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- Part 101: Definitions and general requirements
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## INTRODUCTION

IEC 60092 forms a series of International Standards concerning electrical installations in sea-going ships and fixed and mobile offshore units, incorporating good practice and co-ordinating as far as possible existing rules.

These standards form a code of practical interpretation and amplification of the requirements of the International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea, a guide for future regulations which may be prepared and a statement of practice for use by shipowners, shipbuilders, mobile and fixed offshore unit owners and builders and appropriate organisations.

## ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS IN SHIPS –

### Part 351: Insulating materials for shipboard and offshore units, power, control, instrumentation, telecommunication and data cables

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60092 specifies the requirements for electrical, mechanical and particular characteristics of insulating materials intended for use in shipboard and fixed and mobile offshore unit power, control, instrumentation, telecommunication and data cables.

#### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60502-1:1997, *Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltages from 1 kV ( $U_m = 1,2$  kV) up to 30 kV ( $U_m = 36$  kV) – Part 1: Cables for rated voltages of 1 kV ( $U_m = 1,2$  kV) and 3 kV ( $U_m = 3,6$  kV)*

IEC 60754-2, *Test on gases evolved during combustion of electric cables – Part 2: Determination of degree of acidity of gases evolved during the combustion of materials taken from electric cables by measuring pH and conductivity*

IEC 60811-1-1:1993, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 1: Methods for general application – Measurement of thickness and overall dimensions – Tests for determining the mechanical properties*<sup>1)</sup>  
Amendment 1 (2001)

IEC 60811-1-2:1995, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 1: Methods for general application – Section Two: Thermal ageing methods*  
Amendment 1 (1989)  
Amendment 2 (2000)

IEC 60811-1-4:1985 *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 1: Methods for general application – Section four: Test at low temperature*  
Amendment 1 (1993)  
Amendment 2 (2001)

IEC 60811-2-1:1998 *Insulating and sheathing materials of electric and optical cables – Common test methods – Part 2-1: Methods specific to elastomeric compounds – Ozone resistance, hot set and mineral oil immersion tests*<sup>2)</sup>  
Amendment 1 (2001)

IEC 60811-3-1:1985 *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 3: Methods specific to PVC compounds – Section One: Pressure test at high temperature – Tests for resistance to cracking*  
Amendment 1 (1994)  
Amendment 2 (2001)

<sup>1)</sup> A consolidated edition 2.1 (2001) exists, including edition 2.0 and its Amendment 1.

<sup>2)</sup> A consolidated edition 2.1 (2001) exists, including edition 2.0 and its Amendment 1.



IEC 60811-3-2:1985 *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 3: Methods specific to PVC compounds – Section Two: Loss of mass test – Thermal stability test*  
Amendment 1 (1993)

ISO 48, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Determination of hardness (hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD)*

### 3 Insulating materials

#### 3.1 General

The types of insulating compound covered by this standard are listed in the following Table 1 together with their abbreviated designations and maximum rated conductor temperatures during normal operation and short-circuit.

**Table 1 – Type of insulating compounds, abbreviated designation and maximum rated conductor temperature during normal operation and short circuit**

Type of insulating compound	Abbreviated designation	Maximum rated conductor temperature °C	
		Normal operation	Short-circuit
a) Thermoplastic: – based upon polyvinyl chloride or copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate	PVC	70	150
b) Elastomeric or thermoset: – based upon ethylene-propylene rubber or similar (EPM or EPDM)	EPR	90	250
– based upon high modulus or hard grade ethylene propylene rubber	HEPR	90	250
– based upon cross-linked polyethylene	XLPE	90	250
– based upon silicone rubber	S 95	95	350 <sup>a</sup>
– based upon ethylene-propylene rubber or similar (EPM or EPDM) halogen-free	HF EPR	90	250
– based upon high modulus or hard grade halogen-free ethylene propylene rubber	HF HEPR	90	250
– based upon halogen-free cross-linked polyethylene	HF XLPE	90	250
– based upon halogen-free silicone rubber	HF S 95	95	350 <sup>a</sup>
– based upon cross-linked polyolefin material for halogen-free cables	HF 90	90	250

<sup>a</sup> This temperature is applicable only to power cables and not appropriate for tinned copper conductors.

### 3.2 Electrical characteristics

The test requirements for electrical characteristics of insulating compounds are listed in the following Table 2.

