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In this Redline version, a vertical line in the margin shows where the technical content is modified by amendments 1 and 2. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text. A separate Final version with all changes accepted is available in this publication.

International Standard IEC 61918 has been prepared by subcommittee 65C: Industrial networks, of IEC technical committee 65: Industrial-process measurement, control and automation.

This fourth edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) the reference to ISO/IEC 24702 has been replaced with reference to the new ISO/IEC 11801-3; this affects Table 2;
b) some terms and abbreviated terms have been modified in Clause 3;
c) Subclauses 4.1.2, 4.4.2.5, 4.4.3.4.1 and 5.7 have been updated;
d) Figure 2 and Figure 3 have been updated; Figure 13, Figure 16, Figure 30 and Figure 49 have been added;
e) Table 7 has been updated;
f) Annex D and Annex M have been extended to cover additional communication profile families; Annex H has been extended to cover the M12-8 X-coding connector use;
g) Annex O has been modified by including references to the new edition of the ISO/IEC 11801 series, ISO/IEC TR 11801-9902 and ISO/IEC 14763-4;
h) Annex P has been added.

This standard is to be used in conjunction with the IEC 61784-5 series with regard to the installation of communication profiles (CPs).

Those standards of the IEC 61784-5 series which are still specified for use in conjunction with IEC 61918:2013 can also be used in conjunction with this edition, provided that the user takes into account the fact that the reference to ISO/IEC 24702 has been replaced with a reference to ISO/IEC 11801-3:2017.

NOTE This solution applies for the installation profiles that are affected only by this modified reference.

This standard is referenced by ISO/IEC 14763-2, which covers installation of generic cabling outside the automation islands in industrial premises.

This standard was developed in cooperation with ISO/IEC JTC1/SC25 which is responsible for the ISO/IEC 11801 series.

This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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INTRODUCTION

Process and factory automation rely increasingly on communication networks and fieldbuses that are inherently designed to cope with the specific environmental conditions of the industrial premises. The networks and fieldbuses provide for an effective integration of applications among the several functional units of the plant/factory. One of the benefits of integrating field-generated data with higher-level management systems is to reduce production costs. At the same time, integrated data helps to maintain or even increase the quantity and quality of production. A correct network installation is an important prerequisite for communications availability, reliability, and performance. This requires proper consideration of safety and security conditions and environmental aspects such as mechanical, liquid, particulate, climatic, chemicals and electromagnetic interference.

The specifications of these communication networks are provided in the following documents.

ISO/IEC 11801-3 specifies design of generic telecommunications infrastructures within industrial premises and provides the foundations for some of the transmission performance specifications of this document. ISO/IEC 11801-3 specifies only the raw bandwidth capability of a channel; it does not specify useful data transfer rate for a specific network using that channel or expected errors after taking account of interference during the communication process, as is needed for industrial automation.

The IEC 61158 fieldbus standard and IEC 62026-3 and their companion standard IEC 61784-1 and IEC 61784-2 jointly specify several Communication Profiles (CPs) suitable for industrial automation. These CPs specify a raw bandwidth capability and in addition, they specify bit modulation and encoding rules for their fieldbus. Some profiles also specify target levels for useful data transfer rate, and maximum values for errors caused by interference during the communication process.

This document provides a common point of reference for the installation of the media of most used industrial communication networks for most industrial sites.

This document provides a consistent set of installation rules for industrial automation islands where control applications reside. In addition, it offers support for the definition and installation of the interfaces between automation island networks and generic cabling.

One of the problems it seeks to solve is the situation created when different parts of a large automation site are provided by suppliers that use non-homogeneous installation guidelines having different structures and contents. This lack of consistency greatly increases the potential for errors and mismatch situations liable to compromise the communication system.

This document was developed by harmonising the approaches of several user groups and industrial consortia.

The document covers the life cycle of an installation in the following clauses (see the map of the document in Figure 1):

- Clause 4: Installation planning;
- Clause 5: Installation implementation;
- Clause 6: Installation verification and acceptance test;
- Clause 7: Installation administration;
- Clause 8: Installation maintenance and installation troubleshooting.

