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**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION FOR  
BURIED FILLED CABLE  
WITH SOLID PLASTIC INSULATION  
(BFC-S)**



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## **1 - GENERAL**

This specification details the construction of buried filled telecommunications cables. The conductors are solid copper, covered with a solid plastic insulating compound. The insulated conductors are twisted into pairs which are stranded into subgroups or groups and which in turn are assembled into a cable core. A moisture resistant filling compound surrounds the insulated conductors and fills the interstices between pairs and groups. After the core is wrapped, the cable structure is completed with Aluminum, LDPE jacket, steel armoring and final LDPE jacket. The cable is fully color coded so that each pair in the cable is Distinguishable from every other pair. The color coding provides different color combinations of insulation for each pair in a 25 pair group or (subgroup) and provides colored bindings to distinguish individual groups from each other.

## **2 - ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

This specification is in accordance with REA'ASTM (American society for testing and material), BS (British Standard Institute), IP (Institute of Petroleum) and ISO (International Organization for Standardization) have been specified.

## **3 - TEMPERATURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

The cables shall without detriment, perform suitably throughout a temperature range of -40 to +70 C. The cables shall suffer no deterioration from corrosive elements found naturally in the ground.

## **4 - CONDUCTOR**

Each conductor is a solid wire of commercially pure annealed copper, smoothly drawn, circular in cross section, uniform in quality and free from defects. Conductors meet the quality requirements of ASTM B3. The maximum resistance for a cross section area of 1 mm<sup>2</sup> and a length of 1 km is 17.241 ohms when measured at 20±2 °C. The nominal conductor diameters may be 0.4 to 0.9 mm.

## **5 - CONDUCTOR INSULATION**

Each conductor is uniformly covered with solid polyethylene conforming to ASTM D-1248. Type III class A category 4 or 5 Grade ~~BB~~. Insulation contains a suitable antioxidant system including a copper inhibitor. The insulation will be uniform, smooth and have non-porous surface.



The insulation colors are in accordance with the following table (1):

TABLE (1)

PAIR NUMBER	CONDUCTOR A	CONDUCTOR B
1	White	Blue
2	White	Orange
3	White	Green
4	White	Brown
5	White	Grey
6	Red	Blue
7	Red	Orange
8	Red	Green
9	Red	Brown
10	Red	Grey
11	Black	Blue
12	Black	Orange
13	Black	Green
14	Black	Brown
15	Black	Grey
16	Yellow	Blue
17	Yellow	Orange
18	Yellow	Green
19	Yellow	Brown
20	Yellow	Grey
21	Violet	Blue
22	Violet	Orange
23	Violet	Green
24	Violet	Brown
25	Violet	Grey

## 6 – TWISTING

Two appropriately colored insulated conductors are uniformly twisted together to form a pair. The lays of all pairs are in the same direction and different for each pair in a unit.

## 7 - STRANDING

In cables having 25 pairs or less, the pairs colored according to the table (1) are stranded to form a cylindrical core. Stranding may be accomplished by using a concentric stranding or by using cross stranding where the pairs will change positions according to the change in direction of lay. In cables having more than 25 pairs the pairs colored according to table (1) form groups which are divided into two or more sub-groups according to tables (2). The colored binders are used for binding and identifying each group or subgroup according to tables (4, 5, and 6). Each cable of 100 pairs and larger will have one (1) percent of spare pairs up to a value of 20 pairs for any given cable size according to tables (3).

The cables construction is in accordance with the following tables:

TABLE (2)

Number of pairs in cable	Number of pairs in subgroups or groups	CENTER LAYER	FIRST LAYER	SECOND LAYER
$\leq 20$	Total pairs in one group	-	-	-
30	12+13+5	-	-	-
40	12+13+15	-	-	-
50	(12+13)+(12+13)	-	-	-
	2×25	-	-	-
70	(2×25)+20	-	-	-
100	4×25	-	-	-
150	6×25	1	2-6	-
200	8×25	1-2	3-8	-
300	12×25	1-3	4-12	-
400	16×25	1	2-6	7-16
500	10×50	1-3	4-10	-
	20×25	1	2-6	7-20
600	6×100	1	2-6	-
800	8×100	1	2-8	-
900	9×100	1-3	4-9	-
1000	10×100	1-3	4-10	-
1200	12×100	1-3	4-12	-
1800	18×100	1	2-7	8-18

