

XLPE Land Cable Systems User's Guide

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INTRODUCTION

Interfaces you can trust

ABB manufactures land and submarine power cables up to the highest voltages available.

Furthermore, we produce associated joints, terminations and other accessories for all types of cables. The products are designed to work together as a cable system.

Experience you can rely on

We have extensive experience of cable projects all over the world, encompassing every aspect from planning to commissioning, including engineering, route surveys, cable-laying, installation and final testing. Very few manufacturers can point to such a long tradition in the high voltage field as ABB. We delivered our first electrical cable in 1883 and introduced triple-extruded XLPE cables around 1970. In the early 1970s we started to supply cables for over 100 kV and our first 245 kV XLPE cable was put into service in 1978. ABB has since then supplied more than 8,800 km of XLPE cables above 100 kV. Experience you can rely on.

Research and development

ABB has always been a pioneer in the high voltage field and we have many world's first and world records among our references. But there are no shortcuts to success. Maintaining our position calls for innovative research and development, backed up by the wealth of know-how we have accumulated over the years. One of the driving forces for our R&D is to meet the new and constantly increasing requirements from the power industry and a deregulated market. Today we aim to develop the solutions our customers will need tomorrow.

State-of-the-art manufacturing lines

Experience and state-of-the-art expertise go hand in hand for us. We have been manufacturing cables for over 125 years and have since the beginning been one of the leading producers. Our manufacturing plants are among the most modern in the world and our advanced quality system leaves nothing to chance. Every cubic millimeter of the cable has to be perfect. We design and produce cables in accordance with international and national standards or/and according to our customers' specifications.

This guide presents XLPE cables and systems for land applications mainly.



DESIGN, INSTALLATION AND TESTING

XLPE cables

XLPE cables consist of the following components:

- Conductor
 - Copper (Cu) or Aluminium (Al) stranded compacted conductor or
 - Cu segmental conductor or
 - Cu or Al conductor with key-stone shaped profiles
 - Longitudinal water sealing of conductor
- Triple extruded and dry cured XLPE insulation system
- Metallic screen
 - Copper wire screen
 - Copper tape screen
 - Radial water sealing
 - Metallic laminate solidly bonded to outer polyethylene sheath or
 - Lead sheath
 - Longitudinal water sealing of metallic screen
- Non-metallic outer sheath
 - PE
 - PVC
 - Halogen free flame retardant
 - Co-extruded conductive layer over the sheath for special sheath testing



Cable accessories

ABB's line-up of cable accessories for ABB XLPE cable systems includes:

- Straight joints and joints with integrated screen separation for cross bonding
- Transition joints for connection of XLPE to fluid-filled cables
- Outdoor terminations with porcelain or composite insulators
- Screened separable connectors for switchgears and transformers
- Cable terminations for transformers and Gas Insulated Switchgears (GIS)
- Link boxes for earthing and cross-bonding
- Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS) Systems with integrated optical fibre in metallic tube (FIMT)



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Installation of XLPE cable systems

Installation of cable systems includes trenching, cable pulling, clamping of cable, cable splicing as well as mounting of accessories. High quality installation work performed by ABB certified field personnel is essential for achieving the low failure rates and reliability performance that is expected from modern underground transmission and distribution circuits.

ABB has long and extensive experience from different types of cable installations including direct burial, duct, shaft, trough, tunnel and submarine installations, but also trenchless technologies like directional drilling, pipe jacking and others.



Testing of XLPE cable systems

Standard routine tests, sample tests, type tests and after laying tests are normally performed according to IEC-standards. Other international or national standards may be followed upon agreement between contractor and purchaser.

Routine tests of XLPE cables and accessories

- PD measurement test
- High-voltage test of main insulation
- Electrical test of oversheath
- Visual inspection

Sample tests

Sample tests are carried out with a frequency according to applicable IEC standards.

- Conductor examination
- Electrical resistance of conductor
- Check of dimensions
- Capacitance test
- Hot set test
- Electrical tests

After laying tests

- DC voltage test of oversheath
- AC voltage test of main insulation



XLPE CABLE AND CABLE SYSTEM STANDARDS

ABB's XLPE cable systems are designed to meet requirements in international and/or national standards. Some of these are listed below.

IEC

XLPE cable systems specified according to IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) are among many other standards accepted. IEC standards are considered to express an international consensus of opinion.

Some frequently used standards are:

IEC 60228

Conductors of insulated cables.

IEC 60287

Electric cables - Calculation of the current rating.

IEC 60332

Tests on electric cables under fire conditions.

IEC 60502

Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltage from 1 kV ($U_m=1,2$ kV) up to 30 kV ($U_m=36$ kV).

IEC 60840

Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltage above 30 kV ($U_m=36$ kV) up to 150 kV ($U_m=170$ kV). Test methods and requirements.

IEC 60853

Calculation of the cyclic and emergency current rating of cables.

IEC 61443

Short-circuit temperature limits of electric cables with rated voltages above 30 kV ($U_m=36$ kV).

IEC 62067

Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltage above 150 kV ($U_m=170$ kV) up to 500 kV ($U_m=550$ kV). Test methods and requirements.

CENELEC

In Europe, cable standards are issued by CENELEC. (European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization.) They are as a rule implementations of the IEC specifications. Special features in design may occur depending on national conditions.

HD 620

Distribution cables with extruded insulation for rated voltages from 3.6/6 (7.2) kV up to and including 20.8/36 (42) kV.

HD 632

Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltage above 36 kV ($U_m=42$ kV) up to 150 kV ($U_m=170$ kV). Part 1- General test requirements.

Part 1 is based on IEC 60840, and follows that standard closely.

HD 632 is completed with a number of parts and subsections for different cables intended to be used under special conditions which can vary nationally in Europe.

ICEA

For North America cables are often specified according to ICEA (Insulated Cable Engineers Association, Inc.).

S-97-682

Standard for utility shielded power cables rated 5-46 kV.

S-108-720

Standard for extruded insulated power cables rated above 46 through 345 kV.

ISO Standards

ABB has well-developed systems for quality and environmental management which put the needs and wishes of the customer first. Our systems comply with the requirements of ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 and are certified by Bureau Veritas Quality International.



ISO 14001 and ISO 9001
Certificate of Approval

XLPE LAND CABLE SYSTEM CONFIGURATIONS

Trefoil and flat formation

The three cables in a 3-phase circuit can be placed in different formations. Typical formations include trefoil (triangular) and flat formations. The choice depends on several factors like screen bonding method, conductor area and available space for installation.



Bonding of the metallic screens

The electric power losses in a cable circuit are dependent on the currents flowing in the metallic sheaths of the cables. Therefore, by reducing or eliminating the metallic sheath currents through different methods of bonding, it is possible to increase the load current carrying capacity (ampacity) of the cable circuit. The usual bonding methods are described below:

Both-ends bonding

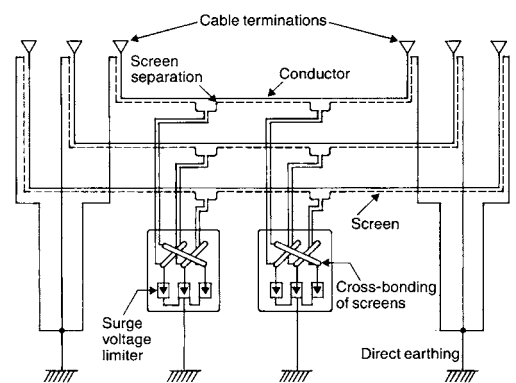
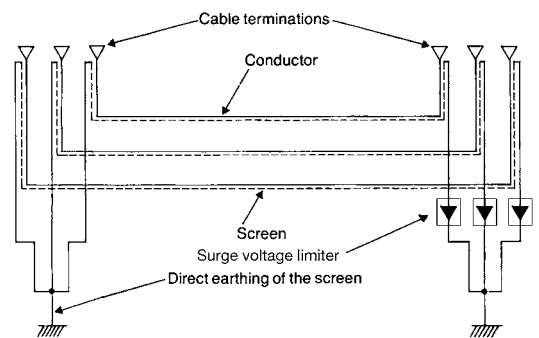
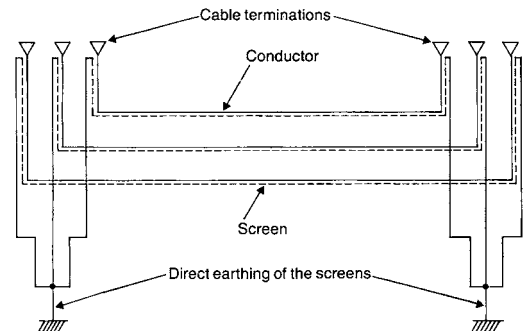
A system is both ends bonded if the arrangements are such that the cable sheaths provide path for circulating currents at normal conditions. This will cause losses in the screen, which reduce the cable current carrying capacity. These losses are smaller for cables in trefoil formation than in flat formation with separation.

