

**Low Voltage Primary Cable**

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**1. Scope**

This standard covers low voltage primary cable intended for use at a nominal system voltage of 60 V DC (25 V AC) or less in surface vehicle electrical systems. The tests are intended to qualify cables for normal applications with limited exposure to fluids and physical abuse.

**1.1 Rationale**

This document is being revised to include the following:

- a. Add a separate "Winding" test
- b. Consolidate all mandrels into one table
- c. Specify mandrels as a multiple of "Outside Cable Diameter"
- d. Add a section to define the "Oven"
- e. Revise the "Temperature and Humidity Cycling" test
- f. Update test fluids and sources
- g. Change text from "Low Tension" to "Low Voltage"
- h. Remove cable types STS, TWE, SGE, and HTE

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### 2. References

#### 2.1 Applicable Publications

The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of SAE publications shall apply.

##### 2.1.1 SAE PUBLICATIONS

Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, Tel: 877-606-7323 (inside USA and Canada) or 724-776-4970 (outside USA), [www.sae.org](http://www.sae.org).

SAE EA-1128—Wire Color Charts

SAE J311—Fluid for Passenger Car Type Automatic Transmission

SAE Dictionary of Materials and Testing

##### 2.1.2 ASTM DOCUMENTS

Available from ASTM, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, Tel: 610-832-9585, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

ASTM B 33—Standard Specification for Tinned Soft or Annealed Copper Wire

ASTM B 263—Method for Determination of Cross-Sectional Area of Standard Conductors

ASTM B 298—Standard Specification for Silver-Coated Soft or Annealed Copper Wire

ASTM B 354—Definitions of Terms Relating to Uninsulated Metallic Electrical Conductors

ASTM B 355—Standard Specification for Nickel-Coated Soft or Annealed Copper Wire

ASTM D 412—Standard Test Methods for Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Rubbers and Thermoplastic Elastomers—Tension

ASTM D 471—Standard Test Method for Rubber Property—Effect of Liquids

ASTM D 573—Standard Test Method for Rubber—Deterioration in an Air Oven

ASTM E 145—Standard Specification for Gravity-Convection and Forced-Ventilation Ovens

ASTM F 1251—Standard Terminology Relating to Polymeric Biomaterials in Medical and Surgical Device

##### 2.1.3 IEC DOCUMENTS

Available from ANSI, 25 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036-8002, Tel: 212-642-4900, [www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org).

IEC 60811-2-1—Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electrical cables—Part 2: Methods specific to elastomeric compounds—Section 1: Ozone resistance test—Hot set test—Mineral oil immersion test

IEC, Electricity, Electronics and Telecommunications, Multilingual Dictionary

#### 2.2 Related Specifications

The following publications are provided for information purposes only and are not a required part of this specification.

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### 2.2.1 SAE PUBLICATIONS

Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, Tel: 877-606-7323 (inside USA and Canada) or 724-776-4970 (outside USA), [www.sae.org](http://www.sae.org).

SAE J156—Fusible Links  
SAE J1067—Seven Conductor Jacketed Cable for Truck Trailer Connections  
SAE J1127—Low Voltage Battery Cable  
SAE J1292—Automobile, Truck, Truck-Tractor, Trailer, and Motor Coach Wiring  
SAE J1654—High Voltage Primary Cable  
SAE J1673—High Voltage Automotive Wiring  
SAE J1678—Low Voltage Ultra Thin Wall Primary Cable  
SAE J2183—60 V and 600 V Single Core Cables—Test Methods, Dimensions and Requirements  
SAE J2501—Round, Unscreened, 60 V and 600 V Multicore Sheathed Cables—Basic and High Performance Test Methods and Requirements

### 2.2.2 ASTM DOCUMENTS

Available from ASTM, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, Tel: 610-832-9585, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

ASTM B 1—Standard Specification for Hard-Drawn Copper Wire  
ASTM B 3—Standard Specification for Soft or Annealed Copper Wire  
ASTM B 8—Concentric-Lay-Stranded Copper Conductors, Hard, Medium-Hard, or Soft  
ASTM B 452—Standard Specification for Copper-Clad Steel Wire for Electronic Application  
ASTM B 787—19 Wire Combination Unilay-Stranded Copper Conductors for Subsequent Insulation

### 2.2.3 ISO DOCUMENTS

Available from ANSI, 25 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036-8002, Tel: 212-642-4900, [www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org).

ISO 6722—Road vehicles—60 V and 600 V single core cables—Test methods, dimensions and requirements  
ISO 14572—Road vehicles—Round, screened and unscreened, 60 V and 600 V multicore sheathed cables—Basic and high performance test methods and requirements

## 3. Definitions

### 3.1 Additional Mass (Reference “Resistance to Sandpaper Abrasion” Test)

The mass which is applied to the support rod. The combination of the forces exerted by the additional mass and the 0.63 N exerted by the remaining apparatus (bracket, support rod, and pivoting arm) is applied to the cable.

### 3.2 Cable

See primary cable.