The methods described in these clauses are written in such a way as to provide installation guidance for a wide range of technician skills.

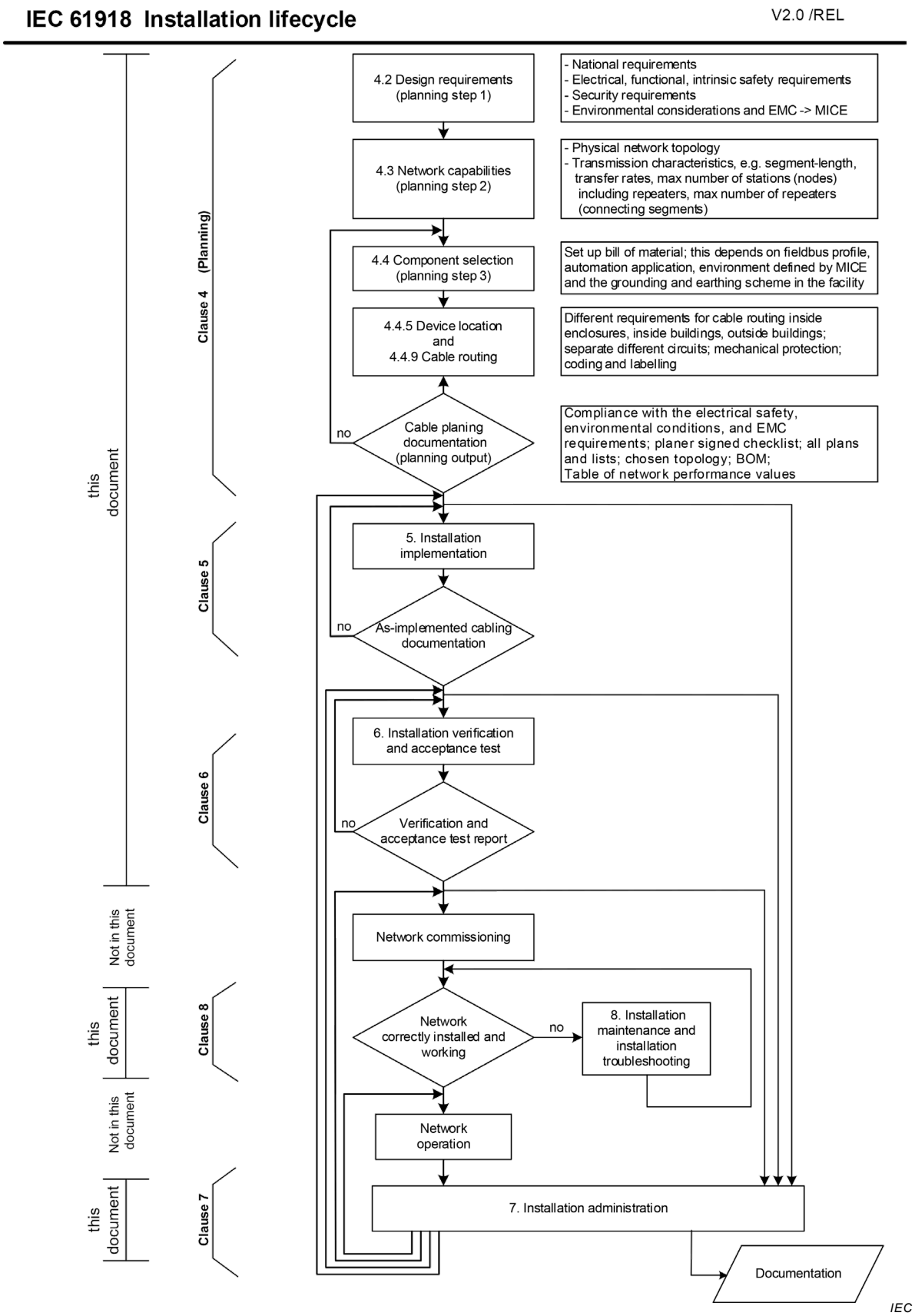


Figure 1 – Industrial network installation life cycle

The installation of a communication system is supported by this document used in conjunction with the relevant installation profile. The installation profile establishes the technology-specific

