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OF RATED VOLTAGES UP TO AND  
INCLUDING 450/750 V –****Part 3: Non-sheathed cables for fixed wiring**

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IEC 60227 consists of the following parts, under the general title: Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V:

Part 1: General requirements

Part 2: Test methods

Part 3: Non-sheathed cables for fixed wiring

Part 4: Sheathed cables for fixed wiring

Part 5: Flexible cables (cords)

Part 6: Lift cables and cables for flexible connections

Part 7: Flexible cables screened and unscreened with two or more conductors.

This part, in conjunction with parts 1 and 2, forms the complete standard for non-sheathed cables for fixed wiring.

# **POLYVINYL CHLORIDE INSULATED CABLES OF RATED VOLTAGES UP TO AND INCLUDING 450/750 V –**

## **Part 3: Non-sheathed cables for fixed wiring**

### **1 General**

#### **1.1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60227 details the particular specifications for polyvinyl chloride insulated single-core non-sheathed cables for fixed wiring of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V.

All cables shall comply with the appropriate requirements given in IEC 60227-1 and the individual types of cables shall each comply with the particular requirements of this part.

#### **1.2 Normative references**

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 60227. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All normative documents are subject to revision and parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 60227 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60227-1:1993, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltage up to and including 450/750 V – Part 1: General requirements\**

IEC 60227-2:1979, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltage up to and including 450/750 V – Part 2: Test methods\**

IEC 60228:1978, *Conductors of insulated cables*  
First supplement 60228A (1982), amendment 1 (1993)

IEC 60332-1:1979, *Tests on electric cables under fire conditions – Part 1: Test on a single vertical insulated wire or cable*

IEC 60811-1-1:1993, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 1: Methods for general application – Section One: Measurement of thickness and overall dimensions – Tests for determining the mechanical properties*  
Amendment 1 (1988). Amendment 2 (1989)

IEC 60811-1-2:1985, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 1: Methods for general application – Section Two: Thermal ageing methods*  
Amendment 1 (1989)

IEC 60811-1-4:1985, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 1: Methods for general application – Section Four: Tests at low temperature*

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IEC 60811-3-1:1985, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 3: Methods specific to PVC compounds – Section One: Pressure test at high temperature – Tests for resistance to cracking*

IEC 60811-3-2:1985, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 3: Methods specific to PVC compounds – Section Two: Loss of mass test – Thermal stability tests*

## **2 Single-core non-sheathed cable with rigid conductor for general purposes**

### **2.1 Code designation**

60227 IEC 01.

### **2.2 Rated voltage**

450/750 V.

### **2.3 Construction**

#### **2.3.1 Conductor**

Number of conductors: 1.

The conductors shall comply with the requirements of IEC 60228:

- class 1 for solid conductors;
- class 2 for stranded conductors.

#### **2.3.2 Insulation**

The insulation shall be polyvinyl chloride compound of Type PVC/C applied around the conductor.

The insulation thickness shall comply with the specified value given in column 3 of table 1.

The insulation resistance shall be not less than the values given in column 5 of table 1.

#### **2.3.3 Overall diameter**

The mean overall diameter shall not exceed the upper limit given in column 4 of table 1.

Table 1 – General data for type 60227 IEC 01

1	2	3	4	5	6
Nominal cross-sectional area of conductor mm <sup>2</sup>	Class of conductor IEC 60228	Thickness of insulation Specified value mm	Mean overall diameter		Minimum insulation resistance at 70 °C MΩ·km
			Lower limit mm	Upper limit mm	
1,5	1	0,7	2,6	3,2	0,011
1,5	2	0,7	2,7	3,3	0,010
2,5	1	0,8	3,2	3,9	0,010
2,5	2	0,8	3,3	4,0	0,009
4	1	0,8	3,6	4,4	0,0085
4	2	0,8	3,8	4,6	0,0077
6	1	0,8	4,1	5,0	0,0070
6	2	0,8	4,3	5,2	0,0065
10	1	1,0	5,3	6,4	0,0070
10	2	1,0	5,6	6,7	0,0065
16	2	1,0	6,4	7,8	0,0050
25	2	1,2	8,1	9,7	0,0050
35	2	1,2	9,0	10,9	0,0043
50	2	1,4	10,6	12,8	0,0043
70	2	1,4	12,1	14,6	0,0035
95	2	1,6	14,1	17,1	0,0035
120	2	1,6	15,6	18,8	0,0032
150	2	1,8	17,3	20,9	0,0032
185	2	2,0	19,3	23,3	0,0032
240	2	2,2	22,0	26,6	0,0032
300	2	2,4	24,5	29,6	0,0030
400	2	2,6	27,5	33,2	0,0028

## 2.4 Tests

Compliance with the requirements of 2.3 above shall be checked by inspection and by the tests given in table 2.

