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**APPENDICES** (Applicable to specific Manufacturers only) None.



# 1. <u>GENERAL</u>

#### 1.1 <u>SCOPE</u>

This specification details the ratings, physical and electrical characteristics, test and inspection data for Polyimide Insulated Wires and Cables, Low Frequency, 600V, -100 to +200 °C. It shall be read in conjunction with ESA/SCC Generic Specification No. 3901, the requirements of which are supplemented herein.

#### **NOTES**

1. These wires and cables shall not be used in the presence or vicinity of hydrazine or nitrogen tetroxide.

#### 1.2 TYPE VARIANTS

Variants of the basic types of wires and cables specified herein which are also covered by this specification, are listed in Table 1(a).

#### 1.3 MAXIMUM RATINGS

The maximum ratings, applicable to the finished wires and cables specified herein, which shall not be exceeded at any time during use or storage in controlled space environment, are scheduled in Table 1(b).

#### 1.4 PARAMETER DERATING INFORMATION

The derating information applicable to the finished wires and cables specified herein is as follows:

- The maximum current for each wire used in a bundle shall be:-

$$I_{Bmax} = I_{max} \times \frac{29 - n}{28}$$
 (for 1 < n < 15)

$$I_{Bmax} = \frac{I_{max}}{2}$$
 (for n > 15)

where n = number of wires in the bundle;

- The temperature derating information is shown in Figure 1 with maximum current I<sub>max</sub> for a single wire.
- The derating factors contained herein indicate maximum stress values and do not preclude further derating.

#### 1.5 PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The physical characteristics of the finished wires and cables specified herein are shown in Figures 2(a), 2(b) and 2(c) and their dimensions in Table 1(a).

# 1.6 FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM

Not applicable.