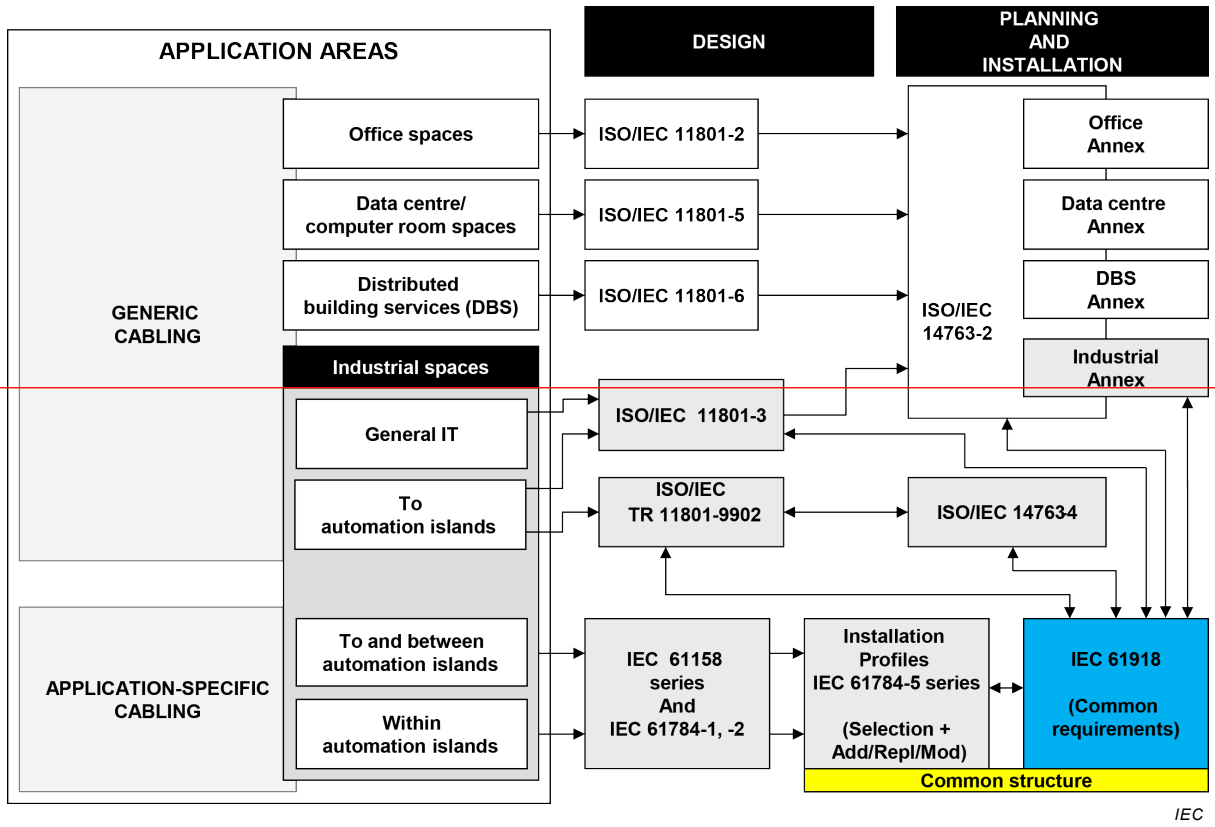
requirements in terms of which requirements apply as they are in this document, or which have been extended, modified, or replaced.

For the fieldbuses that are defined in the IEC 61784 (all parts) as communication profiles (CPs) of the communication profile families (CPF), the installation is specified in the installation profiles that are available in the IEC 61784-5-n documents, where n is the CPF number.
IEC 61158-1 describes the relationship between the fieldbus and the CPs and the relevant installation profiles (see Figure 2).

