



**POLYIMIDE INSULATED WIRES AND CABLES,  
LOW FREQUENCY, 600V, -100 TO +150 °C**

**ESCC Detail Specification No. 3901/005**

**ISSUE 1  
October 2002**



	ESCC Detail Specification		PAGE ii ISSUE 1
--	---------------------------	--	--------------------

### **LEGAL DISCLAIMER AND COPYRIGHT**

European Space Agency, Copyright © 2002. All rights reserved.

The European Space Agency disclaims any liability or responsibility, to any person or entity, with respect to any loss or damage caused, or alleged to be caused, directly or indirectly by the use and application of this ESCC publication.

This publication, without the prior permission of the European Space Agency and provided that it is not used for a commercial purpose, may be:

- copied in whole in any medium without alteration or modification.
- copied in part, in any medium, provided that the ESCC document identification, comprising the ESCC symbol, document number and document issue, is removed.



**european space agency  
agence spatiale européenne**

Pages 1 to 19

**POLYIMIDE INSULATED WIRES AND CABLES,  
LOW FREQUENCY, 600V, - 100 TO + 150 °C  
ESA/SCC Detail Specification No. 3901/005**

**SCC**

**space components  
coordination group**

Issue/Rev.	Date	Approved by	
		SCCG Chairman	ESA Director General or his Deputy
Issue 3	January 1996	<i>Ponomarev</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>



**DOCUMENTATION CHANGE NOTICE**

Rev. Letter	Rev. Date	Reference	CHANGE Item	Approved DCR No.
		This Issue supersedes Issue 2 and incorporates the changes agreed in the following DCR's:-		
		Cover Page		None
		DCN		None
		Para 4.2.4	: Title amended	23791
		Para. 4.3.1	: Wording amended	23791
		Para 4.4.1.1	: Paragraph standardised	23791
		Para 4.4.1.2	: Paragraph standardised	23791
		Para 4.5.2	: Wording amended	23791
		Para 4.5.5	: Wording amended	23791
		Para 4.8.2	: Sentence added	23791
		Para 4.8.3	: Sentence added	23791
		Para 4.8.7	: Sentence added	23791
		Para 4.8.11	: Test '(h)' and '(i)' corrected to '(e)' and '(f)'	23791
		Para 4.8.18	: Original paragraph deleted and Para 4.8.19 renumbered to 4.8.18	23791
		Para 4.8.19	: New paragraph added	23791



## TABLE OF CONTENTS

	<u>Page</u>
<b>1. <u>GENERAL</u></b>	<b>5</b>
1.1 Scope	5
1.2 Type Variants	5
1.3 Maximum Ratings	5
1.4 Parameter Derating Information	5
1.5 Physical Characteristics	5
1.6 Functional Diagram	5
<b>2. <u>APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS</u></b>	<b>10</b>
<b>3. <u>TERMS, DEFINITIONS, ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS AND UNITS</u></b>	<b>10</b>
<b>4. <u>REQUIREMENTS</u></b>	<b>10</b>
4.1 General	10
4.2 Deviations from Generic Specification	10
4.2.1 Deviations from Special In-process Controls	10
4.2.2 Deviations from Final Production Tests	10
4.2.3 Deviations from Burn-in and Electrical Measurements	10
4.2.4 Deviations from Qualification Tests	10
4.2.5 Deviations from Lot Acceptance Tests	10
4.3 Mechanical Requirements	11
4.3.1 Dimension Check	11
4.3.2 Weight	11
4.4 Materials and Finishes	12
4.4.1 Conductor	12
4.4.2 Insulation	12
4.4.3 Assembly	13
4.4.4 Shield	13
4.4.5 Jacket	14
4.4.6 Coloured Stripes	15
4.4.7 Colour Identification Code	15
4.5 Marking	15
4.5.1 General	15
4.5.2 The SCC Component Number	16
4.5.3 Characteristics	16
4.5.4 Traceability Information	16
4.5.5 Additional Marking	16
4.6 Electrical Measurements	16
4.6.1 Electrical Measurements at Room Temperature	16
4.6.2 Electrical Measurements at High and Low Temperatures	16
4.6.3 Circuits for Electrical Measurements	16
4.7 Burn-in Tests	16
4.8 Environmental and Endurance Tests	16
4.8.1 Mechanical Properties of Conductor	16
4.8.2 Accelerated Ageing	17
4.8.3 Wrap Test at Ambient Temperature	17
4.8.4 Voltage Test	17
4.8.5 Shrinkage	18
4.8.6 Blocking	18
4.8.7 Cold Bend Test	18