**NOTE:** Can replace 12-13 subgroups with 25 pair groups for all cable construction.

**Note:**

Each cable of 100 pairs and larger will have one (1) percent of spare pairs up to a value of 20 pairs for any given cable size according to tables (3)

The spare pair colors are in accordance with the following table (3):

TABLE (3)

SPARE PAIR NUMBER	CONDUCTOR A	CONDUCTOR B
1	White	Red
2	White	Black
3	White	Yellow
4	White	Violet
5	Red	Black
6	Red	Yellow
7	Red	Violet
8	Black	Yellow
9	Black	Violet
10	Yellow	Violet
11	Blue	Orange
12	Blue	Green
13	Blue	Brown
14	Blue	Grey
15	Orange	Green
16	Orange	Brown
17	Orange	Grey
18	Green	Brown
19	Green	Grey
20	Brown	Grey

The binder colors for subgroup (less than 100 pair) are in accordance with the following table (4) :

TABLE (4)

Subgroup No.	Color of binding	Pair count
1	White -Blue	1-10 OR 1-20 OR 1-12 OR 13-25 OR 1-25
2	White - Orange	1-5 OR 1-15 OR 1-12 OR 13-25 OR 1-25
3	White -Green	1-20 OR 1-25
4	White -Brown	1-25

The binder colors for subgroup (100 and more than 100 pair) are in accordance with the following table (5) :

TABLE (5)

Subgroup No.	Color of binding	Pair count
1	White -Blue	1-25
2	White - Orange	26-50
3	White -Green	51-75
4	White -Brown	76-100
5	White - Grey	101-125
6	Red -Blue	126-150
7	Red - Orange	151-175

8	Red -Green	176-200
9	Red - Brown	201-225
10	Red - Grey	226-250
11	Black- Blue	251-275
12	Black-Orange	276-300
13	Black- Green	301-325
14	Black-Brown	326-350
15	Black- Grey	351-375
16	Yellow- Blue	376-400
17	Yellow-Orange	401-425
18	Yellow-Green	426-450
19	Yellow-Brown	451-475
20	Yellow- Grey	476-500
21	Violet-Blue	501-525
22	Violet-Orange	526-550
23	Violet-Green	551-575
24	Violet-Brown	576-600

The binder colors for group are in accordance with the following table (6) :

TABLE (6)

Group No.	Color of binding	Pair count
1	White -Blue	1-100
2	White - Orange	101-200
3	White -Green	201-300
4	White -Brown	301-400
5	White - Grey	401-500
6	Red -Blue	501-600
7	Red - Orange	601-700
8	Red -Green	701-800
9	Red - Brown	801-900
10	Red - Grey	901-1000
11	Black- Blue	1001-1100
12	Black-Orange	1101-1200
13	Black- Green	1201-1300
14	Black-Brown	1301-1400
15	Black- Grey	1401-1500
16	Yellow- Blue	1501-1600
17	Yellow-Orange	1601-1700
18	Yellow-Green	1701-1800

## 8 - FILLING COMPOUND

The interstices between conductors, sub-groups, groups and super groups will be filled with filling compound.

## **9 - CORE WRAP**

The core is completely covered with one layer of non-hygroscopic non-wicking, dielectric tape. The tape may be applied helically or longitudinally and have a minimum over lap of 30% of the width of the wrapping or 10 mm whichever is the least. (Note: for cable sizes of less than 150 pairs the overlap will not be less than 5mm) The core wrap provide a sufficient heat barrier to prevent visible evidence of conductor insulation deformation or adhesion between conductors caused by adverse heat transfer during the jacketing operation.

## **10 - ALUMINUM SHIELD**

An aluminum tape with copolymer coating on both sides will be applied longitudinally with an adequate overlap for the cables with a core diameter of 20mm or less the overlap will be 3mm minimum and for the cables with a core diameter greater them 20mm the overlap will be 6mm minimum. The Aluminum thickness is 200 micron and the copolymer coating on each side has the thickness about 38 microns.

## **11 - INNER JACKET**

A black polyethylene jacket in accordance with ASTM D-1248 type I class C category 4 or 5 grade J-3. The nominal thickness of the jacket is 1.4mm. The average thickness at any section shall not than 90% of the nominal thickness and minimum jacket spot thickness shall nit be less than 1 mm.