Single-point bonding

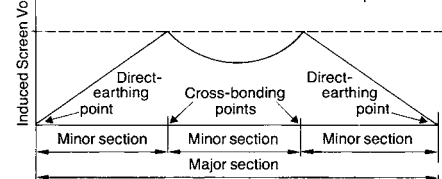
A system is single point bonded if the arrangements are such that the cable sheaths provide no path for the flow of circulating currents or external fault currents. In such case, a voltage will be induced between screens of adjacent phases of the cable circuit and between screen and earth, but no current will flow. This induced voltage is proportional to the cable length and current. Single-point bonding can only be used for limited route lengths, but in general the accepted screen voltage potential limits the length.

Cross-bonding

A system is cross-bonded if the arrangements are such that the circuit provides electrically continuous sheath runs from earthed termination to earthed termination but with the sheaths so sectionalized and cross-connected in order to eliminate the sheath circulating currents. In such case, a voltage will be induced between screen and earth, but no significant current will flow. The maximum induced voltage will appear at the link boxes for cross-bonding. This method permits a cable current-carrying capacity as high as with single-point bonding but longer route lengths than the latter. It requires screen separation and additional link boxes.



For simplicity, the cables are drawn here as non-transposed. Better balance is achieved if the cables are transposed.



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The XLPE cable should at least have a conductor cross section area adequate to meet the system requirements for power transmission capacity. The cost of energy losses can be reduced by using larger conductor.

Load losses in XLPE cables are primarily due to the ohmic losses in the conductor and the metallic screen. XLPE cables can be loaded continuously to a conductor temperature of 90°C.

The dielectric losses in the XLPE insulation system are present also at no load current and depend primarily on the magnitude of the operating voltage.

Dielectric losses in XLPE cables are lower than for EPR and fluid-filled cables.

Continuous current ratings for single-core cables are given in tables 1-4. The continuous current ratings are calculated according to IEC 60287 series of standards and with the following conditions:

- One three-phase group of single-core cables
- Ground temperature 20°C
- Ambient air temperature 35°C
- Laying depth L 1.0 m
- Distance "s" between cable axes laid in flat formation 70 mm + D_e
- Ground thermal resistivity 1.0 Km/W

Rating factors for single-core cables are given in Tables 5-13.

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Current rating for single-core cables, ampères

Table 1

Rated voltage 45-66 kV, aluminium conductor – 35 mm ² screen																
Cross section conductor	Cables in Ground								Cables in Air							
	Flat formation ●●●				Trefoil formation ●●●				Flat formation ●●●				Trefoil formation ●●●			
	Cross bonded		Both ends		Cross bonded		Both ends		Cross bonded		Both ends		Cross bonded		Both ends	
mm ²	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C
95	220	265	215	260	210	250	210	250	230	310	225	305	200	270	200	270
120	250	300	245	295	235	285	240	285	265	355	260	350	230	310	230	315
150	280	335	270	325	265	320	265	320	305	410	290	395	260	355	260	355
185	320	380	300	365	300	360	300	360	350	470	330	445	300	405	300	405
240	370	445	345	420	350	420	350	420	410	555	380	520	355	480	350	480
300	420	500	385	465	395	475	390	470	475	640	430	590	405	550	400	550
400	480	575	430	520	455	545	445	540	555	745	490	675	470	645	465	635
500	550	660	480	585	520	620	505	610	645	870	555	765	550	750	540	735
630	630	755	530	650	590	710	570	690	750	1020	630	870	635	870	620	850
800	710	855	580	710	665	805	640	775	870	1180	700	975	730	1005	705	975
1000	795	960	625	775	740	895	700	855	995	1350	770	1080	830	1140	795	1100
1200	860	1040	660	815	795	965	750	915	1095	1490	820	1155	905	1245	855	1190
1400	920	1115	685	855	845	1030	790	965	1190	1620	870	1225	975	1345	915	1275
1600	970	1175	710	885	890	1080	820	1005	1265	1730	905	1285	1030	1425	965	1350
2000	1060	1285	745	930	960	1170	875	1075	1410	1930	965	1380	1135	1575	1050	1470

Table 2

Rated voltage 45-66 kV, copper conductor – 35 mm ² screen																
Cross section conductor	Cables in Ground								Segmental conductor for 1200 mm ² or higher							
	Flat formation ●●●				Trefoil formation ●●●				Flat formation ●●●				Trefoil formation ●●●			
	Cross bonded		Both ends		Cross bonded		Both ends		Cross bonded		Both ends		Cross bonded		Both ends	
mm ²	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C
95	285	340	275	330	270	320	270	325	295	400	285	390	255	350	255	350
120	325	380	310	370	305	365	305	365	340	460	325	440	295	400	295	400
150	360	435	340	410	345	410	340	410	390	525	360	495	335	455	335	455
185	410	490	375	455	385	465	385	460	445	600	405	555	385	520	380	520
240	475	570	425	515	450	540	440	530	525	710	465	640	450	615	445	610
300	535	645	465	570	505	610	495	600	605	820	520	720	515	705	505	695
400	610	735	515	630	575	690	560	675	705	955	585	815	595	815	580	800
500	695	835	565	695	650	785	625	760	815	1105	655	910	690	945	665	915
630	790	950	615	760	735	885	695	845	945	1285	725	1015	790	1085	755	1045
800	885	1070	660	820	815	990	765	930	1080	1470	795	1120	895	1230	845	1175
1000	975	1180	700	870	890	1080	820	1005	1215	1660	855	1215	995	1375	930	1295
1200	1130	1365	755	945	1060	1280	930	1145	1450	1965	955	1360	1215	1670	1090	1520
1400	1220	1475	785	985	1140	1380	980	1210	1590	2160	1010	1440	1325	1825	1170	1640
1600	1300	1570	810	1015	1205	1465	1025	1265	1720	2340	1055	1510	1420	1960	1240	1740
2000	1425	1730	840	1060	1315	1600	1085	1345	1915	2620	1110	1595	1570	2175	1335	1885

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Table 3

Rated voltage 110-500 kV, aluminium conductor – 95 mm ² screen																
Cross section conductor	Cables in Ground								Cables in Air							
	Flat formation ●●●				Trefoil formation ●●●				Flat formation ●●●				Trefoil formation ●●●			
	Cross bonded		Both ends		Cross bonded		Both ends		Cross bonded		Both ends		Cross bonded		Both ends	
mm ²	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C
300	415	495	365	445	395	475	385	460	465	625	415	565	410	550	400	540
400	470	565	410	500	450	540	435	525	535	715	470	640	475	640	460	625
500	540	645	455	555	515	620	490	595	620	835	530	725	550	745	530	720
630	620	740	500	610	590	710	550	670	730	975	595	820	640	865	605	830
800	700	845	540	665	670	805	610	745	840	1130	660	910	735	995	685	940
1000	785	950	585	720	745	900	670	820	960	1295	720	1005	830	1135	765	1055
1200	850	1025	610	755	805	970	710	870	1055	1420	765	1070	905	1235	825	1140
1400	910	1100	635	785	855	1040	745	915	1140	1545	805	1125	975	1335	880	1220
1600	960	1165	655	815	900	1095	775	955	1220	1650	835	1170	1035	1420	925	1285
2000	1050	1275	685	855	975	1190	820	1015	1355	1840	885	1250	1140	1570	1000	1395

Table 4

Rated voltage 110-500 kV, copper conductor – 95 mm ² screen										Segmental conductor for 1200 mm ² or higher						
Cross section conductor	Cables in Ground								Cables in Air							
	Flat formation ●●●				Trefoil formation ●●●				Flat formation ●●●				Trefoil formation ●●●			
	Cross bonded		Both ends		Cross bonded		Both ends		Cross bonded		Both ends		Cross bonded		Both ends	
mm ²	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C
300	530	640	440	535	505	610	480	580	600	805	500	685	525	710	500	685
400	600	720	485	595	575	690	540	650	680	915	565	775	605	820	575	785
500	685	825	530	650	655	785	600	730	790	1060	625	860	695	945	650	895
630	780	940	570	705	740	890	660	810	915	1235	685	950	800	1085	735	1010
800	870	1055	610	755	825	995	720	885	1045	1415	745	1040	905	1235	815	1130
1000	960	1165	645	800	900	1095	770	950	1175	1590	800	1125	1005	1380	895	1245
1200	1115	1345	690	860	1060	1280	855	1055	1395	1880	880	1240	1210	1650	1025	1425
1400	1205	1455	715	890	1145	1385	895	1110	1530	2065	920	1300	1320	1800	1090	1525
1600	1280	1550	735	920	1215	1470	930	1155	1655	2235	960	1355	1420	1940	1150	1615
2000	1410	1705	765	955	1320	1605	980	1220	1845	2500	1000	1425	1565	2145	1230	1740
2500	1540	1875	795	1000	1445	1755	1025	1285	2095	2845	1065	1515	1750	2410	1330	1890

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Rating factors

Rating factors for cross section area of the metal screen of single core cables.