	<u>Page</u>
4.8.8 Cut-through Resistance	18
4.8.9 Notch Resistance	18
4.8.10 Flammability	18
4.8.11 Resistance to Fluids	18
4.8.12 Surface Resistance	18
4.8.13 Abrasion Resistance	19
4.8.14 Soldering	19
4.8.15 Solderability	19
4.8.16 Radiation Resistance	19
4.8.17 Overload Resistance	19
4.8.18 Long-term Ageing Test	19
4.8.19 Anthony and Brown Test	19

### TABLES

1(a) Type Variants	6
1(b) Maximum Ratings	8
A Mandrel Diameters and Loads for Finished Wires	17
B Mandrel Diameters and Loads for Shielded and Jacketed Cables	17
C Mandrel Diameters and Loads for Finished Wires or Cores	18
2 Electrical Measurements at Room Temperature	19

### FIGURES

1 Parameter Derating Information	8
2 Physical Characteristics	9

### APPENDICES (Applicable to specific Manufacturers only)

None.

**1. GENERAL****1.1 SCOPE**

This specification details the ratings, physical and electrical characteristics, test and inspection data for Polyimide Insulated Wires and Cables, Low Frequency, 600V, -100 to +150 °C. It shall be read in conjunction with ESA/SCC Generic Specification No. 3901, the requirements of which are supplemented herein.

**NOTES**

1. These wires and cables shall not be used in the presence or vicinity of hydrazine or nitrogen tetroxide.

**1.2 TYPE VARIANTS**

Variants of the basic types of wires and cables specified herein which are also covered by this specification, are listed in Table 1(a).

**1.3 MAXIMUM RATINGS**

The maximum ratings, applicable to the finished wires and cables specified herein, which shall not be exceeded at any time during use or storage in controlled space environment, are scheduled in Table 1(b).

**1.4 PARAMETER DERATING INFORMATION**

The derating information applicable to the finished wires and cables specified herein is as follows:

- The maximum current for each wire used in a bundle shall be:-

$$I_{Bmax} = I_{max} \times \frac{29 - n}{28} \quad (\text{for } 1 < n < 15)$$

$$I_{Bmax} = \frac{I_{max}}{2} \quad (\text{for } n > 15)$$

where n = number of wires in the bundle;

- The temperature derating information is shown in Figure 1 with maximum current  $I_{max}$  for a single wire.
- The derating factors contained herein indicate maximum stress values and do not preclude further derating.

**1.5 PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

The physical characteristics of the finished wires and cables specified herein are shown in Figures 2(a), 2(b) and 2(c) and their dimensions in Table 1(a).

**1.6 FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM**

Not applicable.



**SCS**

ESA/SCC Detail Specification  
No. 3901/005

PAGE 6

ISSUE 3

**TABLE 1(a) - TYPE VARIANTS**

VARIANT No.	SHIELDED	UN-SHIELDED	No. OF CORES	WIRE SIZE AWG	STRANDING No. OF STRANDS x DIAMETER (mm)	CONDUCTOR CHARACTERISTICS			SHIELD STRAND Ø (mm)	CORE MAX Ø (mm)	FINISHED WIRE OR CABLE CHARACTERISTICS		
						MAX Ø (mm)	NOM SECT. (mm <sup>2</sup> )	MAX OHMIC RESISTANCE (Ω/km)			MIN Ø (mm)	MAX Ø (mm)	MAX WEIGHT (kg/km)
01		X	1	26	19x0.10 (1)	0.53	0.15	160	-	-	0.71	0.84	2.05
02		X	1	24	19x0.12 (1)	0.62	0.21	114	-	-	0.81	0.95	2.75
03		X	1	22	19x0.16	0.85	0.38	52.7	-	-	1.01	1.14	4.40
04		X	1	20	19x0.20	1.04	0.60	33.2	-	-	1.20	1.35	6.65
05		X	1	18	19x0.25	1.29	0.93	21.1	-	-	1.45	1.60	9.98
06		X	1	16	19x0.30	1.53	1.3	14.5	-	-	1.70	1.85	14.0
07		X	1	14	37x0.25	1.82	1.8	10.9	-	-	1.93	2.13	18.7
08		X	1	12	37x0.32	2.28	3.0	6.8	-	-	2.40	2.60	30.1
09		X	2	16	19x0.30	1.53	1.3	15.2	-	1.85	-	3.80	29.5
10		X	2	14	37x0.25	1.82	1.8	11.45	-	2.13	-	4.35	39.2
11		X	2	12	37x0.32	2.28	3.0	7.14	-	2.60	-	5.30	62.5
12		X	3	16	19x0.30	1.53	1.3	15.2	-	1.85	-	4.08	44.5
13		X	3	14	37x0.25	1.82	1.8	11.45	-	2.13	-	4.70	59.0
14		X	3	12	37x0.32	2.28	3.0	7.14	-	2.60	-	5.70	93.5
15	X		1	16	19x0.30	1.53	1.3	14.5	0.10	1.85	-	2.28	19.8
16	X		1	14	37x0.25	1.82	1.8	10.9	0.12	2.13	-	2.58	26.0
17	X		1	12	37x0.32	2.28	3.0	6.8	0.15	2.60	-	3.12	41.0
18	X		2	16	19x0.30	1.53	1.3	15.2	0.15	1.85	-	4.20	41.0
19	X		2	14	37x0.25	1.82	1.8	11.45	0.15	2.13	-	4.80	52.0
20	X		2	12	37x0.32	2.28	3.0	7.14	0.20	2.60	-	5.90	83.0
21	X		3	16	19x0.30	1.53	1.3	15.2	0.15	1.85	-	4.50	57.5
22	X		3	14	37x0.25	1.82	1.8	11.45	0.20	2.13	-	5.25	79.0
23	X		3	12	37x0.32	2.28	3.0	7.14	0.20	2.60	-	6.25	117.0

