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## 2 Normative references

**Delete** EN 50356 from the list and **add** the following normative reference:

EN 62230:2007, *Electric cables – Spark test method*

### 10.2 Spark test

In 10.2.1 **replace** EN 50356 by EN 62230.

## Annex A

In A.1 **delete** the existing NOTE and **insert**:

NOTE For many common insulation compounds, for instance those based on PVC or on thermoplastic polyolefines, the volume resistivity at the operating temperature of the relevant cable is assumed to be  $10^{+8} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$ . In these cases the general formula reduces to:

$$R = 0,0367 \cdot \log\left(\frac{D}{d}\right) \text{ M}\Omega \cdot \text{km}$$

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## Introduction

EN 50395 contains the electrical test methods that are used for harmonized low voltage energy cables. These electrical test methods include all those previously contained in HD 21 and HD 22. Annex B gives a comparison between the original location of each test method and its place in this new European Standard.

The content of EN 50395 is not, and will not be, restricted only to test methods for cables to HD 21 and HD 22. Other test methods for harmonized LV cables may be included. Furthermore, the use of test methods in EN 50395 for cables outside HD 21 and HD 22 is not prohibited, but it is strongly recommended that expert advice be taken before such use, or before any proposal for incorporation into another standard.

## 1 Scope

EN 50395 contains electrical test methods required for the testing of harmonized low voltage energy cables, especially those rated at up to and including 450/750 V.

NOTE 1 A description of the origin of these test methods and the background to this European Standard is given in the Introduction and in Annex B.

The particular cable standard dictates the tests which need to be performed on the relevant cable type. It also specifies whether the specific test is a type test (T), a sample test (S) or a routine test (R) for the particular cable type.

NOTE 2 T, S and R are defined in the relevant cable standard.

The requirements to be met during or after the test are specified for the particular cable type in the relevant cable standard. However, some test requirements are obvious and universal, such as the fact that no breakdown shall occur during voltage tests, and these are stated in the particular test method.

Test methods for use specifically in utility power cables are not covered by this European Standard. They can be found in HD 605.

Test methods for use specifically in communications cables are the responsibility of the Technical Committee CENELEC TC 46X, Communication cables. At present such test methods are given in EN 50289 series.

## 2 Normative references

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

EN 50289-1-6	2002	Communication cables – Specifications for test methods - Part 1-6: Electrical test methods – Electromagnetic performance
EN 50356	2002	Method for spark testing of cables
EN 60228	2005	Conductors of insulated cables

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