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Foreword

This document (EN 50618:2014) has been prepared by CLC/TC 20 "Electric cables".

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This standard covers the Principle Elements of the Safety Objectives for Electrical Equipment Designed for Use within Certain Voltage Limits (LVD - 2006/95/EC).

Introduction

This standard specifies cables for use in Photovoltaic (PV) Systems, in particular for installation at the Direct Current (d.c.) side. These cables are suitable for permanent outdoor use for many years under variable demanding climate conditions. Relatively stringent requirements are set for these products in line with the expected harsh usage conditions.

During the writing of this standard the joint work of TC 64 (Electrical installations and protection against electric shock) and TC 82 (Solar Photovoltaic Energy Systems) on the design and installation of PV systems has been taken into account.

1 Scope

This European Standard applies to low smoke halogen-free, flexible, single-core power cables with cross-linked insulation and sheath. In particular for use at the direct current (d.c.) side of photovoltaic systems, with a nominal d.c. voltage of 1,5 kV between conductors and between conductor and earth.

The cables are suitable to be used with Class II equipment.

The cables are designed to operate at a normal maximum conductor temperature of 90 °C, but for a maximum of 20 000 hours a max. conductor temperature of 120 °C at a max. ambient temperature of 90 °C is permitted.

NOTE The expected period of use under normal usage conditions as specified in this standard is at least 25 years.

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.

EN 50289-4-17, *Communication cables – Specifications for test methods – Part 4-17: Test methods for UV resistance evaluation of the sheath of electrical and optical fibre cable*

EN 50395:2005, *Electrical test methods for low voltage energy cables*

EN 50396:2005, *Non electrical test methods for low voltage energy cables*

EN 50525-1:2011, *Electric cables – Low voltage energy cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V (U₀/U) – Part 1: General requirements*

EN 50565-1:2014, *Electric cables – Guide to use for cables with a rated voltage not exceeding 450/750 V (U₀/U) – Part 1: General guidance*

EN 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing – Part 2-78: Tests – Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state (IEC 60068-2-78)*

EN 60216-1, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 1: Ageing procedures and evaluation of test results (IEC 60216-1)*

EN 60216-2, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 2: Determination of thermal endurance properties of electrical insulating materials – Choice of test criteria (IEC 60216-2)*

EN 60228:2005, *Conductors of insulated cables (IEC 60228:2004)*

EN 60332-1-2:2004, *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions – Part 1-2: Test for vertical flame propagation for a single insulated wire or cable – Procedure for 1 kW pre-mixed flame (IEC 60332-1-2:2004)*

EN 60811-401, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 401: Miscellaneous tests – Thermal ageing methods – Ageing in an air oven (IEC 60811-401)*

EN 60811-403, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 403: Miscellaneous tests – Ozone resistance test on cross-linked compounds (IEC 60811-403)*

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