**Table 2 – Test requirements for electrical characteristics of insulating compounds**

Designation of the insulating compound	EPR and HF EPR	HEPR and HF HEPR	XLPE and HF XLPE	S 95 and HF S 95	HF 90	PVC
1 Insulation resistance constant $K_i$ ( $M\Omega \cdot km$ ) (see Clause 17 of IEC 60502-1)						
1a – at 20 °C, minimum;	3 670	3 670	3 670	1 500	500	36,7
1b – at maximum operating temperature, minimum	3,67	3,67	3,67	2	0,5	0,037
2 Increase in a.c. capacity after immersion in water at 50 °C						
2a – between the end of the 1st and the end of the 14th day, maximum (%)	15	15	–	15	15	15
2b – between the end of the 7th and the end of the 14th day, maximum (%)	5	5	–	5	5	5

### 3.3 Mechanical characteristics

The test requirements for mechanical characteristics of insulating compounds are listed in the following Table 3.

**Table 3 – Test requirements for mechanical characteristics of insulating compounds**

Designation of the insulating compound	EPR and HF EPR	HEPR and HF HEPR	XLPE and HF XLPE	S 95 and HF S 95	HF 90	PVC
Mechanical characteristics without ageing (see 9.1 of IEC 60811-1-1)						
Tensile strength, minimum (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	4,2	8,5	12,5	5,0	9,0	12,5
Elongation at break, minimum (%)	200	200	200	150	120	150
Mechanical characteristics after ageing in air oven (see 8.1 of IEC 60811-1-2)						
After ageing without conductor						
Treatment – temperature (°C)	135	135	135	200	135	100
– tolerance (°C)	±2	±2	±2	±3	±2	±2
– duration (h)	168	168	168	240	168	168
Tensile strength:						
a) minimum value (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	–	–	–	4,0	–	12,5
b) variation, maximum (%)	±30	±30	±25	–	±30	±25
Elongation at break:						
a) minimum value (%)	–	–	–	120	100	150
b) variation, maximum (%)	±30	±30	±25	–	±30	±25
After ageing with copper conductor						
Treatment – temperature (°C)	–	150	–	–	–	–
– tolerance (°C)	–	±3	–	–	–	–
– duration (h)	–	168	–	–	–	–
Tensile strength:						
variation, maximum (%)	–	±30	–	–	–	–
Elongation at break:						
variation, maximum (%)	–	±30	–	–	–	–
Mechanical characteristics after ageing in air bomb at (0,55 ± 0,02) MPa (see 8.2 of IEC 60811-1-2)						
Treatment – temperature (°C)						
– tolerance (°C)	127	127	–	–	–	–
– duration (h)	±1	±1	–	–	–	–
Tensile strength:						
variation, maximum (%)	40	40	–	–	–	–
Elongation at break:						
variation, maximum (%)	±30	±30	–	–	–	–
Elongation at break:						
variation, maximum (%)	±30	±30	–	–	–	–
a Test is only applicable to cables having bare copper conductors without any separator on the conductor.						

### 3.4 Particular characteristics

The test requirements for particular characteristics of insulating compounds are listed in the following Table 4.

**Table 4 – Test requirements for particular characteristics of insulating compounds**

Designation of the insulating compound	EPR	HEPR	XLPE	S 95	HF EPR	HF HEPR	HF XLPE	HF S 95	HF 90	PVC
Pressure test at high temperature (see 8.1 of IEC 60811-3-1)										
– Test temperature (°C)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	80
– Tolerance (°C)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	±2
– Time under load – 1st case (h)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
– 2nd case (h)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6
Maximum permissible depth of indentation (%)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	50
Hot set test (see Clause 9 of IEC 60811-2-1)										
Treatment										
– temperature (°C)	250	250	200	250	250	250	200	250	200	–
– tolerance (°C)	±3	±3	±3	±3	±3	±3	±3	±3	±3	–
– time under load (min)	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	–
– mechanical stress (N/cm <sup>2</sup> )	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	–
Maximum elongation under load (%)	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	–
Maximum permanent elongation (%)	15	15	15	25	15	15	15	25	15	–
Heat shock test (see 9.1 of IEC 60811-3-1)										
Treatment										
– temperature (°C)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	150
– tolerance (°C)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	±3
– duration (h)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Loss of mass test (see 8.1 of IEC 60811-3-2)										
Treatment										
– temperature (°C)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	80
– tolerance (°C)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	±2
– duration (h)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	168
Maximum permissible loss of mass (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Behaviour at low temperature (see Clause 8 of IEC 60811-1-4)										
Tests to be carried out without previous ageing:										
Bending test (for core diameter ≤12,5 mm)										
– Test temperature (°C)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–15
– Tolerance (°C)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	±2
Elongation test (for cores not subjected to the bending test)										
– Test temperature (°C)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–15
– Tolerance (°C)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	±2
– Elongation at break, minimum (%)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	30
Impact test										
– Test temperature (°C)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–15
– Tolerance (°C)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	±2

Table 4 (continued)