| Image: base base base base base base base base                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                               |                |                            |                                   |                  |      |      |         |         |           |         |           |         |         | _         |         |         |         |                  |         |         |         |         |           |         |         |           |         |      |
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| State         EBA:SOC Detail Specification         Mo. 3901/001         Specification         Mo. 3901/001         Specification         Mo. 3901/001         Mo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |                | 'IRE OR CABLE<br>TERISTICS | MAX WEIGHT<br>(kg/km)             |                  | 2.05 | 2.75 | 4.40    | 6.65    | 9.98      | 14.0    | 19.6      | 32.1    | 30.7    | 43.1      | 70.6    | 46.1    | 64.6    | 106              | 18.8    | 27.0    | 43.3    | 41.8    | 55.6      | 90.5    | 58.2    | 83.3      | 127.3   | 1.37 |
| State         Esanstructure         No. 3901/001                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | -9<br>SI                      |                | FINISHED W<br>CHARAC       | MAX Ø<br>(mm)                     |                  | 0.84 | 0.95 | 1.15    | 1.35    | 1.60      | 1.85    | 2.19      | 2.80    | 3.80    | 4.48      | 5.70    | 4.08    | 4.82    | 6.15             | 2.23    | 2.63    | 3.30    | 4.26    | 5.07      | 6.30    | 4.54    | 5.40      | 6.72    | 0.73 |
| Selection         No. 3907/001           Shelloon         No. 5           Shelloon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                               |                | CORE                       | MAX (mm)                          |                  | ł    | -    | 1       | -       | ŧ         | -       | -         | •       | 1.85    | 2.19      | 2.80    | 1.85    | 2.19    | 2.80             | 1.85    | 2.19    | 2.80    | 1.85    | 2.19      | 2.80    | 1.85    | 2.19      | 2.80    | ,    |
| SHELDED         Subsectingation           SHELDED         No. 3901/001           SHELDED         No. 005           SHELDED </td <td></td> <td></td> <td>SHIELD</td> <td>STRAND<br/>Ø (mm)</td> <td></td> <td>,</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>•</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>4</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>,</td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>0.10</td> <td>0.12</td> <td>0.15</td> <td>0.15</td> <td>0.15</td> <td>0.20</td> <td>0.15</td> <td>0.20</td> <td>0.20</td> <td>,</td>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |                | SHIELD                     | STRAND<br>Ø (mm)                  |                  | ,    | -    | -       | •       | -         | -       | 4         |         | 1       | 1         | ,       | -       |         |                  | 0.10    | 0.12    | 0.15    | 0.15    | 0.15      | 0.20    | 0.15    | 0.20      | 0.20    | ,    |
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| SHIELDED         UN-<br>BHIELDED         No. OF<br>SIZE         No. OF SIZE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | SCC Detail Spe<br>No. 3901/00 | LE 1(a) - TYPE | CONDU                      | MAX Ø<br>(mm)                     |                  | 0.53 | 0.64 | 0.85    | 1.04    | 1.29      | 1.53    | 1.87      | 2.50    | 1.53    | 1.87      | 2.40    | 1.53    | 1.87    | 2.40             | 1.53    | 1.87    | 2.40    | 1.53    | 1.87      | 2.40    | 1.53    | 1.87      | 2.40    | 0.43 |
| SHELDED       SHELDED       SHELDED       SHELDED         SHELDED       SHELDED       SHELDED         SHELDED       SHELDED       SHELDED         Image: Stress of the | ESA/                          | TAB            | STRANDING                  | No. OF STRANDS<br>× DIAMETER (mm) |                  |      |      | 19×0.16 | 19×0.20 | 19 × 0.25 | 19×0.30 | 27 × 0.30 | 45×0.30 | 19×0.30 | 27 × 0.30 | 45×0.30 | 19×0.30 | 27×0.30 | $45 \times 0.30$ | 19×0.30 | 27×0.30 | 45×0.30 | 19×0.30 | 27 × 0.30 | 45×0.30 | 19×0.30 | 27 × 0.30 | 45×0.30 |      |
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| VARIANT<br>No.     SHIELDED     MI       VARIANT<br>No.     SHIELDED     SHIELDED       Variants 01 through 23 deleted, not to be to<br>27     SHIELDED       Variants 01 through 23 deleted, not to be to<br>28     X       29     X     X       29     X     X       29     X     X       31     X     X       32     X     X       33     X     X       33     X     X       34     X     X       35     X     X       36     X     X       37     X     X       38     X     X       39     X     X       31     X     X       32     X     X       33     X     X       34     X     X       35     X     X       36     X     X       37     X     X       38     X     X       39     X     X       31     X     X       32     X     X       33     X     X       34     X     X       35     X       36     X                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                | Nn OF                      | CORES                             | Ised             | -    |      | -       | 1       | -         | 1       | 1         | 1       | 2       | 2         | 2       | в       | 3       | 3                | 1       | 1       | 1       | 2       | 2         | 2       | 3       | 3         | 3       | -    |
| VARIANT No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>E</b>                      |                | -NI                        | SHIELDED                          | ted, not to be u | Х    | ×    | ×       | ×       | ×         | Х       | ×         | ×       | ×       | ×         | ×       | ×       | ×       | ×                |         |         |         |         |           |         |         |           |         | ×    |
| VARIANT<br>Variants 01 tt<br>Variants 01 tt<br>24<br>27<br>28<br>29<br>33<br>33<br>33<br>33<br>33<br>33<br>33<br>33<br>33<br>33<br>33<br>33<br>33                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                               |                |                            | SHIELDED                          | rrough 23 dele   |      |      |         |         |           |         |           |         |         |           |         |         |         |                  | ×       | ×       | ×       | ×       | ×         | ×       | ×       | ×         | ×       |      |
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NOTES: 1. Copper alloy.



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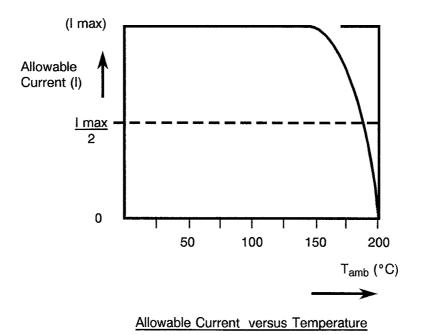
| TABLE 1(b | ) - MAXIMUM | RATINGS |
|-----------|-------------|---------|
|           |             |         |

| No. | CHARACTERISTICS             | SYMBOL           | MAXIMUM RATINGS                                                 | UNIT | REMARKS                                                    |
|-----|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | Voltage                     | VP               | 600                                                             | Vrms |                                                            |
| 2   | Maximum Current (Note 1)    | I <sub>max</sub> | 1.5<br>2.5<br>3.5<br>5.0<br>7.5<br>10.0<br>13.0<br>17.0<br>23.0 | A    | For AWG 28<br>26<br>24<br>22<br>20<br>18<br>16<br>14<br>12 |
| 3   | Operating Temperature Range | T <sub>amb</sub> | - 100 to + 200                                                  | °C   |                                                            |
| 4   | Storage Temperature Range   | T <sub>stg</sub> | - 100 to + 200                                                  | °C   |                                                            |

# **NOTES**

1. The above specified current will generate a temperature rise of approximately 50°C above ambient temperature in a vacuum environment. Precautions shall be taken to prevent the total temperature of the wire (ambient plus rise) exceeding the continuous operating temperature of the wire.