The rating factor is applicable to single-core cables in flat and trefoil formation with the screens bonded at both ends.

The rating factor does not apply to single-point bonding or cross-bonded systems.

Table 5 45-66 kV 35 mm² screen

Rating factor for tables 1 and 2							
Conductor mm ²		35	50	95	150	240	300
Al	Cu						
300		1	0.99	0.98	0.97	0.96	0.95
500	300	1	0.99	0.97	0.95	0.93	0.93
800	500	1	0.99	0.96	0.93	0.90	0.90
1200	630	1	0.99	0.95	0.92	0.89	0.88
2000	800	1	0.98	0.94	0.91	0.87	0.86
	1200	1	0.97	0.91	0.85	0.81	0.80
	2000	1	0.96	0.88	0.82	0.77	0.76

Table 6 110-500 kV 95 mm² screen

Rating factor for tables 3 and 4						
Conductor mm ²		50	95	150	240	300
Al	Cu					
300		1.01	1	0.99	0.98	0.97
500	300	1.02	1	0.98	0.96	0.96
800	500	1.03	1	0.97	0.94	0.94
1200	630	1.04	1	0.97	0.93	0.92
2000	800	1.04	1	0.96	0.92	0.91
	1200	1.07	1	0.94	0.89	0.88
	2000	1.09	1	0.93	0.87	0.86

1 mm² copper screen is equivalent to:
 1.66 mm² aluminium sheath
 12.40 mm² lead sheath

Rating factor for ground temperature

Table 7

Rating factor for laying depth	
Laying depth, m	Rating factor
0.50	1.10
0.70	1.05
0.90	1.01
1.00	1.00
1.20	0.98
1.50	0.95

Table 8

Rating factor for ground temperature								
Conductor temperature, °C	Ground temperature, °C							
	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
90	1.07	1.04	1	0.96	0.93	0.89	0.84	0.80
65	1.11	1.05	1	0.94	0.88	0.82	0.74	0.66

Table 9

Rating factor for ground thermal resistivity							
Thermal resistivity, Km/W	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0
Rating factor	1.14	1.00	0.93	0.84	0.74	0.67	0.61

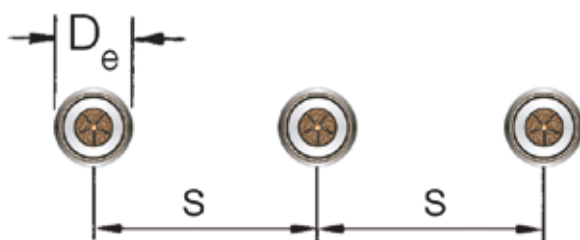


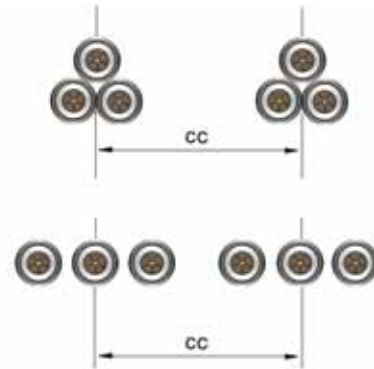
Table 10

Rating factor for phase spacing One group in flat formation with cross-bonded or single-bonded screens						
Spacing s, mm	D _e	D _e +70	250	300	350	400
Cable diam, mm	Rating factor					
<80	0.93	1.00	1.05	1.07	1.08	1.09
81-110	0.93	1.00	1.04	1.06	1.08	1.09
111-140	0.93	1.00	1.03	1.06	1.09	1.11

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Table 11

Rating factor for groups of cables in the ground									
Distance cc between groups, mm	Number of groups								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
100	1	0.78	0.66	0.60	0.55	0.52	0.49	0.47	0.45
200	1	0.81	0.70	0.65	0.61	0.58	0.55	0.54	0.52
400	1	0.86	0.76	0.72	0.68	0.66	0.64	0.63	0.61
600	1	0.89	0.80	0.77	0.74	0.72	0.70	0.69	0.69
800	1	0.91	0.83	0.81	0.78	0.77	0.75	0.75	0.74
2000	1	0.96	0.93	0.92	0.91	0.91	0.90	0.90	0.90



Rating factor for cables installed in pipes in the ground

The rating factor given for single-core cables partially installed in separate pipes, applies only when a cable section between screen earthing points must be partially laid in pipes, under the following conditions:

- the cables are laid in trefoil formation over the major portion of the section
- the pipes are laid in flat formation
- the piped length is less than 10% of the section between earthing points
- one cable per pipe
- the pipe diameter is two times the cable diameter.

Example of the use of rating factors

2 groups of 66 kV XLPE cables with aluminium conductors 1 x 500/150 mm² in the ground in trefoil formation. Metal screens bonded at both ends, 90°C conductor temperature. Table 1 gives current rating 610 A, unadjusted value.

	Table	Rating factor
Current rating	610 A	1
Screen area	150 mm ²	5
Laying depth	1.5 m	7
Ground temperature	30°C	8
Ground thermal resistivity	1.5 Km/W	9
Distance between groups	400 mm	11
		0.85 (2 groups)

Table 12

Rating factor for cables in pipes in ground			
Single-core cables partially installed in separate pipes	Single-core cables in separate pipes	Single-core cables in a common pipe	Three-core cable in a pipe
●●●	●●●	●●●	⊗
0.94	0.90	0.90	0.90

Rating factor for cables installed in air

Table 13

Rating factor for ambient air temperature											
Air temperature, °C	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55
Rating factor	1.28	1.24	1.19	1.15	1.10	1.05	1.0	0.95	0.89	0.83	0.77

Adjusted current rating per group;

$$610 \times 0.95 \times 0.95 \times 0.93 \times 0.84 \times 0.85 = 365 \text{ A}$$

Please note that use of rating factors gives good general indication during planning future circuits.

Once a circuit layout is defined, an accurate calculation should be performed to confirm the assumptions.

Overload capacity

An XLPE cable may be overloaded up to 105°C. Singular emergency events are not expected to have any significant impact on the service life of the cable. The number of and the duration of overloads should be kept low, though. Cyclic and emergency ratings can be calculated according to IEC publication 60853.

Short-circuit currents

During short circuit events the maximum allowable temperature in conductor or screen/metallic sheath is determined by the adjoining insulation and sheath materials. This is specified in IEC 61443 "Short circuit temperature limits of electric cables with rated voltage above 30 kV (Um=36 kV). The dynamic forces between the conductors must be taken into account for cable installations.

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Maximum short circuit currents due to thermal restrictions

The thermal energy developed during a short-circuit is determined by the short-circuit magnitude and duration. For design purposes, an equivalent short-circuit current with a duration of 1 sec is used according to formula below. This formula is valid for a short-circuit duration of 0.2 to 5.0 sec.

$$I_{sh} = \frac{I_1}{\sqrt{t_{sh}}} \quad [\text{kA}]$$

I_{sh} = short-circuit current [kA] during time t_{sh}

I_1 = short-circuit current rating during 1 second. See the 1 second value in Table 14 for the conductor and in Table 15 for the metal screen.

t_{sh} = short-circuit duration (sec)

For XLPE insulated conductors the maximum allowable short circuit temperature is 250°C.

Table 14

Max. short-circuit current on the conductor during 1 s, kA				
Conductor temperature before the short-circuit				
Cross section	Aluminium conductor		Copper conductor	
	65°C	90°C	65°C	90°C
mm ²				
35	3.6	3.3	5.5	5.0
50	5.2	4.7	7.8	7.2
70	7.2	6.6	11.0	10.0
95	9.8	9.0	14.9	13.6
120	12.4	11.3	18.8	17.2
150	15.5	14.2	23.5	21.5
185	19.2	17.5	29.0	26.5
240	24.8	22.7	37.6	34.5
300	31.1	28.3	47.0	42.9
400	41.4	37.8	62.7	57.2
500	51.8	47.2	78.4	71.5
630	65.2	59.5	98.7	90.1
800	82.8	75.6	125	114
1000	104	94.5	157	143
1200	124	113	188	172
1400	145	132	219	200
1600	166	151	251	229
2000	207	189	313	286
per mm ²	0.104	0.0945	0.157	0.143

Copper screens may reach a temperature of 250°C without damaging adjacent insulating material. With an initial temperature of 50°C this corresponds to a current density of 165 A/mm² during 1s (both higher and lower current densities may be allowed if other conditions apply).

Lead sheath temperatures of up to 210°C are permitted in connection with short circuit events. With an initial temperature of 50°C this corresponds to a current density of 28 A/mm² during 1 s.