**NOTES:**  
1. Copper alloy.  
2. With core identification as defined in Para. 4.4.3.2.





**SCC**

ESA/SCC Detail Specification

No. 3901/005

PAGE 7

ISSUE 3

**TABLE 1(a) - TYPE VARIANTS (CONTINUED)**

VARIANT No.	SHIELDED	UN-SHIELDED	No. OF CORES	WIRE SIZE AWG	STRANDING No. OF STRANDS x DIAMETER (mm)	CONDUCTOR CHARACTERISTICS			SHIELD STRAND Ø (mm)	CORE MAX Ø (mm)	FINISHED WIRE OR CABLE CHARACTERISTICS		
						MAX Ø (mm)	NOM SECT. (mm <sup>2</sup> )	MAX OHMIC RESISTANCE (Ω/km)			MIN Ø (mm)	MAX Ø (mm)	MAX WEIGHT (kg/km)
24 (2)	-	X	2	16	19x0.30	1.53	1.3	15.2	-	1.85	-	3.80	29.5
25 (2)	-	X	2	14	37x0.25	1.82	1.8	11.45	-	2.13	-	4.35	39.2
26 (2)	-	X	2	12	37x0.32	2.28	3.0	7.14	-	2.60	-	5.30	62.5
27 (2)	-	X	3	16	19x0.30	1.53	1.3	15.2	-	1.85	-	4.08	44.5
28 (2)	-	X	3	14	37x0.25	1.82	1.8	11.45	-	2.13	-	4.70	59.0
29 (2)	-	X	3	12	37x0.32	2.28	3.0	7.14	-	2.60	-	5.70	93.5
30 (2)	X	-	2	16	19x0.30	1.53	1.3	15.2	0.15	1.85	-	4.20	41.0
31 (2)	X	-	2	14	37x0.25	1.82	1.8	11.45	0.15	2.13	-	4.80	52.0
32 (2)	X	-	2	12	37x0.32	2.28	3.0	7.14	0.20	2.60	-	5.90	83.0
33 (2)	X	-	3	16	19x0.30	1.53	1.3	15.2	0.15	1.85	-	4.50	57.5
34 (2)	X	-	3	14	37x0.25	1.82	1.8	11.45	0.20	2.13	-	5.25	79.0
35 (2)	X	-	3	12	37x0.32	2.28	3.0	7.14	0.20	2.60	-	6.25	117.0