## **12 - ARMORING**

Tin Coated Steel Tape with nominal thickness 155 microns will be corrugated and applied on first jacket.

## **13 - FLOODING COMPOUND**

All interstices between the corrugated steel tape and the jackets will be filled with flooding compound.

## **14 - OUTER JACKET**

A black polyethylene jacket in accordance with ASTM D-1248 type I class C category 4 or 5 grade J-3. The nominal jacket thickness will be according the following table (8). The average thickness at any cross section shall not be less than 90% and minimum spot thickness shall not be less than 70% of the nominal thickness.

The nominal jacket thickness is in accordance with the following table (7) :



TABLE (7)

Core Dia of cable in mm	Thickness of jacket in mm
Up to 20	1.8
20.1 - 30	2.1
30.1 - 35	2.3
35.1 - 45	2.5
45.1 - 55	2.7
55.1 and larger	2.9

## 15 – IDENTIFICATION MARKING

Each length of the cable shall be permanently identified as to the manufacturer, year of manufacture, number of pairs, conductor size and cable type. The marking will be printed on the outer jacket.

NOTE: Other method as request

## 16 - ELECTRICAL PARAMETERS

TABLE (8)

PARAMETERS		UNIT	0.4 mm	0.5 mm	0.6 mm	0.8mm	0.9 mm
Resistance	Max. Ind	W/km	147	94	65	36	29
	Max. Ave	W/km	139	89	62	35	28
Resistance Unbalance	Max. Ind	%	5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
	Max. Ave	%	2	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Dielectric Strength	Conductor to conductor	Kv/ 3 sec	2.8	3	3.5	5	5
	Conductor to ground	Kv/ 3 sec	15	15	15	15	15
Mutual Capacitance	*Max. Ind	Nf/km	57	57	57	57	57
	** Ave	Nf/km	52 ± 2	52 ± 2	52 ± 2	52 ± 2	52 ± 2
Capacitance Unbalance	***Pair to ground Max. Ind	Pk/km	2625	2625	2625	2625	2625
	***Pair to ground Max. Ave	Pk/km	574	574	574	574	574
	Pair to pair Max. Rms	Pk/km	45	45	45	45	45
Attenuation	Ave 1024 KHz	dB/Km	23.5	18.7	15.2		10.3
	Ave 1500 KHz	dB/Km	25.2	22.4	18.5		12.3
Crosstalk	Worst power-sum 1024	dB/Km	35	35	35		37
	Mean power-sum 1024	dB/Km	39	40	41		43
	Worst power-sum 3150	dB/Km	26	26	26		28
	Mean power-sum 3150	dB/Km	30	31	32		34

\* For cables less than 12 pairs 58

\*\* For cables less than 12 pairs 52 ± 4

\*\*\* Only for 12 pair or more

## 17 - CABLE SIZES

Cables size for 0.4 mm is in accordance with the following table (9-A):

TABLE (9-A)

SIZE of CABLE	WEIGHT (kg/km)	DIAMETER (mm)	REEL LENGHT (m)
10 x 2 x 0.4	245	15	1010 - 1020
20 x 2 x 0.4	325	17	1010 - 1020
30 x 2 x 0.4	395	19	1010 - 1020
40 x 2 x 0.4	450	20	1010 - 1020
50 x 2 x 0.4	515	21	1010 - 1020
70 x 2 x 0.4	630	23	1010 - 1020
100 x 2 x 0.4	790	25	1010 - 1020
150 x 2 x 0.4	1045	29	1010 - 1020
200 x 2 x 0.4	1350	33	1010 - 1020
300 x 2 x 0.4	1830	38	1010 - 1020
400 x 2 x 0.4	2310	42	760 – 765
500 x 2 x 0.4	2840	47	505 - 510
600 x 2 x 0.4	3270	50	505 - 510
700 x 2x 0.4	3645	52	505 - 510
800 x 2 x 0.4	4205	56	505 - 510
900 x 2 x 0.4	4650	59	255 - 260
1000 x 2 x 0.4	5045	61	255 - 260
1200 x 2 x 0.4	6135	68	255 - 260
1500 x 2 x 0.4	7490	75	255 - 260
1600 x 2 x 0.4	7935	77	255 - 260
1800 x 2 x 0.4	8835	81	255 - 260