## FIGURE 1 - PARAMETER DERATING INFORMATION





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# FIGURE 2 - PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Dimensions are given in Table 1(a)

FIGURE 2(a) - FINISHED WIRES

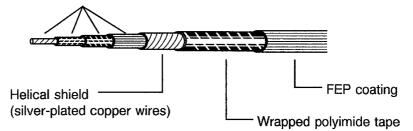
Wrapped polyimide primary insulation (2 tapes)

Silver-plated copper or - copper alloy conductor

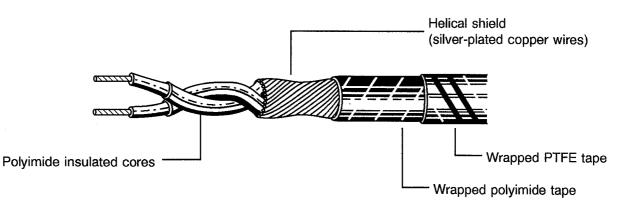
- Polyimide protective coating

#### FIGURE 2(b) - SHIELDED AND JACKETED CABLES

Polyimide insulated core



#### FIGURE 2(c) - SHIELDED AND JACKETED CABLES





## 2. <u>APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS</u>

The following documents form part of this specification and shall be read in conjunction with it:

- (a) ESA/SCC Generic Specification No. 3901, "Wires and Cables, Electrical, 600V, Low Frequency",
- (b) MIL-W-81381, "Wires, Electric, Polyimide Insulated, Copper or Copper Alloy".

## 3. TERMS, DEFINITIONS, ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS AND UNITS

For the purpose of this specification, the terms, definitions, abbreviations, symbols and units specified in ESA/SCC Basic Specification No. 21300 and ESA/SCC Generic Specification No. 3901 shall apply.

# 4. **REQUIREMENTS**

#### 4.1 <u>GENERAL</u>

The complete requirements for procurement of the finished wires and cables specified herein are stated in this specification and ESA/SCC Generic Specification No. 3901. Deviations from the Generic Specification, applicable to this specification only, are listed in Para 4.2.

Deviations from the applicable Generic Specification and this Detail Specification, formally agreed with specific Manufacturers on the basis that the alternative requirements are equivalent to the ESA/SCC requirements and do not affect the components' reliability, are listed in the Appendices attached to this specification.

## 4.2 DEVIATIONS FROM GENERIC SPECIFICATION

- 4.2.1 <u>Deviations from Special In-process Controls</u> None.
- 4.2.2 <u>Deviations from Final Production Tests (Chart II)</u> None.
- 4.2.3 <u>Deviations from Burn-in and Electrical Measurements (Chart III)</u> Not applicable.
- 4.2.4 Deviations from Qualification Tests (Chart IV)
  - (a) Para. 9.21, "Resistance to Fluids": To be modified as stated in Para. 4.8.11 of this specification.
- 4.2.5 <u>Deviations from Lot Acceptance Tests (Chart V)</u> None.



# 4.3 MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS

# 4.3.1 Dimension Check

The dimensions of the finished wires and cables specified herein shall be checked; they shall conform to those shown in Table 1(a), Figure 2 and Para 4.4 of this specification (see below for the list of parameters to be checked).

| PARAMETER                                                                                                                                | TABLE 1(a)  | FIGURE 2 | PARA 4.4              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------------------|
| <u>COMPOSITION</u><br>Number of conductors<br>Gauge<br>Shielding<br>Jacket                                                               | X<br>X<br>X | x        |                       |
| <u>CONDUCTOR</u><br>Nature<br>Outer diameter<br>Number of strands<br>Strand diameter<br>Length of lay<br>Silver thickness                | X<br>X<br>X |          | x<br>x<br>x           |
| INSULATION<br>Composition<br>Protective coating<br>Thickness<br>Overlapping<br>Outer diameter                                            | x           | X<br>X   | X<br>X<br>X<br>X      |
| SHIELDING<br>Number of strands<br>Type of shielding<br>Strand diameter<br>Nature<br>Silver thickness<br>Shielding lay<br>Shield coverage | x<br>x      | х        | X<br>X<br>X<br>X<br>X |
| JACKET<br>Composition<br>Protective coating<br>Thickness<br>Overlapping<br>Outer diameter<br>Stripe dimensions                           | Х           | X<br>X   | X<br>X<br>X<br>X<br>X |

# LIST OF PARAMETERS TO BE CHECKED

# 4.3.2 Weight

The maximum weight of the finished wires and cables specified herein shall be as specified in Table 1(a).