**NOTES:** 1. Copper alloy.

2. With core identification as defined in Para. 4.4.3.2.



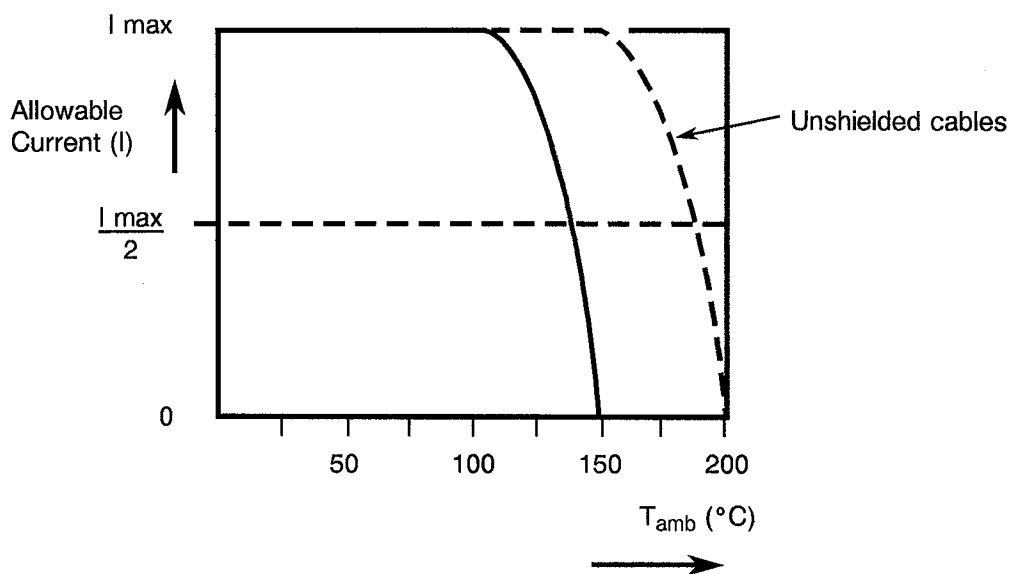
**TABLE 1(b) - MAXIMUM RATINGS**

No.	CHARACTERISTICS	SYMBOL	MAXIMUM RATINGS	UNIT	REMARKS
1	Voltage	$V_p$	600	Vrms	
2	Maximum Current (Note 1)	$I_{max}$	2.5 3.5 5.0 7.5 10.0 13.0 17.0 23.0	A	For AWG 26 24 22 20 18 16 14 12
3	Operating Temperature Range	$T_{amb}$	- 100 to +150	°C	- 100 to +200 for unshielded cables
4	Storage Temperature Range	$T_{stg}$	- 100 to +150	°C	- 100 to +200 for unshielded cables

**NOTES**

- The above specified current will generate a temperature rise of approximately 50°C above ambient temperature in a vacuum environment. Precautions shall be taken to prevent the total temperature of the wire (ambient plus rise) exceeding the continuous operating temperature of the wire.

**FIGURE 1 - PARAMETER DERATING INFORMATION**



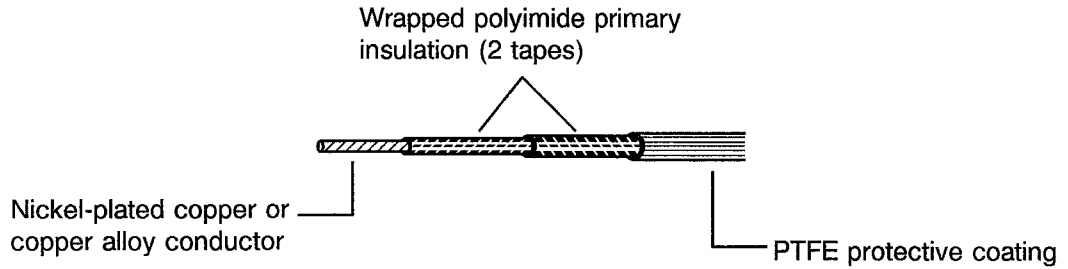
Allowable Current versus Temperature



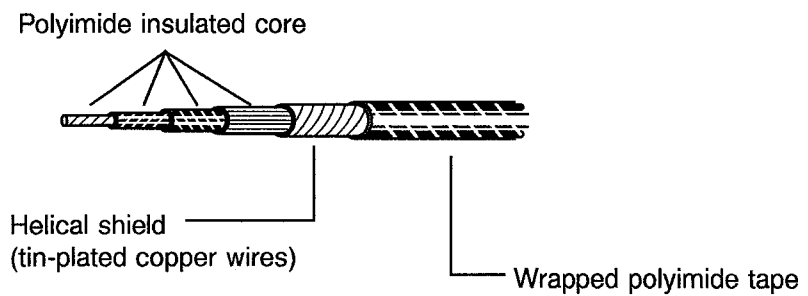
**FIGURE 2 - PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Dimensions are given in Table 1(a)