Those documents of IEC 61784-5 (all parts) that are still specified for use in conjunction with IEC 61918:2013 can also be used in conjunction with this edition 2018, provided that the user takes into account the fact that the reference to ISO/IEC 24702 has been replaced with a reference to ISO/IEC 11801-3:2017.

NOTE This solution applies for the Installation profiles that are affected only by this modified reference

For the installation of generic cabling in industrial premises, IEC 61918 is referenced to by ISO/IEC 14763-2 (see Figure 2).



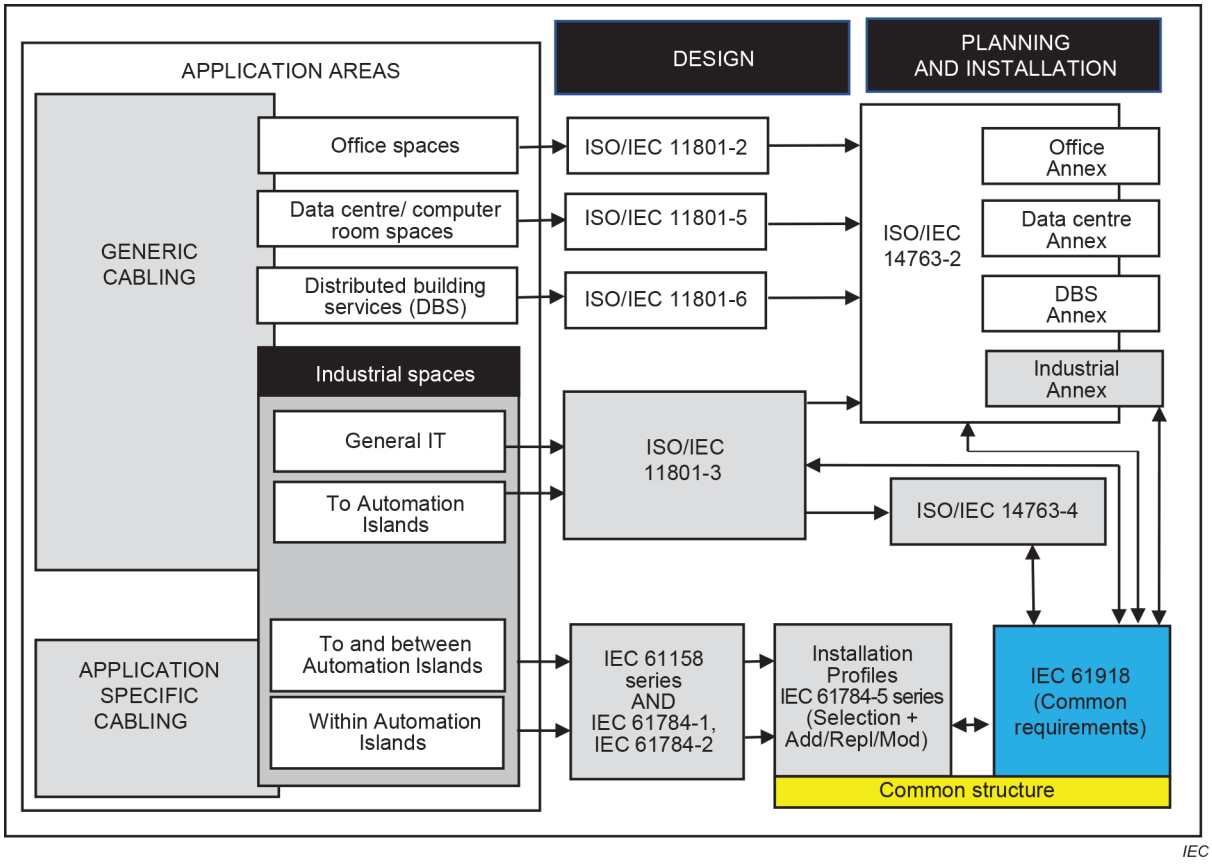


Figure 2 – Standards relationships

One of the advantages of this structure is that the users of a network know which installation requirements are common to most networks and which are specific to a particular network.