Table 15

Max. short-circuit current on the screen during 1 s, kA			
Metallic screen cross section, mm ²		Metallic screen temperature before the short-circuit	
Copper screen	Lead sheath	50°C	70°C
35	206	5.8	5.4
50	295	8.3	7.7
95	560	16	15
150	884	25	23
300	1768	50	46
per mm ² Cu		0.165	0.153
	per mm ² Pb	0.028	0.026

Dynamic forces during short circuit events

In addition to the thermal stresses, the dynamic forces in the cables and accessories during a short circuit event must also be considered.

The dynamic effect of parallel conductors carrying current is responsible for the dynamic force.

The dynamic force between two conductors, can be calculated as:

$$F = \frac{0.2}{S} \cdot I_{peak}^2 \quad [\text{N/m}]$$

Where; $I_{peak} = 2.5 I_{sh}$ [kA]

I_{sh} = Short-circuit current [kA] RMS

S = Centre to centre spacing between conductors [m]

F = Maximum force [N/m]

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Selection of cable drum

Wooden drums/reels are standardized. For certain purposes steel drums/reels are applicable. Both wooden and steel drums can be obtained for special purposes with other dimensions than stated below.

Table 16

Cable lengths in meters on standard wooden drums and steel drums																			
Dia. mm	Wooden drum										Steel drum								
	K16	K18	K20	K22	K24	K26	K28	K30	K321-20	K321-22	St 30	St 32	St 34	St 35	St 36	St 37	St 38	St 39	St 40
36	762	856	1158	1560	2091														
38	638	826	1124	1353	1858	2576													
40	614	690	948	1158	1636	2300	3288												
42	501	662	877	1071	1516	2166	3277	4119											
44	480	539	721	1031	1315	1910	2816	3764	4468										
46	457	514	692	861	1265	1856	2521	3584	4302	3419									
48	360	488	662	824	1079	1616	2460	3246	3754	3277									
50	363	409	557	709	1089	1564	2179	2921	3690	2848	2897								
52	344	386	531	677	915	1342	1837	2752	3179	2718	2780	3522							
54	323	363	505	643	871	1292	1855	2450	3116	2660	2661	3376	4136						
56	261	366	478	610	827	1090	1796	2382	2645	2205	2274	2956	3683	4064					
58	244	275	389	511	722	1044	1553	2098	2584	2152	2166	2819	3517	3883	3789				
60	246	277	366	482	682	1052	1496	2120	2523	2097	2118	2760	3446	3806	3710	3581			
62	229	257	368	485	687	869	1274	1849	2169	1751	1771	2379	3031	3374	3266	3126	3233		
64		259	346	456	548	827	1284	1785	2112	1703	1728	2323	2963	3300	3191	3052	3156	3259	
66		239	348	370	552	833	1230	1536	2054	1653	1684	2266	2575	2894	3115	2977	3077	3178	3278
68		240	324	345	516	789	1028	1550	1733	1604	1639	1918	2511	2824	2705	2559	2647	2735	2822
70		185	251	347	519	674	1036	1489	1680	1301	1594	1867	2446	2752	2634	2490	2575	2660	2744
72		169	233	322	482	636	986	1261	1627	1258	1294	1814	2380	2380	2562	2419	2501	2583	2665
74			234	323	402	640	993	1271	1636	1263	1255	1761	2031	2313	2190	2043	2427	2184	2254
76			235	325	404	601	811	1213	1348	1219	1215	1456	1971	2244	2123	1979	2047	2115	2183
78			216	299	373	605	816	1223	1300	1175	1220	1463	1982	2259	2135	1988	2056	2124	2192
80			217	231	375	503	771	1015	1307	1180	1180	1416	1920	1920	2067	1924	1989	2054	2120
82			218	232	377	470	776	1022	1258	921	1140	1368	1607	1857	1733	1858	1921	1984	2047
84			199	212	276	473	660	969	1209	884	926	1374	1615	1868	1741	1594	1649	1704	1759
86			143	213	277	438	619	976	1215	887	892	1326	1559	1804	1680	1537	1589	1642	1695
88				214	279	441	623	844	969	849	895	1108	1567	1567	1688	1543	1596	1649	1701
90				214	280	443	627	796	973	852	861	1066	1510	1510	1625	1485	1535	1586	1636
92				194	253	356	585	801	931	814	826	1024	1232	1452	1329	1426	1474	1523	1571
94				194	254	328	589	753	935	817	829	1028	1238	1459	1335	1432	1480	1528	1577
96						330	485	757	892	778	794	985	1187	1400	1280	1144	1183	1223	1263
98						331	452	641	895	605	797	989	1193	1193	1285	1148	1187	1227	1267
100						333	455	645	899	606	617	994	1198	1198	1291	1152	1191	1231	1271
102						304	457	602	688	576	590	764	1147	1147	1235	1101	1139	1176	1214
104						305	421	606	690	578	592	767	954	1152	1029	1105	1142	1180	1218
106						306	423	609	654	547	564	731	910	1099	981	1053	1089	1125	1161
108									657	548					985	1057	1093	1128	1164
110										550					989	1060	1096	1132	1168
112										519					940	813	841	870	898
114										520					944	816	844	872	900
116										522					895	773	799	826	853
118																775	801	828	855
120																777	804	830	857
122																779	806	833	859
124																736	761	786	811
126																738	763	788	813
128																	765	790	815
130																	719	743	766
132																	721	745	768
134																		576	595
136																		577	596
138																			558
140																			559
142																			560

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Sizes and weights of wooden drums and steel drums

Table 17

	Wooden drums - drum type										
		K16	K18	K20	K22	K24	K26	K28	K30	K321-20	K321-22
Shipping volume	m ³	2.86	3.58	5.12	6.15	7.36	10.56	13.88	17.15	23.55	23.55
Drumweight incl. battens	kg	275	320	485	565	625	1145	1460	1820	2000	2000
a Diameter incl. battens	mm	1675	1875	2075	2275	2475	2676	2876	3076	3276	3276
b Flange diameter	mm	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400	2600	2800	3000	3200	3200
c Barrel diameter	mm	950	1100	1300	1400	1400	1500	1500	1500	2000	2200
d Total width	mm	1018	1075	1188	1188	1200	1448	1650	1800	2300	2300
e Spindle hole diameter	mm	106	131	131	131	131	132	132	132	132	132
Max. load	kg	2500	3000	3500	4500	5000	10000	12000	13000	13000	13000

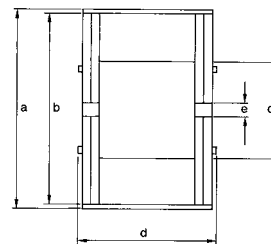
	Steel drums - drum type										
		St 30	St 32	St 34	St 35	St 36	St 37	St 38	St 39	St 40	
Shipping volume	m ³	23.5	26.6	28.9	31.6	33.4	35.2	37	38.9	40.9	
Drumweight incl. battens	kg	1700	2200	2600	2700	2800	3000	3100	3300	3500	
a Diameter incl. battens	mm	3130	3330	3530	3630	3730	3830	3930	4030	4130	
b Flange diameter	mm	3000	3200	3400	3500	3600	3700	3800	3900	4000	
c Barrel diameter*	mm	2000	2000	2000	2000	2200	2400	2500	2600	2700	
d Total width	mm	2400	2400	2400	2400	2400	2400	2400	2400	2400	
e Spindle hole diameter	mm	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	
Max. load	kg	24000	24000	24000	24000	24000	24000	24000	24000	24000	

* May vary depending on cable design

Large and special drums

Steel drums with larger outer diameters are available, but transport restrictions have to be considered. Special low-loading trailers and permits from traffic authorities might be needed depending on local regulations and conditions.

Special wooden drums with larger barrel diameter or larger width are also available.



- a Diameter incl. battens
- b Flange diameter
- c Barrel diameter
- d Total width
- e Spindle hole diameter

Testing of XLPE cables

Table 18

Rated voltage and corresponding test voltages according to IEC				
Nominal voltage	Type test	Routine tests		
	Impulse voltage	AC voltage test		Partial discharge test at
kV	kV	kV	Duration minutes	kV
45	250	65	30	39
66	325	90	30	54
110	550	160	30	96
132	650	190	30	114
150	750	218	30	131
220	1050	318	30	190
275	1050	400	30	240
330	1175	420	60	285
400	1425	440	60	330
500	1550	580	60	435

Tests according to other standards can be carried out upon agreement.

Cable handling

Minimum bending radius

Table 19

	Minimum bending radius for single core cables	
	Std cable design*	Special cable design**
At laying	15 D _e	18 D _e
When installed	10 D _e	12 D _e

D_e is the external diameter of the cable

* Cu-wire screen only

** Metallic laminated or lead sheathed cables or cables with integrated optic fibers

Maximum pulling forces

The following pulling forces should not be exceeded:

Aluminium conductors 40 N/mm² (4 kg/mm²)

Copper conductors 70 N/mm² (7 kg/mm²)

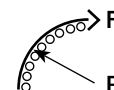
Maximum side wall pressure (SWP)

The following SWPs should not be exceeded:

Buried installation (rollers placed close) 500 kg/m*

Duct installation 750 kg/m*

$$SWP = \frac{F}{R} \text{ [kg/m]}$$



* Depending on cable design and installation conditions higher values may be accepted.