#### 4.4 MATERIALS AND FINISHES

The materials and finishes shall be as specified herein. Where a definite material is not specified, a material which will enable the wires and cables specified herein to meet the performance requirements of this specification shall be used. Acceptance or approval of any constituent material does not guarantee acceptance of the finished product.

#### 4.4.1 Conductor

#### 4.4.1.1 Material Characteristics

All strands used in the manufacture of the conductors shall be silver-coated, soft or annealed, oxygen-free high conductivity copper from AWG 12 to 22 inclusive and silver-coated, high strength copper alloy from AWG 24 to 28. On silver-coated strands, the thickness of the silver shall be 2 microns minimum.

On all copper conductors, any strand shall show a 10% minimum elongation. On all high-strength copper alloy conductors, any strand shall show a 6% minimum elongation at break and a 350N/mm<sup>2</sup> minimum tensile strength.

The resistance of the conductors shall be determined at +20°C in accordance with Para. 9.5 of ESA/SCC Generic Specification No. 3901, where the ' $\alpha$ ' coefficient for copper alloy is 0.0035.

#### 4.4.1.2 Stranding

The conductors shall be constructed of concentrically laid strands to produce a smooth and uniform conductor of circular cross-section and free from any high strands or other surface irregularities.

The length of the left-hand lay of the external layer shall not be less than 8, nor more than 16, times the maximum conductor diameter specified in Table 1(a).

#### 4.4.2 Insulation

#### 4.4.2.1 Material

Any insulating material shall be virgin polyimide with only those additives that are necessary for processing and pigmentation.

#### 4.4.2.2 Construction

The insulation shall consist of 2 ribbons wrapped in a reverse way, the overlapping of which shall be equal to, or more than, 51%. Each ribbon ( $30\mu$ m of thickness) shall conform to 0.1/1.0/0.1 type according to MIL-W-81381. The insulation shall have a uniform cross-section throughout the length of the cable and the conductor shall be evenly centred in the insulation. The nominal wall thickness, including the polyimide protective coating, shall be 0.14mm.

#### 4.4.2.3 Insulation Colour

The insulation colour is prescribed in relation to the wire size as shown in the table of Para. 4.4.7.



## 4.4.3 Assembly

A multicore cable shall be constructed by assembling the cores in a right-hand concentric lay. The length of lay shall not be less than 10, nor more than 14, times the maximum multicore assembly diameter as detailed in Table 1(a).

#### 4.4.4 Shield

#### 4.4.4.1 Material

Shield strands shall meet the requirements for silver-coated annealed copper as outlined in Para. 4.4.1.1. of this specification.

#### 4.4.4.2 Construction

The shield shall be closely, helically wound round the strands and provide not less than 92% coverage, 'K' being calculated by the following formula:-

$$K = \underline{n.d - \sqrt{(L^2 + P^2)}}_{P.L}$$

where:-

K = % coverage, = total number of shield strands, n = mean shield strand diameter, d = apparent shielding lay, L Р = outside perimeter of the shielded cable, where:-Р  $= \pi(D+d)$ for a single core cable, Р  $= \pi(D+d) + xD$ for a multicore cable. where:-D = mean diameter of core insulation, х = number of cores. <u>N.B.</u> The shield may exhibit an occasional gap between strands provided that:

- the coverage coefficient meets the required value.
- the gap width and gap length are no more than 0.5mm and 50mm respectively.

#### 4.4.5 Jacket

For single-core shielded cables: 2 layers minimum of polyimide tape, type 0.1/1.0/0.1 according to MIL-W-81381, coated with pigmented FEP before identification by coloured stripes on the outside.

For multicore shielded cables: 1 layer minimum of polyimide tape, type 0.1/1.0/0.1 according to MIL-W-81381, plus 1 layer of coloured PTFE tape with coloured stripes on the outside.

For multicore unshielded cables: 1 layer minimum of polyimide tape, type 0.1/1.0/0.1 according to MIL-W-81381, with coloured stripes on the outside.



