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This amendment has been prepared to align Clause 5 with the latest edition of EN 61935-1. In addition, requirements for measuring balanced cabling parameters ACR-F, PSANEXT, PSAACR-F and unbalanced parameters (LCL, TCL and ELTCTL) as well as coaxial cabling have been added. For the convenience of the reader, Clause 5 has been reproduced completely in this amendment.

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Annexes designated “normative” are part of the body of the standard.
In this standard, Annex A is normative.

This standard covers the testing of installed balanced and optical fibre cabling conforming to either series EN 50173 (generic cabling) or installed cabling conforming to dedicated, application-specific specifications such as series EN 50098. Thus EN 50346 covers a broader scope than EN 61935-1, which is restricted to the testing of installed balanced cabling according to EN 50173-1.

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Introduction

Within premises, the importance of the information technology cabling infrastructure is similar to that of other fundamental building utilities such as heating, lighting and mains power supplies. As with other utilities, interruptions to service can have serious impact. Poor quality of service due to lack of planning, use of inappropriate components, incorrect installation, poor administration or inadequate support can threaten an organisation's effectiveness.

A series of European Standards have been prepared to support the successful installation of information technology cabling. These are

- for design – EN 50173-1 and relevant application standards (for example, EN 50098-1 and EN 50098-2),
- for specification, implementation and operation – EN 50174-1, EN 50174-2 and EN 50174-3.

This European Standard specifies the requirements for the testing of installed balanced copper and optical fibre cabling. Such testing is commonly undertaken at contract interfaces and the requirements of this standard take the form of defined test procedures ensuring that results obtained are relevant, repeatable and credible.

These test procedures may be

- a) referenced within the installation specification,
- b) used during the implementation phase of the installation,
- c) used during the operational phase to diagnose application failures at the cabling level.

This standard does not define which tests should be applied or the quantity or percentage of installed cabling to be tested. The test parameters to be measured and the sampling levels to be applied for a particular installation should be defined in the installation specification and quality plans for that installation prepared in accordance with EN 50174-1.

1 Scope

This standard specifies procedures for testing the transmission performance of installed information technology cabling in premises. These procedures apply to both balanced copper and optical fibre cabling.

These test procedures may be used for

- acceptance testing against agreed cabling performance limits,
- verification of specific application support,
- the investigation of faults.

These test procedures are not suitable for components or cable assemblies such as patch cords and equipment cords.

For each test procedure this standard specifies

- a) test parameter,
- b) the test method(s),
- c) test system,
- d) test equipment,
- e) cabling interface adaptor,
- f) measurement procedure,
- g) calibration,
- h) interpretation of test results,
- i) documentation.

Limits for the parameters under test are specified in relevant cabling and application standards.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 50289-1-6, *Communication cables - Specifications for test methods – Part 1-6: Electrical test methods – Electromagnetic performance*

EN 60825-1, *Safety of laser products - Part 1: Equipment classification, requirements and user's guide (IEC 60825-1:1993)*

EN 61280-4-2:1999, *Fibre optic communication subsystem basic test procedures – Part 4-2: Fibre optic cable plant - Single-mode fibre optic cable plant attenuation (IEC 61280-4-2:1999)*

EN 61300-3-4, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 3-4: Examinations and measurements – Attenuation (IEC 61300-3-4:2001)*

EN 61300-3-6:1997, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-6: Examinations and measurements – Return loss (IEC 61300-3-6:1997)*

EN 61935-1:2000, *Generic cabling systems – Specification for the testing of balanced communication cabling in accordance with EN 50173 - Part 1: Installed cabling (IEC 61935-1:2000)*

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