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## INTRODUCTION

IEC 60754 consists of the following parts, under the general title: *Test on gases evolved during combustion of materials from cables*:

- Part 1: *Determination of the halogen acid gas content*
- Part 2: *Determination of acidity (by pH measurement) and conductivity*
- Part 3: *Measurement of low level of halogen content by ion chromatography*

NOTE Guidance on the corrosivity of fire effluent is given in IEC 60695-5-1.

IEC 60754-1 and IEC 60754-2 were developed due to concerns expressed by cable users over the amount of acid gas which is evolved when some cable insulating, sheathing and other materials are burned, as this acid and such corrosive effluents can cause extensive damage to electrical and electronic equipment not involved in the fire itself.

IEC 60754-1 provides a method for determining the amount of acid gases evolved by burning cable components so that limits can be agreed for cable specifications.

IEC 60754-2 provides a method for determining the acidity (by pH measurement) and conductivity of an aqueous solution of gases evolved during the combustion of materials so that limits can be agreed for cable specifications

IEC 60754-1 is not able to determine hydrofluoric acid and, for reasons of precision, this method is not recommended for reporting values of halogen acid evolved less than 5 mg/g of the sample taken.

This document provides a method for measurement of low level of halogen content of the gases evolved by burning cable and has a high accuracy in the low range of concentration.

The ion chromatic system has an inherently high accuracy. However, the overall accuracy of the test method is limited by other factors (see Annex A for further information).

This part of IEC 60754 is linked with IEC 60754-2, using the same test procedure for obtaining the absorption solution.



## TEST ON GASES EVOLVED DURING COMBUSTION OF MATERIALS FROM CABLES –

### Part 3: Measurement of low level of halogen content by ion chromatography

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60754 specifies the apparatus and procedure for the measurement of the amount of halogens evolved during the combustion of materials taken from electric or optical fibre cable constructions.

The method specified in this document is intended for the measurement of the content of chlorine (Cl), bromine (Br), fluorine (F) and iodine (I), by using the analytical technique of ion chromatography for analysing an aqueous solution resulting from the gases evolved during the combustion.

The heating (combustion) procedure in this part of IEC 60754 is the same as in IEC 60754-2.

The method is intended for materials with an individual halogen content not exceeding 10 mg/g.

The method specified in this document is intended for the testing of individual components used in a cable construction. The use of this method will enable the verification of requirements which are stated in the appropriate cable specification for individual components of a cable construction.

NOTE 1 The relevant cable standard indicates which components of the cable are tested.

NOTE 2 This test method is sometimes used to test materials to be used in cable manufacture.

For reasons of precision, this method is not recommended for detecting values of halogens less than 0,1 mg/g of the sample taken.

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