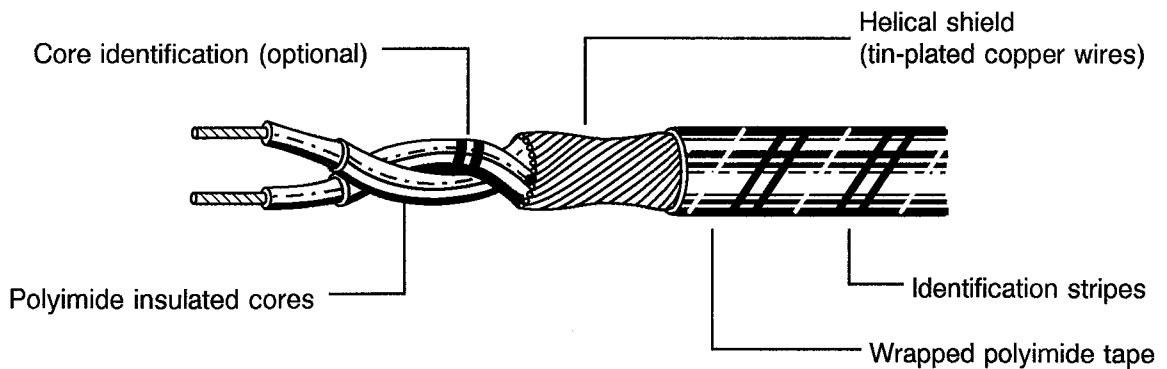
**FIGURE 2(a) - FINISHED WIRES**



**FIGURE 2(b) - SHIELDED AND JACKETED CABLES**



**FIGURE 2(c) - SHIELDED AND JACKETED CABLES**



**2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS**

The following documents form part of this specification and shall be read in conjunction with it:

- (a) ESA/SCC Generic Specification No. 3901, "Wires and Cables, Electrical, 600V, Low Frequency",
- (b) MIL-W-81381, "Wires, Electric, Polyimide Insulated, Copper or Copper Alloy".
- (c) MIL-F-14256, "Flux, Soldering, Liquid (Rosin Base)".
- (d) ASTMB-355-74, "Nickel-coated Soft or Annealed Copper Wires".
- (e) ASTMB-33-74, "Tinned Soft or Annealed Copper Wires for Electrical Purposes".

**3. TERMS, DEFINITIONS, ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS AND UNITS**

For the purpose of this specification, the terms, definitions, abbreviations, symbols and units specified in ESA/SCC Basic Specification No. 21300 and ESA/SCC Generic Specification No. 3901 shall apply.

**4. REQUIREMENTS****4.1 GENERAL**

The complete requirements for procurement of the finished wires and cables specified herein are stated in this specification and ESA/SCC Generic Specification No. 3901. Deviations from the Generic Specification, applicable to this specification only, are listed in Para 4.2.

Deviations from the applicable Generic Specification and this Detail Specification, formally agreed with specific Manufacturers on the basis that the alternative requirements are equivalent to the ESA/SCC requirements and do not affect the components' reliability, are listed in the Appendices attached to this specification.

**4.2 DEVIATIONS FROM GENERIC SPECIFICATION****4.2.1 Deviations from Special In-process Controls**

None.

**4.2.2 Deviations from Final Production Tests (Chart II)**

- (a) For shielded cables, the stripping capability shall be completed by a solderability test as defined in Para. 9.25 of the Generic Specification, using RMA-type flux according to MIL-F-14256.

**4.2.3 Deviations from Burn-in and Electrical Measurements (Chart III)**

Not applicable.

**4.2.4 Deviations from Qualification Tests (Chart IV)**

- (a) Para. 9.21, "Resistance to Fluids": To be modified as stated in Para. 4.8.11 of this specification.

**4.2.5 Deviations from Lot Acceptance Tests (Chart V)**

None.



4.3 MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS

4.3.1 Dimension Check

The dimensions of the finished wires and cables specified herein shall be checked; they shall conform to those shown in Table 1(a), Figure 2 and Para 4.4 of this specification (see below for the list of parameters to be checked).

**LIST OF PARAMETERS TO BE CHECKED**

PARAMETER	TABLE 1(a)	FIGURE 2	PARA 4.4
<u>COMPOSITION</u>			
Number of conductors	X		
Gauge	X		
Shielding	X		
Jacket		X	
<u>CONDUCTOR</u>			
Nature			X
Outer diameter	X		
Number of strands	X		
Strand diameter	X		
Length of lay			X
Nickel thickness			X
<u>INSULATION</u>			
Composition		X	X
Protective coating		X	X
Thickness			X
Overlapping			X
Outer diameter	X		
Core identification			X
<u>SHIELDING</u>			
Number of strands	X		
Type of shielding			X
Strand diameter	X		
Nature		X	X
Shield strand adhesion			X
Shielding lay			X
Shield coverage			X
<u>JACKET</u>			
Composition		X	X
Thickness			X
Overlapping			X
Outer diameter	X		
Stripe dimensions			X

4.3.2 Weight

The maximum weight of the finished wires and cables specified herein shall be as specified in Table 1(a).



