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This part of IEC 60811 shall be used in conjunction with IEC 60811-100.

A list of all the parts in the IEC 60811 series, published under the general title *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials*, can be found on the IEC website.

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- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

The IEC 60811 series specifies the test methods to be used for testing non-metallic materials of all types of cables. These test methods are intended to be referenced in standards for cable construction and for cable materials.

NOTE 1 Non-metallic materials are typically used for insulating, sheathing, bedding, filling or taping within cables.

NOTE 2 These test methods are accepted as basic and fundamental and have been developed and used over many years principally for the materials in all energy cables. They have also been widely accepted and used for other cables, in particular optical fibre cables, communication and control cables and cables for ships and offshore applications.

ELECTRIC AND OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES – TEST METHODS FOR NON-METALLIC MATERIALS –

Part 509: Mechanical tests – Test for resistance of insulations and sheaths to cracking (heat shock test)

1 Scope

This Part 509 of IEC 60811 gives the procedure for the test for resistance of insulations and sheaths to cracking at an elevated temperature.

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 60811-100:2012, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 100: General*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60811-100 apply.

4 Test method

4.1 General

This part of IEC 60811 shall be used in conjunction with IEC 60811-100.

All the tests shall be carried out not less than 16 h after the extrusion of the insulating or sheathing compounds

Unless otherwise specified, tests shall be carried out at room temperature. The heat shock test was specifically developed for PVC compounds. The use of this test for other types of compounds needs careful consideration.

NOTE In the absence of any requirement in the relevant cable standard, Annex A in this standard gives a recommendation for the test conditions and test requirements.

4.2 Apparatus

The apparatus consists of the following parts:

- a) an air oven capable of maintaining the temperature and tolerance specified;
- b) mandrels of sufficient length made of metal or other suitable material.