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Conductors

Table 20

Cross section		IEC		
mm ²	kcmil	Diameter approx. mm	Maximum d.c. resistance at 20°C, ohm/km	
			aluminium	copper
95	187	11.2	0.320	0.193
120	237	12.8	0.253	0.153
150	296	14.2	0.206	0.124
185	365	15.9	0.164	0.0991
240	474	18.0	0.125	0.0754
300	592	20.5	0.100	0.0601
400	789	23.1	0.0778	0.0470
500	987	26.4	0.0605	0.0366
630	1243	30.2	0.0469	0.0283
800	1579	33.9	0.0367	0.0221
1000	1973	37.9	0.0291	0.0176
1200	2368	44*	0.0247	0.0151
1600	3158	52*	0.0186	0.0113
2000	3944	56*	0.0149	0.0090
2500	4931	66*	0.0120	0.0072

* Segmented Cu conductor including tapes

Table 21

Cross section		ICEA			
AWG	kcmil	mm ²	Diameter approx. mm	Nominal d.c. resistance at 20°C, ohm/km **	
				aluminium	copper
3/0		85	10.7	0.383	0.206
4/0		107	12.1	0.269	0.164
	250	127	13.2	0.228	0.139
	300	152	14.5	0.190	0.116
	350	177	15.6	0.162	0.0990
	500	253	18.7	0.114	0.0695
	750	380	23.0	0.0759	0.0462
	1000	507	26.9	0.0563	0.0347
	1250	633	30.2	0.0454	0.0278
	1500	760	33.5	0.0380	0.0231
	1750	887	36.2	0.0325	0.0198
	2000	1013	38.0	0.0285	0.0173
	2500	1267	45*	0.0230	0.0140
	3000	1520	48*	0.0189	0.0117
	3500	1773	52.5*	0.0164	0.0100
	4000	2027	55*	0.0143	0.0087

1 ohm/100 ft = 3.28 ohm/km

* Segmented Cu conductor including tapes

** The maximum value can be 2% higher

Standards – IEC and ICEA

Conductors are manufactured according to the following standards:

IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) Standard Publication 60228, Class 2: Stranded circular or shaped conductors of copper or aluminium.

ICEA, Standard Publication No. S-97-682, further specified in ASTM B 400-18 for aluminium, ASTM B 496-81 for copper.

Conductor water sealing

If required, the conductor can be water sealed by:

- Swelling material between the conductor strands.
This material turns into jelly when in contact with water.
- Filling compound between the conductor strands.

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Insulation

Conductor screen

The conductor screen consists of an extruded layer firmly bonded to the XLPE insulation. A very smooth material is used to obtain good electrical performance.

XLPE insulation

The XLPE insulation is extruded simultaneously with the conductor screen and the insulation screen, e.g. triple extrusion. The interface surfaces between insulation and conductive screens are not exposed at any stage of the manufacturing. High quality material-handling systems, triple extrusion, dry

curing and super-clean XLPE materials guarantee high quality products. The insulation thickness is determined by the design electrical stresses for AC or impulse. The actual thickness for different voltage levels and conductor sizes is given in Tables 22 to 32.

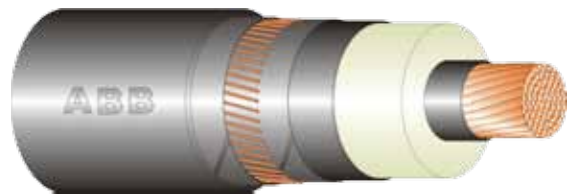
Insulation screen

This screen consists of an extruded layer firmly bonded to the XLPE insulation. The material is a high quality conductive compound. The interface between the screen and the insulation is smooth.

Metallic screen

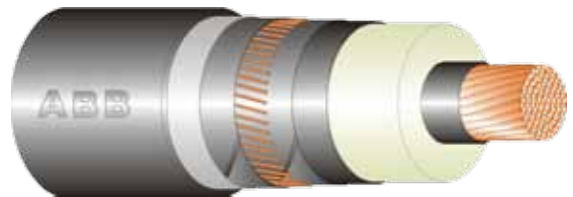
Copper wire screen, standard design

A polymeric sheath covers the copper wire screen.



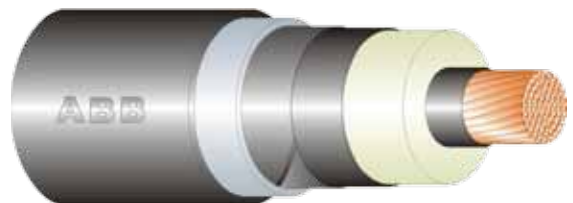
Copper wire screen, water tight design

Radial water sealing is achieved by using a metal-PE laminate. The metal is normally aluminium. Copper may also be used. The laminate is bonded to the polyethylene, which gives excellent mechanical properties. Longitudinal water sealing is achieved by using a water swelling material at the copper wires or swelling powder between the screen wires.



Lead sheath

Radial water sealing achieved by a corrosion resistant lead sheath. Longitudinal water sealing is achieved by using a water swelling material applied under the lead sheath.



Copper tape screen

Cross section defined by the geometrical cross section of the copper tapes.



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Non-metallic outer sheath

PE or PVC are normally used for the non-metallic outer sheath. IEC 60502 recommends a thickness of $t = 0.035 \times D + 1.0$ mm, where D is the diameter under the sheath. For heavy installations a larger thickness is recommended. PE is the first choice for most applications. PVC is used when there are high requirements on fire retardation behaviour.

Conductive outer layer

A conductive outer layer facilitates testing of the non-metallic outer sheath. This testing is important to ensure the physical integrity of the cable from time to time, either in factory, after transportation, directly after laying, upon completion of the installation, or periodically thereafter.

A conductive outer layer obtained by simultaneous extrusion with the non-conductive outer sheath presents superior electrical and structural properties.

Flame retardant outer layer

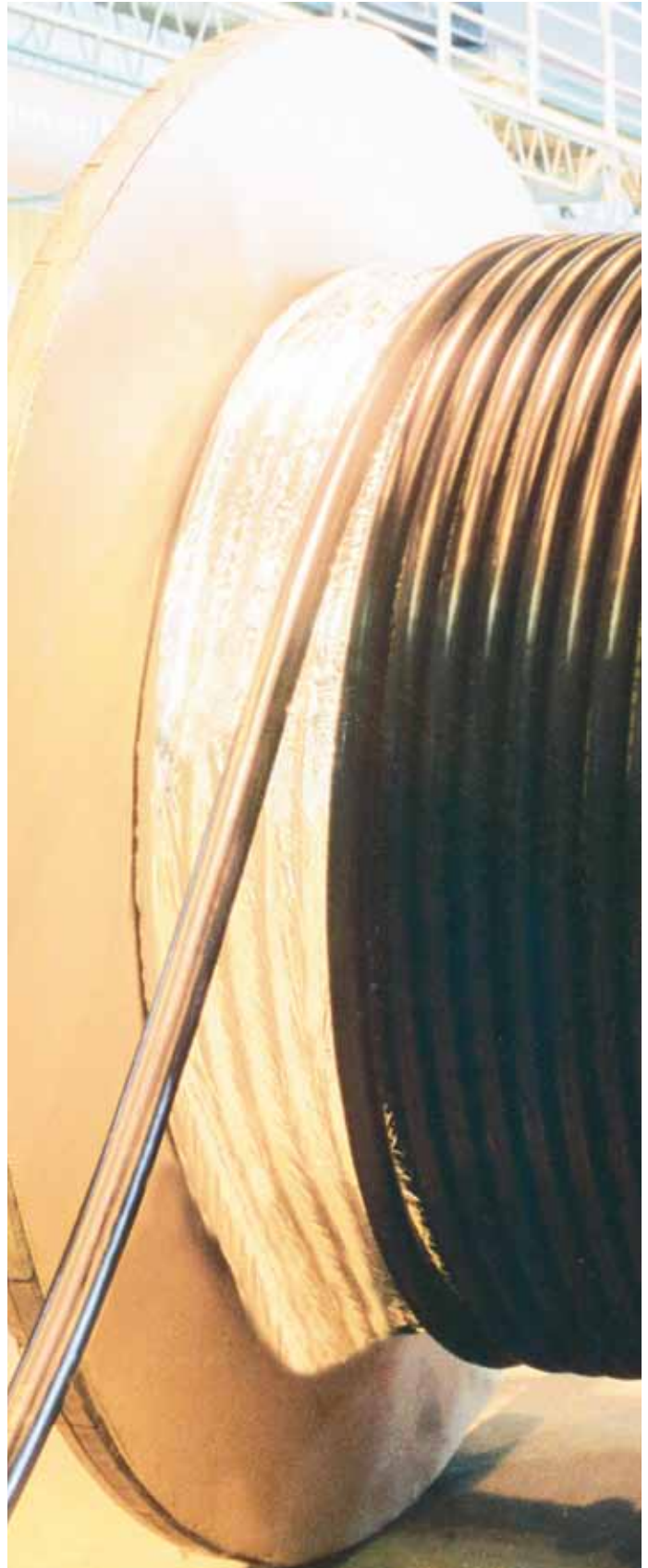
For PE-sheathed cables a halogen free and flame retardant layer can be applied in order to limit the fire spread in buildings and tunnel installations.