## 2.5 Guide to use

Maximum conductor temperature in normal use: 70 °C.

NOTE – Other guidelines are under consideration.



**Table 2 – Tests for type 60227 IEC 01**

1	2	3	4	
Ref. No.	Test	Category of test	Test method described in IEC	Subclause
1	<i>Electric test</i>			
1.1	Resistance of conductors	T, S	60227-2	2.1
1.2	Voltage test at 2 500 V	T, S	60227-2	2.2
1.3	Insulation resistance at 70 °C	T	60227-2	2.4
2	<i>Provisions covering constructional and dimensional characteristics</i>		60227-1 and 60227-2	
2.1	Checking of compliance with constructional provisions	T, S	60227-1	Inspection and manual tests
2.2	Measurement of insulation thickness	T, S	60227-2	1.9
2.3	Measurement of overall diameter	T, S	60227-2	1.11
3	<i>Mechanical properties of insulation</i>			
3.1	Tensile test before ageing	T	60811-1-1	9.1
3.2	Tensile test after ageing	T	60811-1-2	8.1.3.1
3.3	Loss of mass test	T	60811-3-2	8.1
4	<i>Pressure test at high temperature</i>	T	60811-3-1	8.1
5	<i>Elasticity and impact strength at low temperature</i>			
5.1	Bending test for insulation	T	60811-1-4	8.1
5.2	Elongation test for insulation <sup>1)</sup>	T	60811-1-4	8.3
5.3	Impact test for insulation	T	60811-1-4	8.5
6	<i>Heat shock test</i>	T	60811-3-1	9.1
7	<i>Test of flame retardance</i>	T	60332-1	
<sup>1)</sup> Only applicable if the overall diameter of the cable exceeds the limits specified in the test method.				

### 3 Single-core non-sheathed cable with flexible conductor for general purposes

#### 3.1 Code designation

60227 IEC 02.

#### 3.2 Rated voltage

450/750 V.

#### 3.3 Construction

##### 3.3.1 Conductor

Number of conductors: 1.

The conductors shall comply with the requirements given in IEC 60228 for class 5 conductors.

### 3.3.2 Insulation

The insulation shall be polyvinyl chloride compounds of type PVC/C, applied around the conductor.

The insulation thickness shall comply with the specified value given in column 2 of table 3.

The insulation resistance shall be not less than the value given in column 4 of table 3.

**Table 3 – General data for type 60227 IEC 02**

1	2	3	4	5
Nominal cross-sectional area of conductor  mm <sup>2</sup>	Thickness of insulation  Specified value mm	Mean overall diameter		Minimum insulation resistance at 70 °C  MΩ·km
		Lower limit mm	Upper limit mm	
1,5	0,7	2,8	3,4	0,010
2,5	0,8	3,4	4,1	0,009
4	0,8	3,9	4,8	0,007
6	0,8	4,4	5,3	0,006
10	1,0	5,7	6,8	0,0056
16	1,0	6,7	8,1	0,0046
25	1,2	8,4	10,2	0,0044
35	1,2	9,7	11,7	0,0038
50	1,4	11,5	13,9	0,0037
70	1,4	13,2	16,0	0,0032
95	1,6	15,1	18,2	0,0032
120	1,6	16,7	20,2	0,0029
150	1,8	18,6	22,5	0,0029
185	2,0	20,6	24,9	0,0029
240	2,2	23,5	28,4	0,0028

### 3.3.3 Overall diameter

The mean overall diameter shall not exceed the upper limit given in column 3 of table 3.

## 3.4 Tests

Compliance with the requirements of 3.3 shall be checked by inspection and by the tests given in table 4.

## 3.5 Guide to use

Maximum conductor temperature in normal use: 70 °C.

NOTE – Other guidelines are under consideration.