#### 4.4 MATERIALS AND FINISHES

The materials and finishes shall be as specified herein. Where a definite material is not specified, a material which will enable the wires and cables specified herein to meet the performance requirements of this specification shall be used. Acceptance or approval of any constituent material does not guarantee acceptance of the finished product.

##### 4.4.1 Conductor

###### 4.4.1.1 Material Characteristics

All strands used in the manufacture of the conductors shall be nickel-coated, soft or annealed, high conductivity copper from AWG 12 to 22 inclusive and nickel-coated, high strength copper alloy from AWG 24 to 26.

On all copper conductors, any strand shall show a 10% minimum elongation. On all high-strength copper alloy conductors, any strand shall show a 6% minimum elongation at break and a 350N/mm<sup>2</sup> minimum tensile strength.

The resistance of the conductors shall be determined at +20°C in accordance with Para. 9.5 of ESA/SCC Generic Specification No. 3901, where the 'α' coefficient for copper alloy is 0.0035.

###### 4.4.1.2 Stranding

The conductors shall be constructed of concentrically laid strands to produce a smooth and uniform conductor of circular cross-section and free from any high strands or other surface irregularities.

The length of the left-hand lay of the external layer shall not be less than 8, nor more than 16, times the maximum conductor diameter specified in Table 1(a).

###### 4.4.1.3 Nickel Coating Characteristics

###### (a) Continuity

The nickel coating of strands shall be continuous. It shall not exhibit visible black spots after testing according to the ASTM-B-355-74 method. The test shall be performed on 3 specimens.

###### (b) Adhesion

The nickel coating shall be firmly adherent to the surface of the copper. It shall not exhibit visible detachment after testing according to the ASTM-B-355-74 method. The test shall be performed on 3 specimens.

###### (c) Nickel Thickness

The nickel coating on conductor strands shall be shown, by any convenient method, to be not less than 1.25 microns.

##### 4.4.2 Insulation

###### 4.4.2.1 Material

Any insulating material shall be virgin polyimide with only those additives that are necessary for processing and pigmentation.



#### 4.4.2.2 Construction

The insulation shall consist of 2 ribbons wrapped in a reverse way, the overlapping of which shall be equal to, or more than, 51%. Each ribbon (30µm of thickness) shall conform to 0.1/1.0/0.1 type according to MIL-W-81381. The insulation shall have a uniform cross-section throughout the length of the cable and the conductor shall be evenly centred in the insulation. The nominal wall thickness, including the polyimide protective coating, shall be 0.14mm.

#### 4.4.2.3 Insulation Colour

The insulation colour is prescribed in relation to the wire size as shown in the table of Para. 4.4.7.

### 4.4.3 Assembly

#### 4.4.3.1 Construction

A multicore cable shall be constructed by assembling the cores in a right-hand concentric lay. The length of lay shall not be less than 10, nor more than 14, times the maximum multicore assembly diameter as detailed in Table 1(a).

#### 4.4.3.2 Core Identification (Optional)

An optional core identification may be required for multicore cables. It consists of black-coloured rings painted on the cores according to the following parameters:

First core	: no ring.
Second core	: 2 rings.
Third core	: 3 rings.
Minimum ring width	: 0.7mm.
Minimum space between rings	: 1.0mm.
Space between groups of rings	: 15 to 20 mm.

Small discontinuities of the ring are permitted.

#### Permanence of Core Identification

Core identification shall remain legible after 5 abrading actions performed on the painted rings with the aid of a pencil eraser.

### 4.4.4 Shield

#### 4.4.4.1 Material

Shield strands shall be tin-coated, soft or annealed, high conductivity copper. Any strand shall show a 10% minimum elongation (stretch at break).

#### 4.4.4.2 Construction

The shield shall be closely, helically wound round the strands and provide not less than 92% coverage, 'K' being calculated by the following formula:-

$$K = \frac{n.d \sqrt{(L^2 + P^2)}}{P.L}$$

where:-

K = % coverage,

n = total number of shield strands,



- d = mean diameter of a shield strand,  
L = apparent shielding lay,  
P = outside perimeter of the shielded cable,

where:-

- $P = \pi(D + d)$  - for a single core cable,  
 $P = \pi(D + d) + xD$  - for a multicore cable.  
x = the number of cores.

where:-

- D = mean diameter of core insulation,

N.B.

