximum tension shall not exceed 1000 lbs. for nonleaded cables when pulled with a basket grip. (However, maximum stress calculated for item 1 cannot be exceeded.)

4. The maximum tension at a bend shall not exceed 500 pounds times the radius of curvature of the duct expressed in feet. (But maximum tension calculated from items 1, 2 or 3 cannot be exceeded). Thus the minimum radius should not be less than R(ft) = $\frac{1}{500}$ where T is maximum tension calculated under A1, A2 or A3 or the radii in Tables 7-6 and 7-7.

B. The pulling tension in a given horizontal duct section may be calculated from the following.

1. For a straight section the pulling tension is equal to the length of the duct run multiplied by the weight per foot of the cable and the coefficient of friction which, will vary depending on lubrication used.

$$
T = L \times w \times f
$$

where $T =$ total pulling tension

 $L =$ length of duct run in ft.

 $w = weight$ of cable in lbs. per ft.

 $f = coefficient$ of friction

2. For ducts having curved sections, the following formula applies.

$$
T_{\text{out}} = T_{\text{in}} e^{\text{fa}}
$$

where T_{out} = tension out of bend

 T_{in} = tension into bend

 $f = coefficient$ of friction

- e = naperian logarithm base 2.718
- $a =$ angle of bend in radians

To aid in solving the above formula, values of e^{fa} for specific angles of bend and coefficients of friction are listed in the Table 7-5 below. For more precise values, consult **Okonite's Installation Practices Manual.**

Table 7-5

For two or more cables for friction (f) use .5 for lubricated duct and 75 for dry duct. These factors include weight correction factor for maximum fill.

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**Maximum Pulling Tensions
Example Problems**

EXAMPLE

Thus, it is seen cable must be pulled with an eye from A to D, as the tension exceeds that permissible for a basket grip.

Pulling from D to A

Tension at $C = 400$ lb.

Tension at B = $400 \times 1.48 = 592$ lb.

Total Tension at A = $1200 + 592 = 1792$ lb.

This shows the cable could be pulled in this direction with either a pulling eye or basket grip.

CONCLUSIONS

A lower tension is obtained by placing the let-off reel at the end nearest the bend.

The radius of bend does not affect the total pulling tension, however, the pressure against the duct is affected by the radius of the bend. In this case, the minimum radius of bend if pulled from A is $1776/500 = 3.6$ ft., while if pulled from D is $592/500 = 1.2$ ft.

EXAMPLE

Size of Cable = 1 X 1000 kcmil Copper Cdr. Weight of Cable = 6 lb./ft. Coefficient of Friction = 0.5 Pulling from A to D Tension at $B = 300 \times 6 \times 0.5 = 900$ lb. e^{fa} = 2.20 Tension at $C = 900 \times 2.20 = 1980$ lb. Tension at $D = 10 \times 6 \times 0.5 + 1980 = 2010$ lb.

It is seen that this exceeds 1000 lb. which is the maximum permissible tension for pulling grips so this must be pulled with a pulling eye which would permit a maximum tension of 6,000 lbs.

Maximum allowable tension at bend is 500 X 2 = 1000 Ib. thus, it is seen that this cable cannot be pulled around this bend when pulled from A without exceeding the permissible pressure against the duct. It is therefore necessary to pull this cable from D.

Pulling from D to A Tension at $C = 10 \times 6 \times 0.5 = 30$ lb. Tension at $B = 2.2 X 30 = 66 lb$. Tension at A = $900 + 66 = 966$ lb.

This is satisfactory in all respects. The total tension does not exceed 1000 lb. and the tension at the curve does not exceed 1000 lb. so this cable can be pulled from D with a pulling grip.

The examples shown here are truncated demonstrations of pulling tension calculations. They do not take the weight correction factor into consideration. For more precise calculations, see Okonite publication, "Installation Practices for Cable Raceway Systems"

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Minimum Bending Radii

The following are the minimum values for the radii to which insulated cables may be bent for permanent training during installation. These limits do not apply to conduit bends, sheaves or other curved surfaces around which the cable may be pulled under tension while being installed. Larger radii bends may be required for such conditions to limit sidewall pressure. In all cases the minimum radii specified refers to the inner surface of the cable and not to the axis of the cable.