**Table 4 – Tests for type 60227 IEC 02**

1	2	3	4	
Ref. No.	Test	Category of test	Test method described in IEC	Subclause
1	<i>Electric test</i>			
1.1	Resistance of conductors	T, S	60227-2	2.1
1.2	Voltage test at 2 500 V	T, S	60227-2	2.2
1.3	Insulation resistance at 70 °C	T	60227-2	2.4
2	<i>Provisions covering constructional and dimensional characteristics</i>		60227-1 and 60227-2	
2.1	Checking of compliance with constructional provisions	T, S	60227-1	Inspection and manual tests
2.2	Measurement of insulation thickness	T, S	60227-2	1.9
2.3	Measurement of overall diameter	T, S	60227-2	1.11
3	<i>Mechanical properties of insulation</i>			
3.1	Tensile test before ageing	T	60811-1-1	9.1
3.2	Tensile test after ageing	T	60811-1-2	8.1.3.1
3.3	Loss of mass test	T	60811-3-2	8.1
4	<i>Pressure test at high temperature</i>	T	60811-3-1	8.1
5	<i>Elasticity at low temperature</i>			
5.1	Bending test for insulation	T	60811-1-4	8.1
5.2	Elongation test for insulation <sup>1)</sup>	T	60811-1-4	8.3
6	<i>Heat shock test</i>	T	60811-3-1	9.1
7	<i>Test of flame retardance</i>	T	60332-1	
<sup>1)</sup> Only applicable if the overall diameter of the cable exceeds the limits specified in the test method.				

#### 4 Single-core non-sheathed cable with solid conductor for internal wiring for a conductor temperature of 70 °C

##### 4.1 Code designation

60227 IEC 05.

##### 4.2 Rated voltage

300/500 V.

##### 4.3 Construction

###### 4.3.1 Conductor

Number of conductors: 1.

The conductors shall comply with the requirements given in IEC 60228 for class 1 conductors.

###### 4.3.2 Insulation

The insulation shall be polyvinyl chloride compound of type PVC/C, applied around the conductor.

The insulation thickness shall comply with the specified value given in column 2 of table 5.

The insulation resistance shall be not less than the value given in column 4 of table 5.

###### 4.3.3 Overall diameter

The mean overall diameter shall not exceed the upper limit given in column 3 of table 5.

**Table 5 – General data for type 60227 IEC 05**

1	2	3	4	5
Nominal cross-sectional area of conductor mm <sup>2</sup>	Thickness of insulation  Specified value mm	Mean overall diameter		Minimum insulation resistance at 70 °C  MΩ·km
		Lower limit mm	Upper limit mm	
0,5	0,6	1,9	2,3	0,015
0,75	0,6	2,1	2,5	0,012
1	0,6	2,2	2,7	0,011

##### 4.4 Tests

Compliance with the requirements of 4.3 shall be checked by inspection and by the tests given in table 6.

#### 4.5 Guide to use

Maximum conductor temperature in normal use: 70 °C.

NOTE – Other guidelines are under consideration.

**Table 6 – Tests for type 60227 IEC 05**

1	2	3	4	
Ref. No.	Test	Category of test	Test method described in IEC	Subclause
1	<i>Electric test</i>			
1.1	Resistance of conductors	T, S	60227-2	2.1
1.2	Voltage test at 2 000 V	T, S	60227-2	2.2
1.3	Insulation resistance at 70 °C	T	60227-2	2.4
2	<i>Provisions covering constructional and dimensional characteristics</i>		60227-1 and 60227-2	
2.1	Checking of compliance with constructional provisions	T, S	60227-1	Inspection and manual tests
2.2	Measurement of insulation thickness	T, S	60227-2	1.9
2.3	Measurement of overall diameter	T, S	60227-2	1.11
3	<i>Mechanical properties of insulation</i>			
3.1	Tensile test before ageing	T	60811-1-1	9.1
3.2	Tensile test after ageing	T	60811-1-2	8.1.3.1
3.3	Loss of mass test	T	60811-3-2	8.1
4	<i>Pressure test at high temperature</i>	T	60811-3-1	8.1
5	<i>Elasticity at low temperature</i>			
5.1	Bending test for insulation	T	60811-1-4	8.1
6	<i>Heat shock test</i>	T	60811-3-1	9.1
7	<i>Test of flame retardance</i>	T	60332-1	

## 5 Single-core non-sheathed cable with flexible conductor for internal wiring for a conductor temperature of 70 °C

### 5.1 Code designation

60227 IEC 06.

### 5.2 Rated voltage

300/500 V.

### 5.3 Construction

#### 5.3.1 Conductor

Number of conductors: 1.

