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GUIDANCE FOR THE SELECTION OF DROP CABLES

1 Scope

This Technical Report defines the term "drop cable", describes the application spaces and the performance requirements as a consequence of the different applications. Cable design options which result from specific applications which are not yet described in the existing product specifications will be explained.

This technical report also gives some guidance on cable testing with focused attention on cable performance requirements which are not covered by existing standards yet.

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2 Normative references

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None

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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drop cables

cables closing the gap between distribution cables (starting at the Network Access Point or NAP) and the single user's home (Multi Dwelling Units or MDUs), or other premises

Note 1 to entry: Drop cables are deployed in aerial, in duct, direct-buried, on facades as well as indoor/outdoor cables.

Note 2 to entry: Drop cables end either outside the building or inside the building. Therefore, often so-called indoor/outdoor cables are needed to provide the appropriate fire performance.

Note 3 to entry: The Network access point (NAP) or Access Point is connected to the user's house by aerial drop cables or underground drop cables, as shown in Figure 1.