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Part 1-104: Electrical test methods – Test for the stability of the capacitance of  
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## COAXIAL COMMUNICATION CABLES –

### Part 1-104: Electrical test methods – Test for the stability of the capacitance of cable versus temperature

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61196 applies to coaxial communications cables. It specifies test methods for determining the capacitance stability of the cable when subjected to temperature change.

#### 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.

IEC 60050 (all parts), *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary*, available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

IEC 61196-1, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1: Generic specification – General, definitions and requirements*

IEC 61196-1-103, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1-103: Electrical test methods – Test for capacitance of cable*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050 and in IEC 61196-1 apply.

#### 4 Test method

##### 4.1 Equipment

An environmental chamber of size and dimension capable of performing the test described herein is required.

The capacitance equipment shall be in accordance with IEC 61196-1-103.

##### 4.2 Test sample

The test sample shall be in accordance with IEC 61196-1-103

##### 4.3 Procedure

The capacitance shall be measured in accordance with IEC 61196-1-103.

The cable under test (CUT) shall be subjected to the applicable temperature cycle shown in Table 1 for a total of three cycles unless otherwise stated in the relevant sectional or detail specification.

The capacitance of the CUT shall be measured initially and after each step at the actual test temperature.

**Table 1 – Temperature cycling**

Step	Foamed PE dielectric type	PE dielectric type	PTFE dielectric type	Time hours
	Temperature °C	Temperature °C	Temperature °C	
initial	20 ± 2	20 ± 2	20 ± 2	2 minimum
1	+65 ± 2	+75 ± 2	+250 ± 5	2 minimum
2	+20 ± 2	+20 ± 2	+20 ± 2	2 minimum
3	-40 ± 2	-40 ± 2	-55 ± 2	2 minimum
4	+20 ± 2	+20 ± 2	+20 ± 2	2 minimum

For other dielectric materials the test temperatures and testing hours shall be stated in the relevant sectional or detail specification.

## 5 Expression of test results

The test results should be normalized to the reference length of 1 m.

$$C = \frac{C_m}{L} (\text{pF/m})$$

where

$C$  is the capacitance of reference length at measuring temperature;

$C_m$  is the measured capacitance value of the CUT in picofarads;

$L$  is the length of sample in metres.

## 6 Test report

The test report shall record the test conditions given below at each temperature step:

- temperatures,
- number of cycles, if different from three,
- sample length,
- test frequency,
- cable capacitance at each step

and record the deviation from the initial value in pF/m for each temperature step as stated in the relevant sectional or detail specification.

## 7 Requirements

The deviation of the capacitance from the initial value in pF/m for each temperature step of the CUT shall comply with the requirements of the relevant detailed specification.

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