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

— The documents have been updated to reflect the changes in the test standard EN 50305;

— The range of the conductor cross sections has been extended;

— The reference to cited standards (e.g. EN 60811 series) has been updated.

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Introduction

The EN 50306 series covers a range of sheathed and unsheathed cables with thin wall thickness insulation, based on halogen-free materials, for use in railway rolling stock. It is divided into four parts:

Part 1: General requirements;

Part 2: Single core cables;

Part 3: Single core and multicore cables screened and thin wall sheathed;

Part 4: Multicore and multipair screened or not screened sheathed cables.

Special test methods referred to in the EN 50306 series are given in EN 50305. A guide to use is given in EN 50355 and rules for installation are given in EN 50343.

EN 50306-1:2020, General requirements, contains a more extensive introduction to the EN 50306 series and should be read in conjunction with this document.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for, and constructions and dimensions of, multicore and multipair cables rated voltage U_0/U: 300/500 V, of the following types:

— unscreened, sheathed for either exposed or protected wiring (0,5 mm^2 to 2,5 mm^2, number of cores from 2 to 48);

— screened, sheathed for either exposed or protected wiring (0,5 mm^2 to 2,5 mm^2, number of cores from 2 to 8);

— unscreened, sheathed for either exposed or protected wiring (0,5 mm^2 to 1,5 mm^2, number of screened pairs of cores from 2 to 7).

— screened, sheathed for either exposed or protected wiring (0,5 mm^2 to 1,5 mm^2, number of unscreened pairs of cores from 2 to 7).

All cables have stranded tinned copper conductors, halogen-free, thin wall thickness insulation and standard wall thickness sheath. Cable types are specified for use in exposed situations (Class E), and for protected situations (Class P). They are for use in railway rolling stock as fixed wiring or wiring where limited flexing in operation is encountered.

These cables are rated for occasional thermal stresses causing ageing equivalent to continuous operational life at a temperature of 90 °C. For standard cables this is determined by the acceptance test defined in EN 50305, using accelerated long-term (5 000 h) thermal ageing indicating a 110 °C/20 000 h temperature index. If the customer were to require lifetime predictions this would be demonstrated based on the temperature index of the product as supplied by the manufacturer.

The maximum temperature for short circuit conditions is 160 °C based on duration of 5 s.

Under fire conditions the cables exhibit special performance characteristics in respect of maximum permissible flame propagation (flame spread) and maximum permissible emission of smoke and toxic gases. These requirements are specified to permit the cables to satisfy Hazard Level 3 of EN 45545-1 and EN 45545-2.

EN 50306-4:2020 is expected to be used in conjunction with EN 50306-1:2020, General requirements, EN 50306-2:2020, Single core cables, and EN 50306-3:2020, Single core and multicore cables.

2 Normative references

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EN 45545-1, *Railway applications - Fire protection on railway vehicles - Part 1: General*

EN 50264-1:2008, *Railway applications - Railway rolling stock power and control cables having special fire performance - Part 1: General requirements*

EN 50305:2020, *Railway applications - Railway rolling stock cables having special fire performance - Test methods*

EN 50306-1:2020, *Railway applications - Railway rolling stock cables having special fire performance - Thin wall - Part 1: General requirements*

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