Cables size for 0.5 mm is in accordance with the following table (9-B):

TABLE (9-B)

SIZE of CABLE	WEIGHT (kg/km)	DIAMETER (mm)	REEL LENGHT (m)
10 x 2 x 0.5	300	17	1010 - 1020
20 x 2 x 0.5	415	19	1010 - 1020
30 x 2 x 0.5	515	21	1010 - 1020
40 x 2 x 0.5	590	22	1010 - 1020
50 x 2 x 0.5	690	24	1010 - 1020
70 x 2 x 0.5	855	27	1010 - 1020
100 x 2 x 0.5	1115	30	1010 - 1020
150 x 2 x 0.5	1505	34	1010 - 1020
200 x 2 x 0.5	1925	39	1010 - 1020
300 x 2 x 0.5	2695	46	760 – 765
400 x 2 x 0.5	3395	51	505 - 510
500 x 2 x 0.5	4190	57	505 - 510
600 x 2 x 0.5	4850	60	255 - 260
800 x 2 x 0.5	6275	68	255 - 260
900 x 2 x 0.5	6960	72	255 - 260
1000 x 2 x 0.5	7565	74	255 - 260
1200 x 2 x 0.5	9180	83	255 - 260

Cables size for 0.6 mm is in accordance with the following table (9-C):

TABLE (9-C)

SIZE of CABLE	WEIGHT (kg/km)	DIAMETER (mm)	REEL LENGHT (m)
6 x 2 x 0.6	265	15	1010 - 1020
10 x 2 x 0.6	360	18	1010 - 1020
20 x 2 x 0.6	510	21	1010 - 1020
30 x 2 x 0.6	645	24	1010 - 1020
40 x 2 x 0.6	750	25	1010 - 1020
50 x 2 x 0.6	885	27	1010 - 1020
70 x 2 x 0.6	1140	31	1010 - 1020
100 x 2 x 0.6	1470	34	1010 - 1020
150 x 2 x 0.6	2005	39	760 - 765
200 x 2 x 0.6	2640	46	505 - 510
300 x 2 x 0.6	3660	53	505 - 510
400 x 2 x 0.6	4670	59	255 - 260
500 x 2 x 0.6	5740	66	255 - 260
600 x 2 x 0.6	6720	71	255 - 260
800 x 2 x 0.6	8680	80	255 - 260
900 x 2 x 0.6	9650	84	255 - 260
1000 x 2 x 0.6	10505	87	255 - 260

Cables size for 0.8 mm is in accordance with the following table (9-D):

TABLE (9-D)

SIZE of CABLE	WEIGHT (kg/km)	DIAMETER (mm)	REEL LENGHT (m)
5 x 2 x 0.8	315	17	
10 x 2 x 0.8	475	21	1010 - 1020
20 x 2 x 0.8	710	25	1010 - 1020
30 x 2 x 0.8	925	28	1010 - 1020
40 x 2 x 0.8	1125	30	1010 - 1020
50 x 2 x 0.8	1335	33	1010 - 1020
70 x 2 x 0.8	1705	37	1010 - 1020
100 x 2 x 0.8	2270	42	760 - 765
150 x 2 x 0.8	3180	50	505 - 510
200 x 2 x 0.8	4180	56	505 - 510
300 x 2 x 0.8	5870	66	255 - 260
400 x 2 x 0.8	7550	74	255 - 260
500 x 2 x 0.8	9325	82	255 - 260
600 x 2 x 0.8	10910	88	255 - 260



Cables size for 0.9 mm is in accordance with the following table (9-E):

TABLE (9-E)

SIZE of CABLE	WEIGHT (kg/km)	DIAMETER (mm)	REEL LENGHT (m)
10 x 2 x 0.9	560	22	1010 - 1020
20 x 2 x 0.9	855	27	1010 - 1020
30 x 2 x 0.9	1150	31	1010 - 1020
40 x 2 x 0.9	1370	33	1010 - 1020
50 x 2 x 0.9	1635	37	1010 - 1020
70 x 2 x 0.9	2130	41	760 - 765
100 x 2 x 0.9	2845	47	760 - 765
150 x 2 x 0.9	3975	55	505 - 510
200 x 2 x 0.9	5240	63	255 - 260