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# LOW-FREQUENCY CABLES AND WIRES WITH PVC INSULATION AND PVC SHEATH –

## Part 1: General test and measuring methods

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60189 specifies mechanical, electrical and climatic test methods for low-frequency cables and wires designed for use in telecommunication inside plant and equipment and in electronic devices employing similar techniques.

NOTE The other parts of IEC 60189 describe the construction and characteristics of each type of cable and wire.

### 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.

IEC 60028, *International standard of resistance for copper*

IEC 60068 (all parts), *Environmental testing*

IEC 60332-1 (all parts), *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions – Part 1: Test for vertical flame propagation for a single insulated wire or cable*

IEC 60332-2 (all parts), *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions – Part 2: Test for vertical flame propagation for a single small insulated wire or cable*

IEC 60811-1-1:1998, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables and optical cables – Part 1-1: Methods for general application – Measurement of thickness and overall dimensions – Tests for determining the mechanical properties*

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*

IEC 60811-1-3:1993, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric and optical cables – Part 1-3: General application – Methods for determining the density – Water absorption tests – Shrinkage test*

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

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 60885-1:1987, *Electrical test methods for electric cables – Part 1: Electrical tests for cables, cords and wires for voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

ISO 6892:1998, *Metallic materials – Tensile testing at ambient temperature*