The shield may exhibit an occasional gap between strands provided that:

- the coverage coefficient meets the required value.
- the gap width and gap length are no more than 0.5mm and 50mm respectively.

#### 4.4.4.3 Tin-coating Characteristics

(a) Continuity

The tin-coating of shield strands shall be continuous. It shall not exhibit visible black spots after testing according to the ASTM-B-33-74 method. The test shall be performed on 3 specimens taken before insulating.

(b) Adhesion

The tin-coating shall be firmly adherent to the surface of the copper. It shall not exhibit visible detachment after testing according to the ASTM-B-33-74 method. The test shall be performed on 3 specimens taken before insulating.

(c) Tin Thickness

The tin-coating shall have a sufficient thickness to warrant a good solderability of the shield as defined in Para. 4.2.2 of this specification.

#### 4.4.4.4 Shield Strand Adhesion

The shield shall meet the requirements of the shield strand adhesion test as defined hereafter.

- No more than 20% of the strands may be bonded.
- No more than 3 strands may be bonded together.

The specimen taken from the end of the manufacturing lot shall be a 10cm length of finished cable. With a stripping tool, remove the insulation from both ends of the sample such that 4.0cm and 2.0cm of shield are exposed. Hold the cores at the 2.0cm end and extract them. Examination of the shield shall be carried out at the 4.0cm end under  $\times 10$  magnification. During examination, the shield shall be opened out by performing a suitable rotating movement.

#### 4.4.5 Jacket

For single-core and multicore shielded cables: 3 layers minimum of polyimide tape, type 0.1/1.0/0.1 according to MIL-W-81381, with identification by coloured stripes on the outside.

For multicore unshielded cables: 1 layer minimum of polyimide tape, type 0/1.0/0.5 according to MIL-W-81381, with coloured stripes on the outside.



4.4.6 Coloured Stripes

4.4.6.1 Colour Identification

Colour identification shall be as specified in Para. 4.4.7. Coloured stripes shall be helically applied on the jacket and grouped in a number equal to that of the cores.

4.4.6.2 Stripe Dimensions

Stripe width : 0.6mm.  
Space between stripes : 1.0mm.  
General tolerance :  $\pm 30\%$ .

4.4.7 Colour Identification Code

The colour identification code for insulation, jacket and stripes shall be as specified in the following table.

**COLOUR IDENTIFICATION CODE**

Wire Size (AWG)	Insulation Colour	Jacket Colour		Colour of Stripes
		Twisted Cores	Shielded Cores	
26	Blue	Amber	Amber	Blue
24	White	Amber	Amber	White
22	Red	Amber	Amber	Red
20	Green	Amber	Amber	Green
18	Yellow	Amber	Amber	Yellow
16	Brown	Amber	Amber	Brown
14	White	Amber	Amber	White
12	White	Amber	Amber	White

4.5 MARKING

4.5.1 General

The marking of all spools of finished wires and cables delivered to this specification shall be in accordance with the requirements of ESA/SCC Basic Specification No. 21700. Each spool shall be marked in respect of:-

- (a) The SCC Component Number.
- (b) Characteristics.
- (c) Traceability Information.
- (d) Additional Markings.



#### 4.5.2 The SCC Component Number

Each spool shall bear the SCC Component Number which shall be constituted and marked as follows:-

Detail Specification Number \_\_\_\_\_ 390100502B  
Type Variant (see Table 1(a)) \_\_\_\_\_  
Testing Level \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4.5.3 Characteristics

The characteristics shall show the length(s) of finished wire or cable wound on each spool and shall be marked as follows:-

Length in metres (see Note) \_\_\_\_\_ 100m  
Symbol for metres \_\_\_\_\_

#### **NOTE**

Whenever the length is less than 100 metres, insert a zero in the first block (example: 075m). If more than one length of finished wire or cable is wound on a spool, the characteristics of each length shall be marked as above.

#### 4.5.4 Traceability Information

Each spool shall be marked in respect of traceability information in accordance with the requirements of ESA/SCC Basic Specification No. 21700.

#### 4.5.5 Additional Marking

Each spool shall bear the cable manufacturer's Quality Control Inspector's stamp or initials.

### 4.6 ELECTRICAL MEASUREMENTS

#### 4.6.1 Electrical Measurements at Room Temperature

The parameters to be measured at room temperature are scheduled in Table 2. The measurements shall be performed at  $T_{amb} = +22 \pm 3$  °C.

#### 4.6.2 Electrical Measurements at High and Low Temperatures

Not applicable.