Fire behavior

This relates to cables in buildings and tunnels.

Several serious fire accidents have focused attention on the fire behaviour of cables. Experience shows that cables seldom initiate fires. However, in some cases cable installations have influenced the extent of a fire, as a propagator of flames and/or as a source of intense aggressive smoke.

Cables having a PVC sheath are considered as flame retardant. However, once PVC is on fire, it generates hydrochloric acid fumes (HCl) acid. This gas is highly corrosive and irritating to inhale. Cables with a standard PE outer sheath do not generate any corrosive HCl but are not flame retardant. Special polyolefines with flame retardant properties but without chlorine or any other halogenes are optional for the outer sheath.



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Cross-section of conductor	Diameter of conductor	Insulation thickness	Diameter over insulation	Cross-section of screen	Outer diameter of cable	Cable weight (Al-conductor)	Cable weight (Cu-conductor)	Capacitance	Charging current per phase at 50 Hz	Inductance		Surge impedance
												
mm ²	mm	mm	mm	mm ²	mm	kg/m	kg/m	μF/km	A/km	mH/km	mH/km	Ω

Table 22

Single-core cables, nominal voltage 45 kV ($U_m = 52$ kV)												
95	11.2	8.0	29.6	25	40.0	1.4	2.0	0.18	1.5	0.44	0.69	35.6
120	12.6	8.0	31.0	25	41.6	1.5	2.3	0.19	1.6	0.43	0.67	33.2
150	14.2	8.0	32.6	35	44.0	1.8	2.7	0.21	1.7	0.41	0.65	31.0
185	15.8	8.0	34.2	35	45.6	1.9	3.1	0.22	1.8	0.40	0.63	28.9
240	18.1	8.0	36.5	35	48.1	2.2	3.7	0.24	2.0	0.38	0.61	26.4
300	20.4	8.0	38.8	35	50.6	2.5	4.3	0.26	2.1	0.37	0.59	24.4
400	23.2	8.0	41.6	35	53.6	2.9	5.3	0.29	2.3	0.36	0.57	22.3
500	26.2	8.0	45.0	35	57.2	3.3	6.4	0.32	2.6	0.34	0.55	20.4
630	29.8	8.0	48.6	35	61.0	3.8	7.7	0.35	2.8	0.33	0.53	18.5
800	33.7	8.0	52.5	35	65.7	4.5	9.5	0.38	3.1	0.32	0.51	17.0
1000	37.9	8.0	57.3	35	70.9	5.3	11.6	0.42	3.5	0.31	0.50	15.5
1200	42.8	8.0	63.8	35	77.8	6.3	13.8	0.48	3.9	0.31	0.48	14.2
1400	46.4	8.0	67.4	35	81.6	7.0	15.8	0.51	4.2	0.30	0.47	13.4
1600	49.8	8.0	70.8	35	85.2	7.8	17.7	0.54	4.4	0.30	0.46	12.6
2000	54.4	8.0	75.4	35	90.6	9.2	21.6	0.58	4.8	0.29	0.45	11.8

Table 23

Single-core cables, nominal voltage 66 kV ($U_m = 72.5$ kV)												
95	11.2	9.0	31.6	25	42.2	1.5	2.1	0.16	2.0	0.45	0.70	38.0
120	12.6	9.0	33.0	25	43.8	1.7	2.4	0.18	2.1	0.44	0.68	35.5
150	14.2	9.0	34.6	35	46.0	1.9	2.8	0.19	2.3	0.42	0.65	33.1
185	15.8	9.0	36.2	35	47.8	2.1	3.2	0.20	2.4	0.41	0.64	31.0
240	18.1	9.0	38.5	35	50.3	2.3	3.8	0.22	2.6	0.39	0.61	28.4
300	20.4	9.0	40.8	35	52.8	2.6	4.5	0.24	2.9	0.38	0.59	26.2
400	23.2	9.0	43.6	35	55.8	3.0	5.5	0.26	3.1	0.36	0.57	24.0
500	26.2	9.0	47.0	35	59.4	3.5	6.6	0.29	3.4	0.35	0.55	22.0
630	29.8	9.0	50.6	35	63.2	4.0	7.9	0.32	3.8	0.34	0.53	20.0
800	33.7	9.0	54.5	35	67.9	4.7	9.7	0.35	4.1	0.33	0.52	18.4
1000	37.9	9.0	59.3	35	72.9	5.5	11.8	0.38	4.6	0.32	0.50	16.8
1200	42.8	9.0	65.8	35	79.8	6.5	14.0	0.43	5.2	0.31	0.49	15.4
1400	46.4	9.0	69.4	35	83.8	7.3	16.0	0.46	5.5	0.31	0.47	14.5
1600	49.8	9.0	72.8	35	87.4	8.0	18.0	0.49	5.9	0.30	0.47	13.7
2000	54.4	9.0	77.4	35	92.8	9.5	21.9	0.52	6.3	0.30	0.45	12.8

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Cross-section of conductor	Diameter of conductor	Insulation thickness	Diameter over insulation	Cross-section of screen	Outer diameter of cable	Cable weight (Al-conductor)	Cable weight (Cu-conductor)	Capacitance	Charging current per phase at 50 Hz	Inductance		Surge impedance
												
mm ²	mm	mm	mm	mm ²	mm	kg/m	kg/m	μF/km	A/km	mH/km	mH/km	Ω

Table 24

Single-core cables, nominal voltage 70 kV ($U_m=84$ kV)												
150	14.2	10.0	36.6	35	48.2	2.0	3.0	0.18	2.2	0.43	0.66	35.2
185	15.8	10.0	38.2	35	50.0	2.2	3.4	0.19	2.4	0.42	0.64	33.0
240	18.1	10.0	40.5	35	52.3	2.5	4.0	0.20	2.6	0.40	0.62	30.2
300	20.4	10.0	42.8	35	54.8	2.8	4.6	0.22	2.8	0.39	0.60	28.0
400	23.2	10.0	45.6	35	57.8	3.2	5.7	0.24	3.1	0.37	0.58	25.6
500	26.2	10.0	49.0	35	61.4	3.6	6.7	0.26	3.4	0.36	0.56	23.5
630	29.8	10.0	52.6	35	65.4	4.2	8.1	0.29	3.7	0.35	0.54	21.4
800	33.7	10.0	56.5	35	69.9	4.9	9.9	0.32	4.0	0.33	0.52	19.7
1000	37.9	10.0	61.3	35	75.1	5.8	12.0	0.35	4.5	0.33	0.50	18.0
1200	42.8	10.0	67.8	35	82.0	6.8	14.3	0.40	5.0	0.32	0.49	16.5
1400	46.4	10.0	71.4	35	85.8	7.5	16.3	0.42	5.4	0.31	0.48	15.5
1600	49.8	10.0	74.8	35	90.0	8.4	18.3	0.45	5.7	0.31	0.47	14.8
2000	54.4	10.0	79.4	35	94.8	9.7	22.2	0.48	6.1	0.30	0.46	13.8

Table 25

Single-core cables, nominal voltage 110 kV ($U_m = 123$ kV)												
185	15.8	16.0	50.2	95	63.3	3.7	4.9	0.14	2.7	0.47	0.66	43.0
240	18.1	15.0	50.5	95	63.6	3.9	5.4	0.15	3.1	0.44	0.63	38.4
300	20.4	14.0	50.8	95	63.9	4.0	5.9	0.17	3.5	0.42	0.61	34.3
400	23.2	13.0	51.6	95	64.9	4.3	6.8	0.20	4.0	0.39	0.59	30.2
500	26.2	13.0	55.0	95	68.5	4.8	7.9	0.22	4.3	0.38	0.57	27.8
630	29.8	13.0	58.6	95	72.3	5.3	9.3	0.24	4.7	0.37	0.55	25.5
800	33.7	13.0	62.5	95	76.8	6.1	11.1	0.26	5.2	0.35	0.53	23.5
1000	37.9	13.0	67.3	95	82.0	7.0	13.2	0.28	5.7	0.34	0.51	21.6
1200	42.8	13.0	73.8	95	89.5	8.2	15.6	0.32	6.4	0.34	0.50	19.8
1400	46.4	13.0	77.4	95	93.3	9.0	17.7	0.34	6.8	0.33	0.49	18.7
1600	49.8	13.0	80.8	95	96.9	9.7	19.7	0.36	7.1	0.32	0.48	17.7
2000	54.4	13.0	85.4	95	101.9	11.2	23.6	0.38	7.6	0.31	0.46	16.6
2500	62.0	13.0	93.0	95	109.9	13.1	28.7	0.42	8.5	0.30	0.45	14.9