Power and control cables without metallic shielding or armor

The minimum bending radii for both single-and multipleconductor cable with or without lead sheath and without metallic shielding or armor are as follows:

Twisted pair instrumentation cable

Table 7-7A

Power and control cables with metallic shielding

LCS = longitudinally applied corrugated shield

Rubber jacketed flexible portable power and control cables used on take-up reels and sheaves Table 7-8

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General precautions for installing wires and cables
in conduit

Investigations have shown that failures often develop in all types of cable because of damage caused during installation by carelessness, inexperience and failure to observe certain simple precautions. For the benefit of the many new workers involved in electrical work and in the interests of eliminating such preventable causes of electrical shutdowns and loss of production, we suggest the following procedures:

Before Pulling Wire: Observe all National Electric Code rules regarding installation. Check the conduit and wire sizes and actual overall diameters to be sure the approved "fill" will not be exceeded. Don't "crowd" the conduit.

As in the case of any type of wire, when difficult runs are encountered, consideration should be given to the use of larger conduits or additional pull boxes. Pull a short mandrel or plug closely approximating the diameter of the conduit through to loosen any burrs, and check obstructions. Follow it up with a swab to clean out any remaining dirt or foreign matter.

Hints on lubrication to make pulling easier

Any of the following simple methods of lubricating wires as they enter the conduit apply to thermosetting or thermoplastic jacketed wires and cables, but are also suitable for ordinary braided wires and cables.

1. Use a UL listed, commercially available lubricant compatible with the cable outer surface. Petroleum grease is not acceptable

2. For long and difficult runs, prelubricate the conduit itself at the time the mandrel or plug is pulled through.

While Pulling Wire: Always have a person feed wire straight into conduit by hand or, for large conductors, over a large diameter sheave, avoiding short bends, sharp edges and "crossovers".

Remove all lashings used for temporary bunching of individual wires before they enter conduit. Lead-out wires at all pull boxes and conduits feeding them in again for next run. Never pull directly around short right-angled bends.

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After Pulling Wire: Seal exposed ends with a heat shrink/cold shrink end cap or rubber tape (vinyl tape is not acceptable) to prevent moisture entering the cable pulled and the wire left on coil or reel.

For Switchboard and Similar Open Wiring: When binding groups of wires - especially non-braided wire - use wide tape or straps with rounded edges instead of narrow strings so as to avoid cutting or deforming the insulation at the point of contact.

Preferred practice for burying cables directly in the earth

Regardless of the type of cable you bury underground whether it has a thermoset jacket, thermoplastic jacket or metallic armor - ordinary precautions in its installation will extend cable life and prevent service interruptions caused by mechanical damage.

Observe these two basic principles:

(a) Keep rocks and other rough material away from cable. This will prevent bruising or deformation of the coverings if extraordinary pressures develop.

(b) Pack soft fill around cable to prevent stone bruises and cuts. Incidentally, this improves heat dissipation which will increase cable efficiency and prolong its life.

Follow this procedure during installation

1. Dig trench deep enough (per NEC or NESC requirements) so cable will not be disturbed by plowing, surface digging, paving or excavation and will be below frost level.

2. Use a bedding of sand or rock-free screened fill as a cushion. Care should be taken that the fill is free from rotting wood or organic matter that might attract insects. Lay the cable on this bedding, permitting it to "snake" slightly in the trench to allow slack when earth settles.

Typical Direct Buried Detail

In general, it is preferable to use a jacketed multiconductor cable or a metallic tape if it is a single conductor cable, for direct burial, since this design offers a more rugged construction, is easier to install and prevents trouble from crossovers or stone bruises. A metallic tape of sufficient thickness is recommended for environments where termites or similar insects or small rodents may be encountered. The extra cost of the multiconductor cable design is often offset by use of a narrower trench and the reduced possibility of damages and subsequent outages and repairs.

