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## Part 1.2: Cables for alternating voltages up to and including 0.6/1 kV—Typical New Zealand conditions



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# PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-001, Wiring Rules, to supersede AS/NZS 3008.1.2:2010, *Electrical installations—Selection of cables*, Part 1.2: *Cables for alternating voltages up to and including 0.6/1 kV—Typical New Zealand conditions*. This Standard is applicable to New Zealand installation conditions where the nominal ambient air and soil temperatures are 30°C and 15°C, respectively. AS/NZS 3008.1.1 is applicable to Australian installation conditions where the nominal air and soil temperatures are 40°C and 25°C respectively. Each Part is a complete Standard and requires no reference to the other.

This Standard deals with cables for use with alternating voltages over 1 kV.

The objective of this Standard is to specify current-carrying capacity, voltage drop and short-circuit temperature rise of cables, to provide a method of selection for those types of electric cables and methods of installation that are in common use at working voltages up to and including 0.6/1 kV at 50 Hz a.c.

This Standard differs from the 2010 edition as follows:

(a) Economic optimization for cable selection recommendations including a new example in Appendix A.

(b) A new definition for Circuit.

(c) Cable core cross sections have been updated for the following:

  (i) Figure 1.

  (ii) Table 3(1).

  (iii) Table 3(2).

  (iv) Table 3(4).

  (v) Table 10.

  (vi) Table 11.

  (vii) Table 12.

  (viii) Table 13.

  (ix) Table 14.

  (x) Table 15.

  (xi) Table 17.

  (xii) Table 26(2).

(d) New notes to Tables 30, 31, 40, 41, 43, 44, 46, 47, 50 and 51 have been included.

(e) Changes to derating factors in Table 23.

(f) Circuit recommendations for low magnetic fields added to Appendix D.

In the preparation of this Standard, reference was made to IEC 60287 and acknowledgement is made of the assistance received from that source.

Statements expressed in mandatory terms in notes to Tables and Figures are deemed to be requirements of this Standard.

The term ‘informative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. An ‘informative’ appendix is only for information and guidance.

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## SECTION 1 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

### 1.1 SCOPE

This Standard sets out a method for cable selection for those types of electrical cables and methods of installation that are in common use at working voltages up to and including 0.6/1 kV at 50 Hz a.c.

Four criteria are given for cable selection, as follows:

(a) Current-carrying capacity.

(b) Voltage drop.

(c) Short-circuit temperature rise.

(d) Economic optimization.

This Standard provides sustained current-carrying capacities and voltage drop values for those types of electrical cable and installation practices in common use in New Zealand. A significant amount of explanatory material is also provided on the application of rating factors that arise from the particular installation conditions of a single circuit or groups of circuits. Also, provided in Section 2 is information on cable selection based on short-circuit temperature limits.

NOTE: A number of worked examples on cable selection are included in Appendix A.

This Standard does not take into account the effects that may occur owing to temperature rise at the terminals of equipment and reference is necessary to AS/NZS 3000 and the individual equipment Standards.

NOTE: For ease of reference, an index of the Tables included in this Standard is provided in Appendix B.

### 1.2 APPLICATION

This Standard is intended to apply to installations made or carried out after the date of publication, but it is recommended that it not be applied on a mandatory basis until 6 months after the date of publication. However, if work on an installation commenced before publication of this edition, the inspecting authority may grant permission for the installation to be carried out in accordance with the superseded edition.