

Company Directive

POLICY DOCUMENT : CA1/2

Relating to the Cable to be used on the Low Voltage System

Policy Summary

This document details the Company requirements for the type of cable to be used on the low voltage distribution system in the South West, South Wales and the Midland areas of Western Power Distribution.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document details the Company requirements for the type of cable to be used on the low voltage distribution system in the South West, South Wales and the Midland areas of Western Power Distribution.

2.0 POLICY FOR 3 CORE MAINS CABLES

600/1000 Volt 3 core cables, solid aluminium phase conductors 95, 185 or 300mm², XLPE insulated coloured brown, black and grey, copper combined neutral earth conductors on a bedding comprising only as underlying rubber layer, to British Standard Specification (BS) BS 7870 Part 3.40, Table 1.

The oversheath of all sizes of the wavecon cable shall be installed by the “float down” method thereby preventing the oversheath from penetrating the combined neutral earth wires.

These cables are also available as a LSF variant

3.0 POLICY FOR 4 CORE MAINS CABLES

600/1000 Volt 4 core cables, solid aluminium phase conductors 95, 185 or 300mm², XLPE insulated coloured brown, black, grey and blue with a copper earth conductors on a bedding comprising only as underlying rubber layer, to British Standard Specification (BS) BS 7870-3.40, Table 2.

The oversheath of all sizes of the wavecon cable shall be installed by the “float down” method thereby preventing the oversheath from penetrating the separate neutral earth wires.

These cables are also available as a LSF variant

4.0 POLICY FOR SINGLE CORE SOLIDAL CABLES

600/1000 Volt single phase armoured Solidal cables, with circular, sectoral aluminium conductors of 600 or 740mm², insulation shall be cross-linked polyethylene (XLPE) coloured brown or blue. With a layer of extruded PVC bedding compound shall be applied over the insulation and a single layer of aluminium wire armour shall be applied over the PVC bedding, with a black PVC outer sheath. The finished cable shall meet the requirements of BS 5467.

5.0 POLICY FOR 3 CORE SOLID ALUMINIUM CONDUCTORS, PLAIN CONCENTRIC SERVICE CABLES

600/1000 Volt 3 core cables, solid aluminium phase conductors of 25 or 35mm², XLPE insulated coloured brown, black and grey, with plain concentric, helically wound, stranded copper combined neutral earth conductor on a bedding comprising a P.V.C. tape layer, to British Standard Specification (BS) BS 7870 Part 3.11, Table 4.

This cable is also available as a 35mm 3c LSF variant

6.0 POLICY FOR 3 CORE STRANDED COPPER CONDUCTORS, PLAIN CONCENTRIC SERVICE CABLES

600/1000 Volt 3 core cables, stranded copper phase conductors of 16 (overhead use only) or 25mm², XLPE insulated coloured brown, black and grey, with a plain concentric, helically wound, stranded copper combined neutral earth conductor on a bedding comprising a P.V.C. tape layer, to BS 7870 Part 3.11, Table 3.

7.0 POLICY FOR SINGLE CORE SOLID ALUMINIUM, PLAIN CONCENTRIC SERVICE CABLES

600/1000 Volt Single core cables, solid aluminium phase conductor of 25 or 35mm², XLPE insulated coloured brown, with a plain concentric, helically wound, stranded copper combined neutral and earth conductor, to BS 7870-3.11, Table 2.

This cable is also available as a 35mm 1c LSF variant

8.0 POLICY FOR SINGLE CORE STRANDED COPPER, PLAIN CONCENTRIC SERVICE CABLES

600/1000 Volt Single core cables, stranded copper phase conductor of 16 (overhead use only), 25 or 35mm², XLPE insulated coloured brown, with a plain concentric, helically wound stranded copper combined neutral and earth conductor, to BS 7870-3.11, Table 1. Note: - The 35mm² is not a standard size given in BS 7870 – 3.11 so the standard generally applies to the 35mm² cable.

9.0 POLICY FOR 3 CORE STRANDED COPPER, SPLIT CONCENTRIC SERVICE CABLES

600/1000 Volt 3 core cables, stranded copper phase conductors of 25mm², XLPE insulated coloured brown, black and grey, with a split concentric, helically wound, stranded separate copper neutral earth conductor on a bedding comprising a P.V.C. tape layer, to BS 7870 Part 3.21, Table 6.

This cable is also available as a 25mm 3c LSF variant

10.0 POLICY FOR SINGLE CORE SOLID ALUMINIUM, SPLIT CONCENTRIC SERVICE CABLES

600/1000 Volt Single core cables, solid aluminium phase conductor of 25mm², XLPE insulated coloured brown, with a split concentric, helically wound stranded separate copper neutral and earth conductors, to BS 7870-3.21, Table 2.

11.0 POLICY FOR SINGLE CORE STRANDED COPPER, SPLIT CONCENTRIC SERVICE CABLES

600/1000 Volt Single core cables, stranded copper phase conductor of 16 (overhead use only) or 25mm², XLPE insulated coloured brown, with a split concentric, helically wound stranded separate copper neutral and earth conductors, to BS 7870-3.21, Table 1.

This cable is also available as a 25mm 1c LSF variant

APPENDIX A

SUPERSEDED DOCUMENTATION

This document has had minor amendments to bring it in line with current standards. It supersedes POL:CA1/1 dated July 2013 which should now be withdrawn.

APPENDIX B

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION

Specifications EE 74, 75 and 76.

APPENDIX C

IMPACT ON COMPANY POLICY

This Standard Technique has been issued to bring a similar standard and to ensure that practices are shared between WPD South Wales and South West.

APPENDIX D

IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY

Nil.

APPENDIX E

KEY WORDS

Wavecon cable, Solidal cable, copper concentric service cable, hybrid service cable.