If single conductor cables are laid in a trench, it is desirable to keep them separated uniformly, about six inches between centers, so earth and sand can be filled in around them. Be certain there are no crossovers.

3. After the cable is laid, and before back-filling, cover the cable with sand or soft earth, free from stones, rocks or other material that might be forced against the cable during backfilling, or when settling or frost-heaving disturbs the surrounding earth.

4. These preventative measures are desirable for all types of underground cable, whether metallic or nonmetallic. The extent of the precautions may vary from one installation to the next depending on the type of soil or the likelihood of disturbance

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In urban areas or where a great deal of digging and excavating occurs, it is helpful to lay a protective covering on the soft fill about 6-8 inches above the cable to protect it and warn workmen of its presence. Such added protection is particularly desirable with unarmored cable. Strips of heavy woven galvanized wire fencing or concrete slabs laid on soft rock-free fill at least 6 inches above the cable are preferred where mechanical protection is necessary.

Under highways and railroad rights-of-way, it is usually best to pull the cable through a pipe or conduit. This should be taken into careful consideration when determining current carrying capacities as the temperature will be higher here than where directly buried.

Handling and storage recommendations

On receipt, cable protective covering should be inspected for evidence of damage during shipment. A report should immediately be made to carrier if evidence of damage is found.

Unloading should be accomplished so that equipment used does not contact cable surface, and in the case of protective wrap that the equipment does not contact the protective wrap. If unloading is accomplished by crane, either a cradle supporting the reel flanges or a shaft through the arbor hole should be used. If a fork lift is utilized, the forks must lift the reel at 90° to the flanges and must be long enough to make complete lifting contact with both flanges. Under no circumstances should the forks contact the cable surface or protective wraps.

If an inclined ramp is used for unloading, the ramp must be wide enough to contact both flanges completely and stopping of the reels at the bottom shall be accomplished by using the reel flanges and not the surface of the cable.

Under no circumstances should reels be dropped from the delivering vehicle to the ground.

Reels should be stored on a hard surface so that flanges do not sink into the earth and allow the weight of the reel and cable to rest on the cable surface.

Reels should never be stored on their sides.

Reels should be stored in an area where construction equipment, falling or flying objects or other materials will not contact the cable.

Cable should be stored in an area where chemicals or petroleum products will not be spilled or sprayed on the cable. The bottom and inner turns of cable with unjacketed sheath or armor (aluminum or steel) which remain continuously wet will corrode. It is recommended that these reels be stored indoors.

When a reel of cable is rolled from one point to another, care must be taken to see that there are no objects on the surface area which could contact or damage the cable surface or protective wrap. The reel should be rolled in the correct direction to prevent loosening of the cable on the reel.

Cable should be stored in an area away from open fires or sources of high heat.

If a length of cable has been cut from the reel, the cable end should be immediately resealed to prevent the entrance of moisture.

When cables are to be installed in cold weather, they should be kept in heated storage for a least 24 hours before installation and not installed at temperatures lower than the following:

CPE-Chlorinated Polyethylene CSPE (Hypalon)-Chlorosulfonated Polyethylene EPR-Ethylene Propylene Rubber ETFE (Tefzel)-Modified Ethylene Tetrofluoroethylene PE-Polyethylene PVC-Polyvinyl Chloride TPPO-Thermoplastic Polyolefin XLPO-Cross Linked (Thermoset) Polyolefin XLPE-Cross Linked Polyethylene TP-Thermoplastic **TS-Thermoset LS-Low Smoke** ZH-Zero Halogen

For jacket performance data, see page 55.

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Borehole Cable Safety Factor Calculations

Factors of safety in cables under mechanical tension

Following are the recommended factors of safety (ratio of breaking strength of cable to cable weight) in vertical risers, borehole and aerial cable.