The conductors shall comply with the requirements given in IEC 60228 for class 5 conductors.

#### 5.3.2 Insulation

The insulation shall be polyvinyl chloride compound of type PVC/C, applied around the conductor.

The insulation thickness shall comply with the specified values given in column 2 of table 7.

The insulation resistance shall be not less than the value given in column 4 of table 7.

#### 5.3.3 Overall diameter

The mean overall diameter shall not exceed the upper limit given in column 3 of table 7.

**Table 7 – General data for type 60227 IEC 06**

1	2	3	4	5
Nominal cross-sectional area of conductor  mm <sup>2</sup>	Thickness of insulation  Specified value mm	Mean overall diameter		Minimum insulation resistance at 70 °C  MΩ·km
		Lower limit mm	Upper limit mm	
0,5	0,6	2,1	2,5	0,013
0,75	0,6	2,2	2,7	0,011
1	0,6	2,4	2,8	0,010

### 5.4 Tests

Compliance with the requirements of 5.3 shall be checked by inspection and by the tests given in table 8.

## 5.5 Guide to use

Maximum conductor temperature in normal use: 70 °C.

NOTE – Other guidelines are under consideration.

**Table 8 – Tests for type 60227 IEC 06**

1	2	3	4	
Ref. No.	Test	Category of test	Test method described in IEC	Subclause
1	<i>Electric test</i>			
1.1	Resistance of conductors	T, S	60227-2	2.1
1.2	Voltage test at 2 000 V	T, S	60227-2	2.2
1.3	Insulation resistance at 70 °C	T	60227-2	2.4
2	<i>Provisions covering constructional and dimensional characteristics</i>		60227-1 and 60227-2	
2.1	Checking of compliance with constructional provisions	T, S	60227-1	Inspection and manual tests
2.2	Measurement of insulation thickness	T, S	60227-2	1.9
2.3	Measurement of overall diameter	T, S	60227-2	1.11
3	<i>Mechanical properties of insulation</i>			
3.1	Tensile test before ageing	T	60811-1-1	9.1
3.2	Tensile test after ageing	T	60811-1-2	8.1.3.1
3.3	Loss of mass test	T	60811-3-2	8.1
4	<i>Pressure test at high temperature</i>	T	60811-3-1	8.1
5	<i>Elasticity at low temperature</i>			
5.1	Bending test for insulation	T	60811-1-4	8.1
6	<i>Heat shock test</i>	T	60811-3-1	9.1
7	<i>Test of flame retardance</i>	T	60332-1	

## 6 Single-core non-sheathed cable with solid conductor for internal wiring for a conductor temperature of 90 °C

### 6.1 Code designation

60227 IEC 07.

### 6.2 Rated voltage

300/500 V.

### 6.3 Construction

#### 6.3.1 Conductor

Number of conductors: 1.

The conductors shall comply with the requirements given in IEC 60228 for class 1 conductors.

#### 6.3.2 Insulation

The insulation shall be polyvinyl chloride compound of type PVC/E, applied around the conductor.

The insulation thickness shall comply with the specified value given in column 2 of table 9.

The insulation resistance shall be not less than the value given in column 4 of table 9.

#### 6.3.3 Overall diameter

The mean overall diameter shall not exceed the upper limit given in column 3 of table 9.

**Table 9 – General data for type 60227 IEC 07**

1	2	3	4	5
Nominal cross-sectional area of conductor mm <sup>2</sup>	Thickness of insulation Specified value mm	Mean overall diameter		Minimum insulation resistance at 90 °C MΩ·km
		Lower limit mm	Upper limit mm	
0,5	0,6	1,9	2,3	0,015
0,75	0,6	2,1	2,5	0,013
1	0,6	2,2	2,7	0,012
1,5	0,7	2,6	3,2	0,011
2,5	0,8	3,2	3,9	0,009

### 6.4 Tests

Compliance with the requirements of 6.3 shall be checked by inspection and by the tests given in table 10.



## 6.5 Guide to use

Maximum conductor temperature in normal use: 90 °C.

In circumstances in which it is possible to guard against thermoplastic flow, and reduced insulation resistance can be tolerated, PVC compound suitable for continuous use at 90 °C can be operated at temperatures up to 105 °C for a reduced total working duration.

NOTE – Other guidelines are under consideration.