#### 4.4.6 Coloured Stripes

4.4.6.1 Colour Identification

Colour identification shall be as specified in Para. 4.4.7. Coloured stripes shall be helically applied on the jacket and grouped in a number equal to that of the cores.

4.4.6.2 Stripe Dimension

| Stripe width          | : | 0.6mm. |
|-----------------------|---|--------|
| Space between stripes | : | 1.0mm. |
| General tolerance     | : | ±30%.  |

#### 4.4.7 Colour Identification Code

The colour identification code for insulation, jacket and stripes shall be as specified in the following table.

| Wire Size | Insulation                  | Jacket        | Colour of      |         |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------|
| (AWG)     | Colour                      | Twisted Cores | Shielded Cores | Stripes |
| 28        | Brown                       | Amber         | White          | Brown   |
| 26        | Black                       | Amber         | White          | Black   |
| 24        | Khaki-beige<br>(straw-like) | Amber         | Light blue     | White   |
| 22        | Red                         | Amber         | White          | Red     |
| 20        | Green                       | Amber         | White          | Green   |
| 18        | Yellow                      | Amber         | White          | Yellow  |
| 16        | Brown                       | Amber         | White          | Brown   |
| 14        | Khaki-beige                 | Amber         | Light blue     | White   |
| 12        | Khaki-beige                 | Amber         | Light blue     | White   |

# **COLOUR IDENTIFICATION CODE**

#### 4.5 MARKING

#### 4.5.1 General

The marking of all spools of finished wires and cables delivered to this specification shall be in accordance with the requirements of ESA/SCC Basic Specification No. 21700. Each spool shall be marked in respect of:-

- (a) The SCC Component Number.
- (b) Characteristics.
- (c) Traceability Information.
- (d) Additional Markings.



## 4.5.2 The SCC Component Number

Each spool shall bear the SCC Component Number which shall be constituted and marked as follows:-

|                               | <u>390100125B</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Detail Specification Number   |                   |
| Type Variant (see Table 1(a)) |                   |
| Testing Level                 |                   |

#### 4.5.3 Characteristics

The characteristics shall show the length(s) of finished wire or cable wound on each spool and shall be marked as follows:-

|                             | <u>100m</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Length in metres (see Note) | · · · ·     |
| Symbol for metres           |             |

# NOTE

Whenever the length is less than 100 metres, insert a zero in the first block (example: 075m). If more than one length of finished wire or cable is wound on a spool, the characteristics of each length shall be marked as above.

#### 4.5.4 Traceability Information

Each spool shall be marked in respect of traceability information in accordance with the requirements of ESA/SCC Basic Specification No. 21700.

#### 4.5.5 Additional Marking

Each spool shall bear the cable manufacturer's Quality Control Inspector's stamp or initials.

#### 4.6 ELECTRICAL MEASUREMENTS

#### 4.6.1 Electrical Measurements at Room Temperature

The parameters to be measured at room temperature are scheduled in Table 2. The measurements shall be performed at  $T_{amb} = +22 \pm 3$  °C.

- 4.6.2 <u>Electrical Measurements at High and Low Temperatures</u> Not applicable.
- 4.6.3 <u>Circuits for Electrical Measurements</u> Not applicable.
- 4.7 <u>BURN-IN TESTS</u> Not applicable.
- 4.8 ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENDURANCE TESTS
- 4.8.1 <u>Mechanical Properties of Conductor</u> As detailed in Para. 4.4.1.1 of this Specification.



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# 4.8.2 Accelerated Ageing

Ageing Temperature +230 ± 5 °C.

The mandrel diameter and appropriate weight used for accelerated age testing of the finished wires is given in Table A.

| Wire Size<br>(AWG) | Mandrel Diameter<br>(mm) | Weight<br>(kg) |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 28                 | 6.0                      | 0.125          |
| 26                 | 6.0                      | 0.25           |
| 24                 | 6.0                      | 0.25           |
| 22                 | 6.0                      | 0.4            |
| 20                 | 6.0                      | 0.4            |
| 18                 | 10                       | 0.5            |
| 16                 | 10                       | 0.5            |
| 14                 | 15                       | 1.0            |
| 12                 | 20                       | 1.0            |

# TABLE A - MANDREL DIAMETERS AND LOADS FOR FINISHED WIRES

## 4.8.3 Wrap Test at Ambient Temperature

The mandrel diameters and applied loads for wrap testing of finished wires are given in Table A. The mandrel diameters and applied loads for screened and jacketed cables are given in Table B.