Armored Borehole and Mine Shaft Cable $F = 5$ Unarmored Borehole and Mine Shaft Cable \cdot F = 7 Armored Vertical Riser Cable \cdots F = 7

Power conductors for unarmored borehole and mine shaft cables shall be stranded annealed coated or uncoated copper provided the minimum safety factor is not less than 7 when calculated by the following formula. If the minimum safety factor is less than 7, medium hard drawn copper shall be used but in no case shall the factor of safety be less than 7

$$
F = \frac{AT}{W}
$$

Where

 $F = Factor$ of safety

- $T =$ Tensile strength of materials in pounds per square inch (24,000 for annealed copper, 40,000 for medium hard-drawn copper and 50,000 for wire armor)
- $A =$ Area of the power conductors in square inches or area of wire armoring
- $W = Weight of cable in pounds$

Examples of calculations for determining the maximum length of borehole cable that may be suspended from one end are shown below:

Given: 3/C, 4/0, Borehole cable unarmored, 5kVery $OD = 2.23$ in $W = 4.51$ lb, per foot

For Unarmored Borehole Cable:

Area of one conductor =
$$
\frac{\pi}{4}
$$
 (211,600 CM x 10⁻⁶)

 $= 166$ sq in

For Annealed copper:

 $7 = \frac{(3 \times .166) (24,000)}{2}$ \overline{W}

 $W = 1710$ lb.

Length of cable = $\frac{1710 \text{ lb.}}{4.51 \text{ lb.}/\text{ft.}}$ = 379 ft.

For Medium Hard Drawn copper: $1001/10000$

$$
7 = \frac{(3 \times .166) (40,000)}{W}
$$
 W = 2850 lbs

Length of cable =
$$
\frac{2850}{4.51} = 630
$$
 ft.

 $OD = 2.62$ in. Size armor wire - #6 BWG Number of Armor wires - 36 $W = 8.58$ lb. per foot

For Armored Cable:

#6 Bwg: OD = .203" Area of one wire = $\frac{\pi}{4}$ (.203)² = .0324 sq. in. $5 = \frac{(.0324 \times 36) \times 50,000}{W}$ W = 11,651 lbs. Length of cable = $\frac{11,651 \text{ lb}}{8.58 \text{ lb/ft}}$ = 1,358 ft.

Continuous support by clamps:

A useful formula for determining the spacing of cable clamps is:

$$
S = \frac{9 \, D \, L}{W}
$$

- $S = Distance$ between clamps in ft.
- $D =$ Cable diameter in inches
- $L = Clamp$ length in inches
- $W = Weight$ per foot of cable in lbs.

Galvanized steel wire

Table 7-9

*Based on a stress of 50,000 psi.

$$
\mathcal{A}\backslash\mathfrak{S}
$$

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Sag and tension calculations for aerial cables

The sag and tension are based on the formulas for a parabola which are approximately the same as for a true catenary for small deflections. This well known formula is:

$$
t=\frac{s^2W}{8d}
$$

where $t =$ horizontal tension in messenger (lbs.)* $s =$ span length (ft.)

- $w = weight$ of complete cable including
	- messenger (lbs. per foot)

 $d =$ sag (ft.)

*Use 50% of messenger breaking strength for Heavy Loading and 25% of breaking strength for Normal Loading.

The total tension in the messenger at the support is the horizontal tension plus the vertical component due to the dead load. The vertical component has been neglected.

Some typical messenger breaking strengths are given below.

For more information see ICEA Publication P-79-561 "Guide for Selecting Aerial Cable Messengers and Lashing Wires".

Determination of ice and wind loading

Ice and wind loading are determined by geographical location. The United States is divided into three districts for which standard loading conditions are specified in the National Electric Safety Code. The loadings for the various districts are as follows:

The resultant weight of loaded cables is calculated as follows:

 $i =$ Weight of ice loading (lbs/ft.) $= 1.24$ t (D + t) $t = Thickness of ice (inches)$ $D =$ Diameter of cable (inches) $P =$ Force due to wind (lbs /sq. ft.) $=\frac{P(D + 2t)}{12}$ $h =$ Force due to wind (lbs/ft.) w' = Weight of unloaded cable w" = Vertical weight of loaded cable $w'' = w' + i$

The loaded weight of the cable is the resultant of the vertical and horizontal weights plus the proper constant.

w"" = Resultant weight of loaded cable

$$
w''' = \sqrt{(w' + i)^2 + h^2} + k
$$

Table 7-10

Coefficient of Linear Expansion .0000072, Except Stainless Steel = .0000092 Per Degree F.