**Table 10 – Tests for type 60227 IEC 07**

1	2	3	4	
Ref. No.	Test	Category of test	Test method described in IEC	Subclause
1	<i>Electric test</i>			
1.1	Resistance of conductors	T, S	60227-2	2.1
1.2	Voltage test at 2 000 V	T, S	60227-2	2.2
1.3	Insulation resistance at 90°C	T	60227-2	2.4
2	<i>Provisions covering constructional and dimensional characteristics</i>		60227-1 and 60227-2	
2.1	Checking of compliance with constructional provisions	T, S	60227-1	Inspection and manual tests
2.2	Measurement of insulation thickness	T, S	60227-2	1.9
2.3	Measurement of overall diameter	T, S	60227-2	1.11
3	<i>Mechanical properties of insulation</i>			
3.1	Tensile test before ageing	T	60811-1-1	9.1
3.2	Tensile test after ageing	T	60811-1-2	8.1.3.1
3.3	Loss of mass test	T	60811-3-2	8.1
4	<i>Pressure test at high temperature</i>	T	60811-3-1	8.1
5	<i>Elasticity at low temperature</i>			
5.1	Bending test for insulation	T	60811-1-4	8.1
6	<i>Heat shock test</i>	T	60811-3-1	9.1
7	<i>Test of flame retardance</i>	T	60332-1	
8	<i>Thermal stability</i>	T	60811-3-2	9

## 7 Single-core non-sheathed cable with flexible conductor for internal wiring for a conductor temperature of 90 °C

### 7.1 Code designation

60227 IEC 08.

### 7.2 Rated voltage

300/500 V.

### 7.3 Construction

#### 7.3.1 Conductor

Number of conductors: 1.

The conductors shall comply with the requirements given in IEC 60228 for class 5 conductors.

#### 7.3.2 Insulation

The insulation shall be polyvinyl chloride compound of type PVC/E, applied around the conductor.

The insulation thickness shall comply with the specified value given in column 2 of table 11.

The insulation resistance shall be not less than the value given in column 4 of table 11.

#### 7.3.3 Overall diameter

The mean overall diameter shall not exceed the upper limit given in column 3 of table 11.

**Table 11 – General data for type 60227 IEC 08**

1	2	3	4	5
Nominal cross-sectional area of conductor mm <sup>2</sup>	Thickness of insulation Specified value mm	Mean overall diameter		Minimum insulation resistance at 90 °C MΩ·km
		Lower limit mm	Upper limit mm	
0,5	0,6	2,1	2,5	0,013
0,75	0,6	2,2	2,7	0,012
1	0,6	2,4	2,8	0,010
1,5	0,7	2,8	3,4	0,009
2,5	0,8	3,4	4,1	0,009

### 7.4 Tests

Compliance with the requirements of 7.3 shall be checked by inspection and by the test given in table 12.

## 7.5 Guide to use

Maximum conductor temperature in normal use: 90 °C.

In circumstances in which it is possible to guard against thermoplastic flow, and reduced insulation resistance can be tolerated, PVC compound suitable for continuous use at 90 °C can be operated at temperatures up to 105 °C for a reduced total working duration.

NOTE – Other guidelines are under consideration.

**Table 12 – Tests for type 60227 IEC 08**

1	2	3	4	
Ref. No.	Test	Category of test	Test method described in IEC	Subclause
1	<i>Electric test</i>			
1.1	Resistance of conductors	T, S	60227-2	2.1
1.2	Voltage test at 2 000 V	T, S	60227-2	2.2
1.3	Insulation resistance at 90 °C	T	60227-2	2.4
2	<i>Provisions covering constructional and dimensional characteristics</i>		60227-1 and 60227-2	
2.1	Checking of compliance with constructional provisions	T, S	60227-1	Inspection and manual tests
2.2	Measurement of insulation thickness	T, S	60227-2	1.9
2.3	Measurement of overall diameter	T, S	60227-2	1.11
3	<i>Mechanical properties of insulation</i>			
3.1	Tensile test before ageing	T	60811-1-1	9.1
3.2	Tensile test after ageing	T	60811-1-2	8.1.3.1
3.3	Loss of mass test	T	60811-3-2	8.1
4	<i>Pressure test at high temperature</i>	T	60811-3-1	8.1
5	<i>Elasticity at low temperature</i>			
5.1	Bending test for insulation	T	60811-1-4	8.1
6	<i>Heat shock test</i>	T	60811-3-1	9.1
7	<i>Test of flame retardance</i>	T	60332-1	
8	<i>Thermal stability</i>	T	60811-3-2	9

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