Designation of the insulating compound	EPR	HEPR	XLPE	S 95	HF EPR	HF HEPR	HF XLPE	HF S 95	HF 90	PVC
Ozone resistance test (see Clause 8 of IEC 60811-2-1) Ozone concentration (by volume) (%)	0,025 to 0,030	0,025 to 0,030	–	–	0,025 to 0,030	0,025 to 0,030	–	–	0,025 to 0,030	–
Test duration without cracks <sup>a</sup> (h)	30	30	–	–	30	30	–	–	30	–
Determination of degree of acidity of gases evolved during the combustion of materials taken from electric cables by measuring pH and conductivity (see IEC 60754-2) pH conductivity ( $\mu\text{S}\cdot\text{mm}^{-1}$ )	– –	– –	– –	– –	$\geq 4,3$ $\leq 10$	$\geq 4,3$ $\leq 10$	$\geq 4,3$ $\leq 10$	$\geq 4,3$ $\leq 10$	$\geq 4,3$ $\leq 10$	– –
Determination of hardness (see Annex A) IRHD <sup>b</sup> minimum	–	80	–	–	–	80	–	–	–	–
Determination of elastic modulus (see Annex B) Modulus at 150 % elongation minimum ( $\text{N}/\text{mm}^2$ )	–	4,5	–	–	–	4,5	–	–	–	–
<p><sup>a</sup> An alternative test method may be used in some countries for legal reasons. In this case, the ozone concentration and test duration listed here are replaced by the conditions in Annex C.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> IRHD = International Rubber Hardness Degree</p>										

## **Annex A** (normative)

### **Determination of hardness of HEPR and HF HEPR insulation**

#### **A.1 Test piece**

The test piece shall be a sample of completed cable with all the coverings external to the rubber surface to be measured carefully removed. Alternatively, a sample of insulated core may be used.

#### **A.2 Test procedure**

Tests shall be made in accordance with ISO 48 with exceptions as indicated below.

##### **A.2.1 Surfaces of large radius of curvature**

The test instrument, in accordance with ISO 48, shall be constructed so as to rest firmly on the rubber surface and permit the presser foot and indenter to make vertical contact with this surface. This is done in one of the following ways:

- a) the instrument is fitted with feet movable in universal joints so that they adjust themselves to the curved surface;
- b) the base of the instrument is fitted with two parallel rods A and A' at a distance apart depending on the curvature of the surface (see figure A.1).

These methods may be used on surfaces with a radius of curvature down to 20 mm.

When the thickness of rubber tested is less than 4 mm, an instrument as described in the method in ISO 48 for thin and small test pieces shall be used.

##### **A.2.2 Surfaces of small radius of curvature**

On surfaces with too small a radius of curvature for the procedures described in A.2.1, the test piece shall be supported on the same rigid base as the test instrument, in such a way as to minimise bodily movement of the rubber surface when the indenting force increment is applied to the indenter and so that the indenter is vertically above the axis of the test piece. Suitable procedures are as follows:

- a) by resting the test piece in a groove or trough in a metal jig (see Figure A.2a);
- b) by resting the ends of the conductor of the test piece in V-blocks (see Figure A.2b).

The smallest radius of curvature of the surface to be measured by these methods shall be at least 4 mm.

For smaller radii, an instrument as described in the method in ISO 48 for thin and small test pieces shall be used.

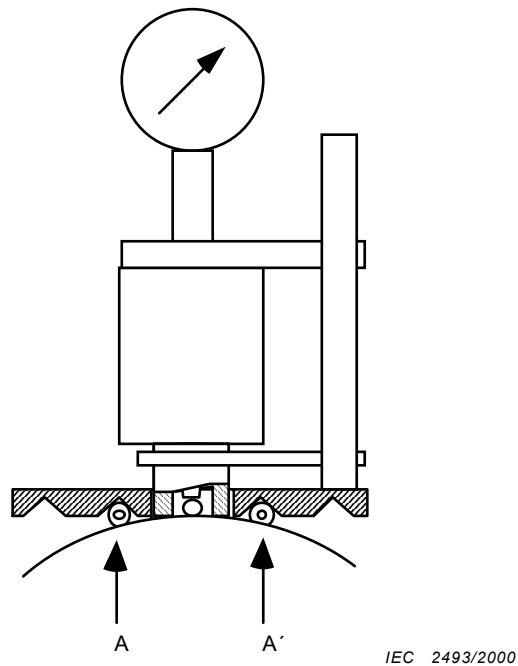
### A.2.3 Conditioning and test temperature

The minimum time between manufacture, i.e. vulcanisation, and testing shall be 16 h.