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**Typical example of sag
and tension calculations**

The procedure for calculating the sag and tension under loaded conditions consists of finding the unstressed length of the cable, changing its length for the change in temperature and then stressing the cable for the new loaded conditions and determining the new sag and tension.

In the above calculations of normal sag we calculated

Sw $= 0.0976$ $\overline{\mathsf{T}}$

Calculate Elongation factor

Sw 125 x 2 712 $= 0.000162$ 2.088.000 ae

From the curves on pages 48 and 49 determine the unstressed length factor for the abscissa $\frac{Sw'}{ae} = 0.000162$

and the curve
$$
\frac{Sw'}{T} = 0.0976
$$

This is found to be 0.99873 = unstressed length factor Correct this from 60F to 0 F.

Temperature correction factor of linear expansion .0000072/F.

: Correction of length factor = $-60 \times (0000072)$ $= -000432$

Unstressed length at 0 F. $= 0.99873 - 0.000432$ $= 0.99830$

Calculate elongation factor for loaded weight w" $= 5.03$ lbs /ft. 195×502

$$
\frac{\text{Sw}^{\text{}}}{\text{ae}} = \frac{125 \times 5.03}{2,088,000} = .000300
$$

From the curves on pages 48 and 49 determine $\frac{\text{SW}}{\text{T}}$ for the

ordinance of 0.99830 and the abscissa of 0.000300.

This is found to be 0.126.

Calculate Tension T' under loaded conditions from

$$
\frac{SW^{+}}{T'} = 0.126
$$

125 x 5.03
0.126 = 4990 lbs

This is seen to be 35.9% of the Ultimate strength of the messenger.

The sag factor is determined from Table on page 47 corresponding to $\frac{S_{W''}}{T}$ = 0.126 and is found to be 0.01578

 $Sag = 0.01578 \times 125 = 1.970$ ft = 23.6 inches.

For stringing the cable it is usual practice to calculate the stringing tension (unloaded) for various temperatures and plot a curve for ready reference. The procedure is the same as in the above example using the unloaded cable weight. The work can be speeded by tabulating the calculations.

Solving for

Stringing Tension T 4140 3760 3460 3200 The sags may also be calculated if desired, but the spans usually vary so it is more convenient to pull the entire length of cable up to the desired tension rather than measuring the sag.

The above calculations are based on final stretch values. The messenger is usually over-stressed during installation so the final stretch values are more accurate than initial values.

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Sag Calculating Charts

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High voltage dc field testing

In 1996, the insulated conductor industry determined that dc withstand testing of the plastic (XLPE) insulation systems either in the cable factory as a routine production test or after installation as the higher voltage proof test was detrimental to the life of the insulation and therefore discontinued recommending dc testing. Medium voltage EPR insulating systems are not subject to the same aging characteristics and, therefore, can be dc tested as required in accordance with Tables 8-1, 8-2 and 8-3.

When an insulated cable arrives on the job site, the recipient should be able to confidently assume it will attain the designed service life. This means it must arrive free of internal discontinuities in the dielectric such as voids or inclusions, as well as freedom from air pockets at the interfaces between the shielding systems and the dielectric's surfaces. It is, however, the specter of mechanical damage, or substandard splicing and terminating that could cause the engineers responsible for continuity of service to desire a field applied proof test to establish the cable's serviceability. The timehonored methods of proof testing in the field involve high potential direct current (dc). The advantage of the dc test is obvious. Since the dc potential does not produce harmful discharge as readily as the ac, it can be applied at higher levels without risk or injuring good insulation. This higher potential can literally "sweep-out" far more local defects. The simple series circuit path of a local defect is more easily carbonized or reduced in resistance by the dc leakage current than by ac, and the lower the fault path resistance becomes, the more the leakage current increased, thus producing a "snow balling" effect which leads to the small visible dielectric puncture usually obvserved. Since the dc is free of capacitive division, it is more effective in picking out mechanical damage as well as inclusions or areas in the dielectric which have lower resistance.

