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Part 2—Insulation, Extruded Semi-conductive Screens and Non-metallic Sheaths

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 the methods of testing insulation, extruded semi-conductive screens and non-metallic sheaths for insulated electric cables.

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

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

AS 1301	Methods of Test for Pulp and Paper
AS 2103	Dial Gauges and Dial Test Indicators (Metric Series)
AS 2409	Interchangeable Conical Ground Glass Joints
AS 2752	Preferred Numbers and Their Use
ASTM D471	Method of Test for Change in Properties of Elastomeric Vulcanizates Resulting from Immersion in Liquids
BS 2782	Part 7—Rheological properties Method 720A Determination of melt flow rate of thermoplastics
BS 3433	Method for the Determination of Moisture Content of Paper and Board by the Oven-drying Method

1.4 TESTING TEMPERATURE. Unless otherwise specified, all tests shall be carried out in an ambient temperature of 23 ±2°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 and the following apply.

1.6.1 Median value—value obtained from a succession of test results as follows:

(a) Even number of results ..... average value of the two middle results.

(b) Odd number of results ..... value of middle result.