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Cross-section of conductor	Diameter of conductor	Insulation thickness	Diameter over insulation	Cross-section of screen	Outer diameter of cable	Cable weight (Al-conductor)	Cable weight (Cu-conductor)	Capacitance	Charging current per phase at 50 Hz	Inductance		Surge impedance
												
mm ²	mm	mm	mm	mm ²	mm	kg/m	kg/m	μF/km	A/km	mH/km	mH/km	Ω

Table 26

Single-core cables, nominal voltage 132 kV ($U_m = 145$ kV)												
185	15.8	18.0	54.2	95	67.5	4.1	5.3	0.13	3.0	0.48	0.67	45.8
240	18.1	17.0	54.5	95	68.0	4.3	5.8	0.14	3.4	0.45	0.64	41.1
300	20.4	16.0	54.8	95	68.3	4.4	6.3	0.16	3.8	0.43	0.62	37.1
400	23.2	15.0	55.6	95	69.1	4.6	7.1	0.18	4.3	0.41	0.59	33.0
500	26.2	15.0	59.0	95	72.7	5.2	8.3	0.20	4.7	0.39	0.57	30.4
630	29.8	15.0	62.6	95	76.5	5.8	9.7	0.21	5.1	0.38	0.55	27.9
800	33.7	15.0	66.5	95	81.2	6.6	11.5	0.23	5.5	0.36	0.54	25.8
1000	37.9	15.0	71.3	95	86.4	7.5	13.7	0.25	6.1	0.35	0.52	23.7
1200	42.8	15.0	77.8	95	93.7	8.7	16.2	0.29	6.8	0.35	0.50	21.8
1400	46.4	15.0	81.4	95	97.5	9.5	18.2	0.30	7.2	0.34	0.49	20.6
1600	49.8	15.0	84.8	95	101.1	10.3	20.3	0.32	7.6	0.33	0.48	19.5
2000	54.4	15.0	89.4	95	106.1	11.8	24.2	0.34	8.1	0.32	0.47	18.3
2500	62.0	15.0	97.0	95	114.3	13.8	29.3	0.38	9.0	0.31	0.45	16.5

Table 27

Single-core cables, nominal voltage 150 kV ($U_m = 170$ kV)												
240	18.1	21.0	62.5	95	76.4	5.1	6.6	0.12	3.4	0.48	0.65	46.2
300	20.4	20.0	62.8	95	76.7	5.2	7.1	0.14	3.7	0.45	0.63	42.0
400	23.2	19.0	63.6	95	77.7	5.5	8.0	0.15	4.2	0.43	0.61	37.9
500	26.2	18.0	65.0	95	79.1	5.8	8.9	0.17	4.7	0.41	0.58	34.0
630	29.8	17.0	66.6	95	80.9	6.2	10.2	0.19	5.3	0.39	0.56	30.2
800	33.7	17.0	70.5	95	85.4	7.0	12.0	0.21	5.7	0.37	0.54	27.9
1000	37.9	17.0	75.3	95	91.0	8.1	14.3	0.23	6.3	0.36	0.52	25.8
1200	42.8	17.0	81.8	95	97.9	9.3	16.7	0.26	7.0	0.35	0.51	23.7
1400	46.4	17.0	85.4	95	101.9	10.1	18.8	0.27	7.4	0.35	0.50	22.4
1600	49.8	17.0	88.8	95	105.5	11.0	20.9	0.29	7.8	0.34	0.49	21.2
2000	54.4	17.0	93.4	95	110.3	12.4	24.9	0.31	8.3	0.33	0.47	19.9
2500	62.0	17.0	101.0	95	118.5	14.5	30.0	0.34	9.2	0.32	0.46	18.0

Table 28

Single-core cables, nominal voltage 220 kV ($U_m = 245$ kV)												
500	26.2	24.0	77.6	185	94.0	8.3	11.4	0.14	5.8	0.44	0.60	40.2
630	29.8	23.0	79.2	185	95.8	8.8	12.7	0.16	6.4	0.42	0.58	36.4
800	33.7	23.0	83.1	185	100.3	9.7	14.7	0.17	6.9	0.41	0.56	33.8
1000	37.9	23.0	87.3	185	104.9	10.7	16.9	0.19	7.4	0.39	0.54	31.3
1200	42.8	23.0	93.8	185	111.8	12.0	19.4	0.21	8.2	0.38	0.52	28.8
1400	46.4	23.0	97.4	185	115.6	12.9	21.6	0.22	8.7	0.37	0.51	27.3
1600	49.8	23.0	100.8	185	119.2	13.8	23.7	0.23	9.1	0.36	0.50	26.0
2000	54.4	23.0	105.4	185	124.2	15.4	27.8	0.24	9.7	0.35	0.49	24.5
2500	62.0	23.0	113.0	185	132.4	17.6	33.1	0.27	10.6	0.34	0.47	22.3

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Cross-section of conductor	Diameter of conductor	Insulation thickness	Diameter over insulation	Cross-section of screen	Outer diameter of cable	Cable weight (Al-conductor)	Cable weight (Cu-conductor)	Capacitance	Charging current per phase at 50 Hz	Inductance		Surge impedance
												
mm ²	mm	mm	mm	mm ²	mm	kg/m	kg/m	μF/km	A/km	mH/km	mH/km	Ω

Table 29

Single-core cables, nominal voltage 275 kV ($U_m = 300$ kV)												
500	26.2	26.0	81.6	185	98.2	8.9	12.0	0.14	6.8	0.45	0.61	42.1
630	29.8	24.0	81.2	185	97.8	9.0	13.0	0.16	7.7	0.43	0.58	37.3
800	33.7	24.0	85.1	185	102.5	10.0	15.0	0.17	8.3	0.41	0.56	34.7
1000	37.9	24.0	89.3	185	106.9	11.0	17.2	0.18	9.0	0.40	0.54	32.2
1200	42.8	24.0	95.8	185	114.0	12.3	19.8	0.20	10.0	0.38	0.53	29.6
1400	46.4	24.0	99.4	185	117.8	13.2	22.0	0.21	10.5	0.37	0.51	28.1
1600	49.8	24.0	102.8	185	121.4	14.2	24.1	0.22	11.0	0.37	0.50	26.8
2000	54.4	24.0	107.4	185	126.4	15.8	28.2	0.23	11.7	0.36	0.49	25.2
2500	62.0	24.0	115.0	185	134.4	17.9	33.5	0.26	12.8	0.34	0.47	22.9

Table 30

Single-core cables, nominal voltage 330 kV ($U_m = 362$ kV)												
630	29.8	28.0	89.2	185	106.4	10.3	14.2	0.14	8.4	0.44	0.59	40.8
800	33.7	27.0	91.1	185	108.9	10.9	15.9	0.15	9.3	0.42	0.57	37.2
1000	37.9	26.0	93.3	185	111.3	11.6	17.8	0.17	10.2	0.40	0.55	33.8
1200	42.8	25.0	97.8	185	116.0	12.6	20.1	0.19	11.6	0.39	0.53	30.4
1400	46.4	25.0	101.4	185	120.0	13.6	22.3	0.20	12.2	0.38	0.52	28.8
1600	49.8	25.0	104.8	185	123.6	14.5	24.5	0.21	12.8	0.37	0.51	27.5
2000	54.4	25.0	109.4	185	128.4	16.1	28.6	0.23	13.6	0.36	0.49	25.9
2500	62.0	25.0	117.0	185	136.6	18.4	33.9	0.25	14.9	0.35	0.48	23.6

Table 31

Single-core cables, nominal voltage 400 kV ($U_m = 420$ kV)												
630	29.8	32.0	98.2	185	116.0	11.7	15.7	0.13	9.6	0.46	0.60	43.7
800	33.7	30.0	98.1	185	116.3	12.1	17.1	0.15	10.7	0.44	0.58	39.4
1000	37.9	29.0	100.3	185	118.7	12.8	19.0	0.16	11.7	0.42	0.56	36.0
1200	42.8	27.0	101.8	185	120.4	13.4	20.8	0.18	13.3	0.40	0.53	31.9
1400	46.4	27.0	105.4	185	124.2	14.3	23.0	0.19	14.0	0.39	0.52	30.2
1600	49.8	27.0	108.8	185	127.8	15.3	25.2	0.20	14.7	0.38	0.51	28.9
2000	54.4	27.0	113.4	185	132.8	16.9	29.4	0.21	15.6	0.37	0.50	27.2
2500	62.0	27.0	121.0	185	140.8	19.2	34.7	0.23	17.0	0.35	0.48	24.8

