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This Test Method was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-003, Electric Wires and Cables, to supersede AS/NZS IEC 60331.2:2017, *Tests for electric cables under fire conditions — Circuit integrity, Part 2: Test method for fire with shock at a temperature of at least 830 °C for cables of rated voltage up to and including 0,6/1,0 kV and with an overall diameter not exceeding 20 mm.*

The objective of this document is to specify the test method for cables which are required to maintain circuit integrity when subject to fire and mechanical shock under specified conditions.

This document is applicable to cables of rated voltage not exceeding 600 V/1 000 V, including those of rated voltage below 80 V, metallic data and telecom cables and optical fibre cables and cables of not greater than 20 mm overall diameter. This document does not apply to cables of larger diameter which are tested using the apparatus, procedure and requirements of AS/NZS IEC 60331.1.

This document does not cover details for the specific point of failure, continuity checking arrangement, test sample, test procedure and test report relevant to metallic data and telecom cables and optical fibre cables.-

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FOREWORD

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- extension of the scope with metallic data and telecom cables and optical fibre cables, although details for the specific point of failure, continuity checking arrangement, test sample, test procedure and test report relevant to metallic data and telecom cables and optical fibre cables are not given by IEC 60331-2;
- improved description of the test environment;
- mandatory use of mass flow meters/controllers as the means of controlling accurately the input flow rates of fuel and air to the burner;
- improved figure illustrating method of mounting of the sample regarding bending radius;
- improved description of the information to be included in the test report.

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- withdrawn,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

INTRODUCTION

IEC 60331 consists of the following parts under the general title: *Tests for Electric cables under fire conditions – Circuit integrity*:

Part 1: *Test method for fire with shock at a temperature of at least 830 °C for cables of rated voltage up to and including 0,6/1,0 kV and with an overall diameter exceeding 20 mm*

Part 2: *Test method for fire with shock at a temperature of at least 830 °C for cables of rated voltage up to and including 0,6/1,0 kV and with an overall diameter not exceeding 20 mm*

Part 3: *Test method for fire with shock at a temperature of at least 830 °C for cables of rated voltage up to and including 0,6/1,0 kV tested in a metal enclosure*

Part 11: *Apparatus – Fire alone at a flame temperature of at least 750 °C*

Part 21: *Procedures and requirements – Cables of rated voltage up to and including 0,6/1,0 kV*

Part 23: *Procedures and requirements – Electric data cables*

Part 25: *Procedures and requirements – Optical fibre cables*

NOTE 1 Parts 21, 23 and 25 relate to fire-only conditions at a flame temperature of at least 750 °C.

NOTE 2 Parts 11, 21, 23 and 25 are no longer subject to maintenance. IEC 60331 Parts 1 and 2 are the recommended test procedures

Since its first edition (1970), IEC 60331 has been extended and has introduced a range of test apparatus in order that a test may be carried out on large and small power, control, data and optical fibre cables.

Successful tests carried out in accordance with this standard will enable an identification to be marked on the product.

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1 Scope

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It is intended for use when testing cables of not greater than 20 mm overall diameter.

Cables of larger diameter are intended to be tested using the apparatus, procedure and requirements of IEC 60331-1.

This document includes details for the specific point of failure, continuity checking arrangement, test sample, test procedure and test report relevant to electric power and control cables with rated voltage up to and including 600 V/1000 V. Details for the specific point of failure, continuity checking arrangement, test sample, test procedure and test report relevant to metallic data and telecom cables and optical fibre cables are not given by IEC 60331-2.

Although the scope is restricted to cables with rated voltage up to and including 0,6/1,0 kV, the procedure can be used, with the agreement of the manufacturer and the purchaser, for cables with rated voltage up to and including 1,8/3 (3,3) kV, provided that suitable fuses are used.

Annex A provides the method of verification of the burner and control system used for the test.

Requirements are stated for an identification that may optionally be marked on the cable to signify compliance with this standard.

CAUTION – The test given in this standard may involve the use of dangerous voltages and temperatures. Suitable precautions should be taken against the risk of shock, burning, fire and explosion that may be involved, and against any noxious fumes that may be produced.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60584-1, *Thermocouples – Part 1: EMF specifications and tolerances*

IEC 60269-3, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 3: Supplementary requirements for fuses for use by unskilled persons (fuses mainly for household and similar applications) – Examples of standardized systems of fuses A to F*