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#### **Part 511: Mechanical tests – Measurement of the melt flow index of polyethylene compounds**

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The IEC 60811 series specifies the test methods to be used for testing non-metallic materials of all types of cables. These test methods are intended to be referenced in standards for cable construction and for cable materials.

NOTE 1 Non-metallic materials are typically used for insulating, sheathing, bedding, filling or taping within cables.

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# ELECTRIC AND OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES – TEST METHODS FOR NON-METALLIC MATERIALS –

## Part 511: Mechanical tests – Measurement of the melt flow index of polyethylene compounds

### 1 Scope

This Part 511 of IEC 60811 describes the procedure for the measurement of the melt flow index for polyethylene compounds.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60811-100 apply.

Additionally, for the purposes of this standard, a distinction is made between low-density, medium-density and high-density PE as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Definition of types of polyethylene**

Type of polyethylene	Density at 23 °C <sup>a</sup> g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Low-density polyethylene	≤ 0,925
Medium-density polyethylene	> 0,925 ≤ 0,940
High-density polyethylene	> 0,940
<sup>a</sup> These densities refer to unfilled resins as determined by the method specified in IEC 60811-606.	

### 4 Test method

#### 4.1 General

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