Every single plant/factory has its own installation needs in accordance with the specific critical conditions that apply to the specific application. This document and its companion standards described above provide a set of mandatory installation requirements ("shalls") and a number of recommendations ("shoulds"). It is up to the owner of the specific industrial enterprise to explicitly request that the cabling installation be implemented in accordance with these standards and to list all recommendations that shall be considered as mandatory requirements for the specific case.

INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

This Amendment 1 describes the installation in the critical environment of industrial premises of balanced 1-pair networks that use cabling in connection with Ethernet specified in 1000BASE-T1 type A, which allows bidirectional signal transmission at 1 000 Mbit/s up to 15 m, 1000BASE-T1 type B for 1 000 Mbit/s up to 40 m, 100BASE-T1 for 100 Mbit/s up to 15 m, 10BASE-T1S for 10 Mbit/s up to 15 m, 10BASE-T1L for 10 Mbit/s up to 1 000 m.

These balanced 1-pair networks use the industrial versions of 1 000 Mbit/s and 100 Mbit/s ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3:2021, and 10 Mbit/s IEEE Std 802.3cg networks.

INTRODUCTION to Amendment 2

This Amendment 2 describes the result of the maintenance activity of IEC 61918:2018 that takes into account the evolution of the technology, which is being considered during the Installation Profiles revision cycle.

The following technical changes were made in IEC 61918:2018/AMD1:2022 and IEC 61918:2018/AMD2:2024:

a) Subclauses 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.2.1.2, 4.2.2, 4.2.3.2, 4.3.2.1, 4.3.2.3, 4.4.1.2.1, 4.4.2.2, 4.4.2.5. 4.4.3.1, 4.4.3.2.1, 4.4.3.4.1, 4.4.7.1.4, 4.4.7.3.1, 5.1.1, 5.7, 6.1, 6.2.8.3, 6.3.2.1.2 and 8.3.3 have been updated;

b) Annex O has been modified by replacing the references to ISO/IEC TR 11801-9902 with references to ISO/IEC 11801-3:2017/AMD1:2021;

c) Table B.3 has been updated;

d) Clause B.6 has been added;

e) Annexes D, I, J, K and M have been updated;

f) Annex Q has been added.

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1 Scope

This document specifies basic requirements for the installation of media for communication networks within and between the automation islands, of industrial sites. This document covers balanced and optical fibre cabling. It also covers the cabling infrastructure for wireless media, but not the wireless media itself. Additional media are covered in IEC 61784-5 (all parts).

This document is a companion standard to the communication networks of the industrial automation islands and especially to the communication networks specified in IEC 61158 (all parts) and IEC 61784 (all parts).

In addition, this document covers the connection between the generic telecommunications cabling specified in ISO/IEC 11801-3 and the specific communication cabling of an automation island, where an automation outlet (AO) replaces the telecommunication outlet (TO) of ISO/IEC 11801-3.

NOTE If the interface used at the AO does not conform to that specified for the TO of ISO/IEC 11801-3, the cabling no longer conforms to ISO/IEC 11801-3 although certain features, including performance, of generic cabling may be retained.

This document provides guidelines that cope with the critical aspects of the industrial automation area (safety, security and environmental aspects such as mechanical, liquid, particulate, climatic, chemicals and electromagnetic interference).

~~This document does not recognise implementations of power distribution with or through Ethernet balanced cabling systems.~~

This document deals with the roles of planner, installer, verifier, and acceptance test personnel, administration and maintenance personnel and specifies the relevant responsibilities and/or gives guidance.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60364-1:2005, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 1: Fundamental principles, assessment of general characteristics, definitions*

IEC 60364-4-41, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock*

IEC 60364-4-44, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-44: Protection for safety – Protection against voltage disturbances and electromagnetic disturbances*

IEC 60364-5-54, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 5-54: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Earthing arrangements and protective conductors*