Field tests should be utilized to assure freedom of electrical weakness in the circuit caused by such things as mechanical damage, unexpected environmental factors, etc. Field tests should not be used to seek out minute internal discontinuities in the dielectric or faulty shielding systems, all of which should have been eliminated at the factory, nor should the dc potential be excessive such that it would initiate punctures in otherwise good insulation.

For low voltage power and control cables it is general practice to use a megger for checking the reliability of the circuit. This consists essentially of measuring the insulation resistance of the circuit to determine whether or not it is high enough for satisfactory operation. For higher voltage

cables, the megger is not usually satisfactory and the use of high voltage testing equipment is more common. Even at the lower voltages, high voltage dc tests are finding increasing favor. The use of high voltage dc has many advantages over other types of testing procedure.

dc field acceptance testing

It is general practice, and obviously empirical, to relate the field test voltage upon installation by using a percentage of the factory applied dc voltage. This means that prior to being connected to other equipment, solid extruded dielectric insulated shielded cables rated 5kV and up may be given a field acceptance test of about 300 volts per mil. The actual test values recommended for the field acceptance test are presented below in Table 8-1. If other equipment is connected it may limit the test voltage, and considerably lower levels more compatible with the complete system would be in order.

High voltage field acceptance test prior to being placed in service

Table 8-1

Note: *If the leakage current quickly stabilizes, the duration may be reduced to 10 minutes.

Test limitations

The dc leakage can be affected by external factors such as heat, humidity, windage, and water level if unshielded and in ducts or conduits, and by internal heating if the cable under test had recently been heavily loaded. These factors make comparisons of periodic data obtained under different test conditions very difficult. If other equipment is connected into the cable circuit this makes it even more difficult. In the event hot poured compound filled splices and terminations are involved, testing should not be performed until they have cooled to room temperature.

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Table 8-2

The relays in high voltage dc test equipment are usually set to operate between 5 and 25 milliamperes leakage. In practice, the shape of the leakage curve, assuming constant voltage, is more important than either the absolute leakage current of a "go or no go" withstand test result.

Test Notes

From the standpoint of safety as well as data interpretation, only qualified personnel should run these high voltage tests

After the voltage has been applied and the test level reached, the leakage current may be recorded at one minute intervals. As long as the leakage current decreases or stays steady after it has leveled off, the cable is considered satisfactory. If the leakage current starts to increase, excluding momentary spurts due to supply-circuit disturbances, trouble may be developing and the test may be extended to see if the rising trend continues. The end point is, of course, the ultimate breakdown. This is manifested by an abrupt increase in the magnitude of the leakage current and a decrease in the test voltage. It should result in relay action to "trip" the set off the line, but this assumes the equipment has enough power to maintain the test voltage and supply the normal test current. Since the total current required is a function of cable capacity, condition of dielectric, temperature, end leakage and length, the test engineer must be sure that "relay action" actually signifies a local fault, rather than being merely an indication that the voltage had been applied too quickly or one of the other factors contributing to the total current had been the cause.

At the conclusion of each test, the discharge and grounding of the circuit likewise requires the attention of a qualified test engineer to prevent damage to the insulation and injury to personnel.

Maintenance proof testing

It may be justifiable in the case of important circuits to make periodic tests during the life of the installation to determine whether or not there had been significant deterioration due to severe and perhaps unforeseen operational or environmental conditions. The advantage of a scheduled proof test is, of course, that it can frequently "anticipate" a future service failure, and the necessary repair or renewal can be made without a service interruption, usually during a major shutdown.

Furthermore, a dc test failure is seldom burned-out, and visual analysis may disclose the cause and permit corrective action.

