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- Part 3—Electrical Tests
- Part 4—Complete Cable and Flexible Cord.

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## SECTION 1. SCOPE AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

**1.1 SCOPE.** This standard sets out methods of testing completed cable and cord.

**1.2 APPLICATION.** The various individual specifications for particular types of cable or cord prescribe the actual tests from the range herein which are applicable to that type of cable or cord and also specify the category of and criteria for such tests.

**1.3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS.** The following documents are referred to in this standard:

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|---------|--|
| AS 1660 | Methods of Test for Electric Cables, Cords and Conductors<br>Part 3—Electrical Tests |
| AS 2744 | Preparation, Application and Format of Fire Tests                                    |
| AS B292 | Emery Cloth and Glass Paper  |

IEC 332-1 Test on Electric Cables Under Fire Conditions  
Part 1—Test on a Single Vertical Insulated Wire or Cable

ISO 4046 International Standards Organization, Vocabulary

**1.4 TESTING TEMPERATURE.** Unless otherwise specified, all tests shall be conducted in an ambient temperature of  $23 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

**1.5 SELECTION OF SPECIMENS.** All specimens used for testing shall be taken at least 300 mm from the end of a factory length of finished cable, flexible cable or flexible cord.

**1.6 DEFINITIONS.** For the purpose of this standard, the definitions given in the relevant cable standard or as given in a clause of this standard apply.