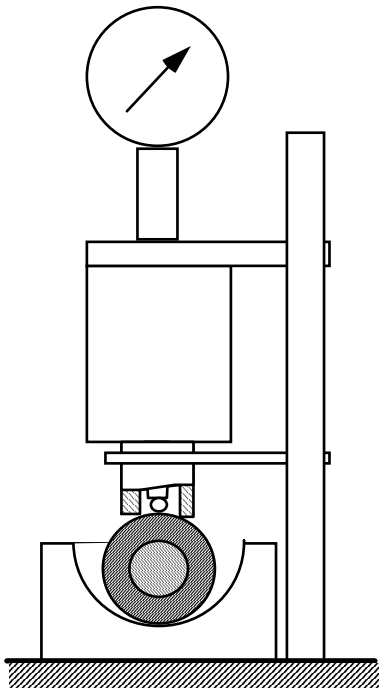
The test shall be carried out at a temperature of  $(20 \pm 2)$  °C and the test pieces shall be maintained at this temperature for at least 3 h immediately before testing.

### A.2.4 Number of measurements

One measurement shall be made at each of three or five different points distributed around the test piece. The median of the results shall be taken as the hardness of the test piece, reported to the nearest whole number in International Rubber Hardness Degrees (IRHD).

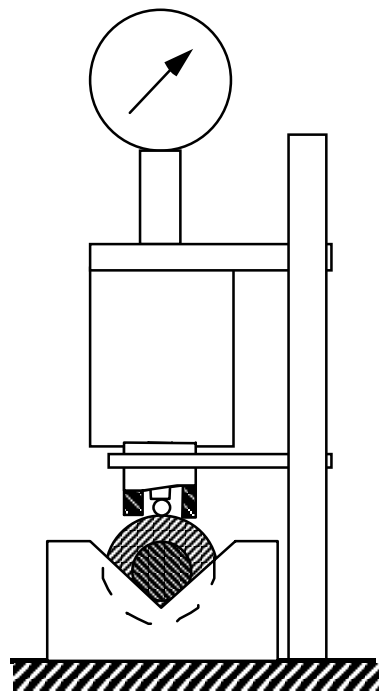


**Figure A.1 – Testing surfaces of large radius of curvature**



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Figure A.2a – Metal jig



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Figure A.2b – V blocks

Figure A.2 – Testing surfaces of small radius of curvature



## **Annex B** (normative)

### **Determination of the elastic modulus of HEPR and HF HEPR insulation**

#### **B.1 Procedure**

Sampling, preparation of the test pieces and the test procedure shall be carried out in accordance with Clause 9 of IEC 60811-1-1.

The loads required for 150 % elongation shall be measured. The corresponding stresses shall be calculated by dividing the loads measured by the cross-sectional areas of the unstretched test pieces. The ratios of the stresses to strains shall be determined to obtain the elastic moduli at 150 % elongation.

The elastic modulus shall be the respective median values.

#### **B.2 Requirements**

The results of the test shall comply with the requirements of Table 4.

**Annex C**  
(informative)

**Ozone resistance test –  
Alternative test method**

**Table C.1 – Test requirements for ozone resistance of insulating compounds**

Designation of insulating compound	EPR and HF EPR	HEPR and HF HEPR	XLPE and HF XLPE	S95 and HF S95	HF 90	PVC
Ozone resistance test Treatment						
– temperature (°C)	40 ± 2	40 ± 2	–	–	40 ± 2	–
– duration (h)	72	72	–	–	72	–
– Ozone concentration (by volume) (%)	(200 ± 50) 10 <sup>-6</sup>	(200 ± 50) 10 <sup>-6</sup>	–		(200 ± 50) 10 <sup>-6</sup>	
– Relative humidity (%)	55 ± 10	55 ± 10	–		55 ± 10	
– Minimum air speed at the level of the test piece (mm/s)	500	500	–	–	500	–



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- military
- other.....

**Q4** This standard will be used for: (tick all that apply)

- general reference
- product research
- product design/development
- specifications
- tenders
- quality assessment
- certification
- technical documentation
- thesis
- manufacturing
- other.....

**Q5** This standard meets my needs: (tick one)

- not at all
- nearly
- fairly well
- exactly

**Q6** If you ticked NOT AT ALL in Question 5 the reason is: (tick all that apply)

- standard is out of date
- standard is incomplete
- standard is too academic
- standard is too superficial
- title is misleading
- I made the wrong choice
- other .....

**Q7** Please assess the standard in the following categories, using the numbers:

- (1) unacceptable,
- (2) below average,
- (3) average,
- (4) above average,
- (5) exceptional,
- (6) not applicable

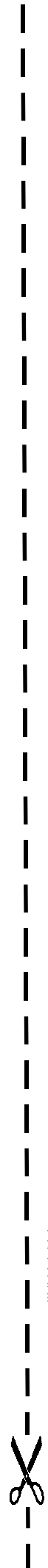
- timeliness.....
- quality of writing.....
- technical contents.....
- logic of arrangement of contents .....
- tables, charts, graphs, figures.....
- other .....

**Q8** I read/use the: (tick one)

- French text only
- English text only
- both English and French texts

**Q9** Please share any comment on any aspect of the IEC that you would like us to know:

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