| Cable Size<br>(AWG) | Number of<br>Cores | Mandrel Diameter<br>(mm) | Load<br>(kg) |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 16                  | 1                  | 15                       | 0.5          |
| 14                  | 1                  | 15                       | 1.0          |
| 12                  | 1                  | 15                       | 1.0          |
| 16                  | 2                  | 15                       | 1.0          |
| 14                  | 2                  | 20                       | 2.0          |
| 12                  | 2                  | 20                       | 2.0          |
| 16                  | 3                  | 20                       | 1.5          |
| 14                  | 3                  | 20                       | 3.0          |
| 12                  | 3                  | 25                       | 3.0          |

#### TABLE B - MANDREL DIAMETERS AND LOADS FOR SHIELDED AND JACKETED CABLES



4.8.4 Voltage Test

No particular conditions are applicable.

- 4.8.5 <u>Shrinkage</u> The shrinkage temperature shall be +230±5 °C
- 4.8.6 <u>Blocking</u>

The blocking temperature shall be  $+200 \pm 5$  °C.

# 4.8.7 Cold Bend Test

The mandrel diameters and loads shall be as specified in Table C.

| Wire Size<br>(AWG) | Mandrel Diameter<br>(mm) | Weight<br>(kg) |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 28                 | 6.0                      | 0.125          |
| 26                 | 6.0                      | 0.25           |
| 24                 | 6.0                      | 0.25           |
| 22                 | 6.0                      | 0.4            |
| 20                 | 6.0                      | 0.4            |
| 18                 | 10                       | 0.5            |
| 16                 | 10                       | 0.5            |
| 14                 | 15                       | 1.0            |
| 12                 | 20                       | 1.0            |

# TABLE C - MANDREL DIAMETERS AND LOADS FOR FINISHED WIRES OR CORES

# 4.8.8 Cut-through Resistance

The mean load measured during the required tests shall not be less than the relevant value specified below:-

| Wire Size (AWG)          | 28 | 26 | 24 | 22 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 12 |
|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Cut-through<br>Load (kg) | 12 | 15 | 17 | 21 | 26 | 34 | 43 | 54 | 66 |

# 4.8.9 Notch Resistance

The depth of notch shall be 0.06mm.

# 4.8.10 Flammability

No particular conditions are applicable.

# 4.8.11 Resistance to Fluids

Tests (e) and (f) shall not be performed.



# 4.8.12 Surface Resistance

No particular conditions are applicable.

# 4.8.13 Abrasion Resistance

The weight to be applied to the needle is specified below:-

| Wire Size (AWG)             | 28  | 26  | 24  | 22  | 20  | 18  | 16   | 14   | 12   |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| Scrape Abrasion<br>Load (g) | 500 | 650 | 750 | 800 | 900 | 950 | 1050 | 1100 | 1200 |

# 4.8.14 Soldering

No particular conditions are applicable.

- 4.8.15 <u>Solderability (applicable to the shield only)</u> No particular conditions are applicable.
- 4.8.16 <u>Radiation Resistance</u> No particular conditions are applicable.
- 4.8.17 <u>Overload Resistance</u> No particular conditions are applicable.
- 4.8.18 <u>Long-term Ageing Test</u> The long-term ageing temperature shall be +200°
- 4.8.19 <u>Anthony & Brown Test</u> No particular conditions are applicable.

| TABLE 2 - ELECTRICAL MEASUREMENTS AT ROOM TEMPERAT | URE |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|
|                                                    |     |
|                                                    |     |

| No. | CHARACTERISTICS       | SPEC. AND/OR<br>TEST METHOD    | TEST<br>CONDITION | LIMITS                          | UNIT  |
|-----|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1   | Conductor Resistance  | ESA/SCC No. 3901,<br>Section 9 | Para 9.5          | Table 1(a)                      | Ω/km  |
| 2   | Spark Test            | ESA/SCC No. 3901,<br>Section 9 | Para 9.6          | Insulation : 3<br>Jacket : 1.5  | kV    |
| 3   | Voltage Test          | ESA/SCC No. 3901,<br>Section 9 | Para 9.7          | Para 9.7                        | kV    |
| 4   | Insulation Resistance | ESA/SCC No. 3901,<br>Section 9 | Para 9.8          | Insulation : 750<br>Jacket : 30 | MΩ.km |
| 5   | Surface Resistance    | ESA/SCC No. 3901,<br>Section 9 | Para 9.22         | : 125                           | MΩ.mm |