#### 4.6.3 Circuits for Electrical Measurements

Not applicable.

### 4.7 BURN-IN TESTS

Not applicable.

### 4.8 ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENDURANCE TESTS

#### 4.8.1 Mechanical Properties of Conductor

As detailed in Para. 4.4.1.1 of this Specification.

**4.8.2 Accelerated Ageing**Ageing Temperature  $+230 \pm 5$  °C.

The mandrel diameter and appropriate weight used for accelerated age testing of the finished wires is given in Table A.

**NOTES**

1. For shielded cables, a change in the shield's aspect shall not be cause for rejection.

**TABLE A - MANDREL DIAMETERS AND LOADS FOR FINISHED WIRES**

Wire Size (AWG)	Mandrel Diameter (mm)	Weight (kg)
26	6.0	0.25
24	6.0	0.25
22	6.0	0.4
20	6.0	0.4
18	10	0.5
16	10	0.5
14	15	1.0
12	20	1.0

**4.8.3 Wrap Test at Ambient Temperature**

The mandrel diameters and applied loads for wrap testing of finished wires are given in Table A. The mandrel diameters and applied loads for screened and jacketed cables are given in Table B.

**TABLE B - MANDREL DIAMETERS AND LOADS FOR SHIELDED AND JACKETED CABLES**

Cable Size (AWG)	Number of Cores	Mandrel Diameter (mm)	Load (kg)
16	1	15	0.5
14	1	15	1.0
12	1	15	1.0
16	2	15	1.0
14	2	20	2.0
12	2	20	2.0
16	3	20	1.5
14	3	20	3.0
12	3	25	3.0

**4.8.4 Voltage Test**

No particular conditions are applicable.

**4.8.5 Shrinkage**

The shrinkage temperature shall be  $+230 \pm 5$  °C

**4.8.6 Blocking**

The blocking temperature shall be  $+200 \pm 5$  °C.

**4.8.7 Cold Bend Test**

The mandrel diameters and loads shall be as specified in Table C.

**TABLE C - MANDREL DIAMETERS AND LOADS FOR  
FINISHED WIRES OR CORES**

Wire Size (AWG)	Mandrel Diameter (mm)	Weight (kg)
26	6.0	0.25
24	6.0	0.25
22	6.0	0.4
20	6.0	0.4
18	10	0.5
16	10	0.5
14	15	1.0
12	20	1.0

**4.8.8 Cut-through Resistance**

The mean load measured during the required tests shall not be less than the relevant value specified below:-

Wire Size (AWG)	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12
Cut-through Load (kg)	10	12	16	20	25	30	35	45

**4.8.9 Notch Resistance**

The depth of notch shall be 0.06mm.

**4.8.10 Flammability**

No particular conditions are applicable.

**4.8.11 Resistance to Fluids**

Tests (e) and (f) shall not be performed.

**4.8.12 Surface Resistance**

No particular conditions are applicable.

**4.8.13 Abrasion Resistance**

The weight to be applied to the needle is specified below:-

Wire Size (AWG)	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12
Scrape Abrasion Load (g)	650	750	800	900	950	1050	1100	1200

**4.8.14 Soldering**

Not applicable.

**4.8.15 Solderability (Applicable to the shield only)**

RMA type flux according to MIL-F-14256 shall be used.

**4.8.16 Radiation Resistance**

No particular conditions are applicable.

**4.8.17 Overload Resistance**

No particular conditions are applicable.

**4.8.18 Long-term Ageing Test**

The long-term ageing temperature shall be +150°C. For shielded cables, a change in the shield's aspect shall not be cause for rejection.

**4.8.19 Anthony and Brown Test**

Not applicable.

**TABLE 2 - ELECTRICAL MEASUREMENTS AT ROOM TEMPERATURE**

No.	CHARACTERISTICS	SPEC. AND/OR TEST METHOD	TEST CONDITION	LIMITS	UNIT
1	Conductor Resistance	ESA/SCC No. 3901, Section 9	Para 9.5	Table 1(a)	Ω/km
2	Spark Test	ESA/SCC No. 3901, Section 9	Para 9.6	Insulation : 3 Jacket : 1.5	kV
3	Voltage Test	ESA/SCC No. 3901, Section 9	Para 9.7	Para 9.7	kV
4	Insulation Resistance	ESA/SCC No. 3901, Section 9	Para 9.8	Insulation : 750 Jacket : 30	MΩ.km
5	Surface Resistance	ESA/SCC No. 3901, Section 9	Para 9.22	: 125	MΩ.mm