Table 32

Single-core cables, nominal voltage 500 kV ($U_m = 550$ kV)												
800	33.7	34.0	106.1	185	124.9	13.5	18.5	0.14	12.3	0.45	0.59	42.3
1000	37.9	32.0	106.3	185	125.1	13.9	20.1	0.15	13.7	0.43	0.56	38.1
1200	42.8	31.0	109.8	185	128.8	14.8	22.3	0.17	15.1	0.41	0.54	34.7
1400	46.4	31.0	113.4	185	132.8	15.9	24.6	0.18	15.9	0.40	0.53	33.0
1600	49.8	31.0	116.8	185	136.4	16.9	26.8	0.18	16.6	0.39	0.52	31.5
2000	54.4	31.0	121.4	185	141.4	18.6	31.0	0.19	17.6	0.38	0.51	29.7
2500	62.0	31.0	129.0	185	149.4	20.9	36.5	0.21	19.2	0.36	0.49	27.2

FORMULAE

Formula for capacitance

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_r}{18 \cdot \ln\left(\frac{r_o}{r_i}\right)} \text{ [\mu F/km]}$$

Where ϵ = relative permittivity of the insulation
 r_o = external radius of the insulation (mm)
 r_i = radius of conductor, including screen (mm)
 $\epsilon_{r, XLPE} = 2.5$ (Value from IEC 60287)

Formula for dielectric losses

$$W = \frac{U^2}{3} 2\pi f \cdot C \cdot \tan(\delta) \text{ [W/km]}$$

Where U = rated voltage (kV)
 f = frequency (Hz)
 C = capacitance ($\mu\text{F}/\text{km}$)
 $\tan \delta$ = loss angle

Formula for inductance

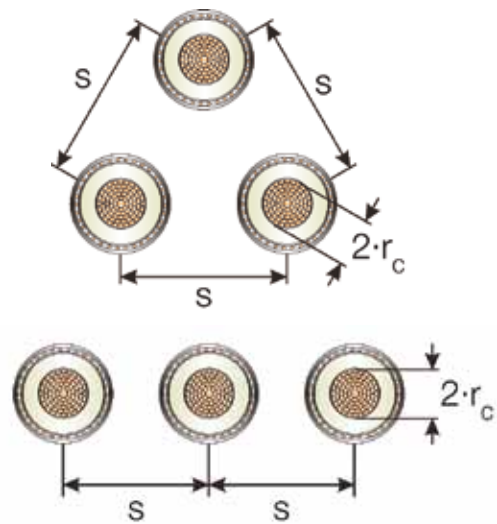
$$L = 0.05 + 0.2 \cdot \ln\left(\frac{K \cdot s}{r_c}\right) \text{ [mH/km]}$$

Where trefoil formation: $K = 1$
 flat formation: $K = 1.26$
 s = distance between conductor axes (mm)
 r_c = conductor radius (mm)

Formula for inductive reactance

$$X = 2\pi f \cdot \frac{L}{1000} \text{ [\Omega/km]}$$

Where f = frequency (Hz)
 L = inductance (mH/km)

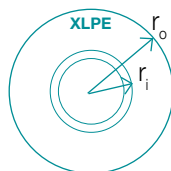


Formula for electric stress

Conductor screen: $E_{\max} = \frac{U_o}{r_i \ln\left(\frac{r_o}{r_i}\right)} \text{ [kV/mm]}$

Insulation screen: $E_{\min} = \frac{U_o}{r_o \ln\left(\frac{r_o}{r_i}\right)} \text{ [kV/mm]}$

r_i = radius of conductor screen
 r_o = radius of XLPE insulation
 U_o = voltage across insulation



Formula for maximum short circuit currents

$$I_{sh} = \frac{I_1}{\sqrt{t_{sh}}} \text{ [kA]}$$

I_{sh} = short-circuit current during time t_{sh}

I_1 = short-circuit current rating during 1 second.

See the 1 second value in tables 14 for the conductor and in Table 15 for the metallic screen.

t_{sh} = short-circuit duration (sec)

For XLPE insulated conductors the maximum allowable short circuit temperature is 250°C.

Formula for calculation of dynamic forces between two conductors

$$F = \frac{0.2}{S} \cdot I_{\text{peak}}^2 \text{ [N/m]}$$

Where; $I_{\text{peak}} = 2.5 I_{sh}$ [kA]

I_{sh} = short-circuit current [kA] RMS

S = centre to centre spacing between conductors [m]

F = maximum force [N/m]

SUPPORT

The transmission network in most countries is very large and complex. It may incorporate many different types of transmission circuits, including AC and DC over-head lines, fluid-filled cable systems and extruded cable systems, etc. Also, many modern networks contain extensive land and submarine cable systems for supply of major metropolitan areas and for inter-connection with neighbouring countries.

ABB's experienced project managers, technical specialists and other staff will give their professional support in evaluating suitable solutions. We aim to offer the most optimal solution and we can supply the complete land or submarine cable system which can include:

- Power cables for land or submarine applications
- Cable accessories
- Control- and telecommunication cables
- System design for network optimization
- Project management
- Civil works
- Installation and supervision
- Testing and start-up operations
- Disassembly and recovery of old cables
- Fault localization and cable repair
- Maintenance of fluid-filled systems
- Leasing of installation equipment
- Training

NOTE: All data given in this brochure are non-binding and indicative only



CHECKLIST FOR CABLE INQUIRY

ABB is always prepared to work closely with our customers to develop optimized and cost effective cable system design solutions. In order for us to identify the best overall design solution for a specific application, we kindly request that the

below data checklist is submitted with each inquiry (if some of the requested data is not available at the time of the inquiry or does not appear applicable, just insert N/A in the corresponding data cell).

Commercial information * Required information

Name of project	*
Customer	*
Location of site for delivery	*
Inquiry for budget or purchase	*
Tender submission date	*
Do any special conditions apply	
How long should the tender be valid	*
Required delivery/completion time	*
Terms of delivery (FCA/CPT etc.)	*
Specific requirements on cable length per delivered drum	
Do any specific metal prices apply	
Installation: Turnkey by ABB Installation by ABB Supervision by ABB	*

Technical information * Required information

Cable system input:	
Maximum System Voltage U_{max}	* kV
Nominal System Operating Voltage U	* kV
Continuous current capacity	* A/MVA
Maximum symmetrical short-circuit current and duration	* kA/s
Maximum earth-fault current and duration	* kA/s
Route length	* m
Conductor: copper/aluminum, cross-section	Cu/Al, mm
Longitudinal water protection	* Yes/No
Radial water protection	* Yes/No
Any special cable design requirements Customer specification	

Tests

Routine, sample and after installation test. IEC, other
Type test requirements. IEC, other
Other test requirements

Installation data * Required information

Cable configuration: Flat/Trefoil	
Number of parallel circuits	*
Distance between parallel circuits	mm
Heating from existing cables	Yes/No
If yes, distances to and losses of parallel cables	mm, W/m
Other heat sources, distance to and losses of sources	mm, W/m
Screen earthing (Both ends, Cross, Single)	

* Required information

Installed in air	*	Yes/No
Air temperature, maximum		°C
Installed in trough		Yes/No
If trough, inside dimension of trough (width • height)		mm • mm
If trough, filled or unfilled		
Exposed to solar radiation		Yes/No
Direct buried installation	*	Yes/No
Soil, ground temperature at laying depth		°C
Laying depth		mm
Thermal resistivity backfill		K•m/W
If drying out, thermal resistivity dry backfill close to cable		K•m/W
Backfill material: selected sand, CBS, etc		
Special requirements for trench		
Cables in ducts or pipes, buried ducts	*	Yes/No
Material: PVC, PE, Fibre, steel, etc		
Distance between ducts/pipes		mm
Outside duct/pipe diameter		mm
Inside duct/pipe diameter		mm
Ambient temperature at burial depth		°C
Thermal resistivity of ground		K•m/W
Thermal resistivity of backfill		K•m/W
If drying out, thermal resistivity dry backfill close to duct		K•m/W
Laying depth		mm
Backfill material: selected sand, CBS, etc		

Accessories * Required information

Termination	
Type of termination and quantity. Indoor, outdoor, AIS, GIS, transformer, etc.	Type * Qty *
Special requirements - pollution level, rod gap, polymer insulator, etc.	
Joints	
Type of joint and quantity - premoulded, vulcanized, sectionalized, straight etc.	Type * Qty *
Special requirements	
Link boxes	
Type of link box	
Special requirements	
Other accessories	
Other relevant information	

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