As a note of caution, once a complete circuit has been connected and all exposed ends sealed, it is not desirable when maintenance proof-testing to remove these seals, disconnect the conductors, and it is sometimes impossible to

provide "ends" with adequate clearance and length of insulation surface to permit high voltage testing even at the levels specified in Table 8-2. Further, there is the danger of mechanically injuring the dielectric during the seal removal and end preparation. This is a major reason why a "megger test" is often used in maintenance checking of the numerous circuits in a power plant.

High voltage maintenance test for cables in service less than five years*

Rated Voltage dc Proof Test Phase to (5 Minutes) Phase kV 5000 20 8000 25 15000 40 60 25000 28000 65 35000 75 46000 100 69000 145

*Consult manufacturer when cables are in service over five vears.

Frequency of tests

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In the case of power plants, it is customary to schedule desired maintenance proof tests to coincide with planned major shutdowns. It is not necessary or justifiable to check every circuit each year. The following schedule in Table 8-3 is suggested as a guide.

Other Test Methods

Test methods such as VLF (Very Low Frequency) and Field Partial Discharge Testing are acceptable alternatives to the DC Hipot test. Refer to IEEE Guides 400.2 and 400.3 for additional information.

Charging current

The charging current I of a single conductor insulated power cable can be obtained as follows;

 $I = 2\pi$ f C e microamperes per 1000 feet

- Where:
- $C =$ capacitance, picofarads per foot e = Voltage, conductor to neutral, kilovolts
- $f = frequency, Hz$

Capacitance of cables

The Capacitance of a one conductor shielded cable is given by the formula $C = \frac{7.35}{100}$

$$
= \frac{1}{\log \frac{D}{d}}
$$

Where: $C =$ capacitance of cable in picofarads per foot

 $SIC =$ dielectric constant of the insulation

 $D =$ diameter over insulation

 $d =$ diameter under insulation

Typical Values of SIC

Insulation resistance

The insulation resistance (IR) of a cable can be estimated by the formula IR = K log $\frac{D}{d}$

- Where
	- $K =$ specific insulation resistance in megohms 1000 ft. at 60°F
		- $D =$ diameter over insulation
		- $d =$ diameter under insulation
		- $IR =$ insulation resistance in megohms -1000 ft. for the particular cable construction. IR is inversely proportional to the cable length so that a 500 ft. length will have twice the IR of 1000 ft. and similarly 2000 ft. will have one half the IR of 1000 ft.

Typical Values of K

 $Table 0.1$

Jacket materials selection chart Relative performance data'

Minimum installation temperature, see page 45.

NOTE:

¹ Characteristics for generic versions of these materials are listed. Variations of these compounds are available to enhance properties such as arctic grade, fire resistance, etc...

^A Slight swelling at higher temperatures

^B Poor above 110°C

C Slight swelling above 60°C

PVC = Polyvinyl Chloride

XLPO = Cross Linked Polyolefin

TPPO = Thermoplastic Polyolefin

TS-CPE = Thermoset Chlorinated Polyethylene

TP-CPE = Thermoplastic Chlorinated Polyethylene

XLPE = Cross Linked Polyethylene

LLDPE = Linear Low Density Polyethylene

**Decimal equivalents
of one inch**

Table 9-2

Useful Identities, Equations and Conversion Factors

1 mil = $0.001"$ 1 circular mil = $(1 \text{ mil})^2$ Area of a circle = Π r² or Π D²/4 where, $\Pi = 3.1416$ $r =$ radius $D =$ diameter 1 mm = 39.4 mils 1 mile = 5280 ft 1 km = 0.6214 miles 1 $km = 3281$ ft 1 mile = 1.609 km 1 inch = 25.4 mm 1 meter = 3.281 ft

1 meter = 39.37 inches 1 ton $(US) = 2000$ lbs

Equivalents of sq. mm, sq. in.
and circular mils

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Miscellaneous
Information

**Dimensions and capacities of
reels for wire and cables**

**Dimensions and capacities of
reusable reels for wires and cables** Table 9-6

