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DETAIL SPECIFICATION SHEET

CABLE, SPECIAL PURPOSE, ELECTRICAL, FOUR INDIVIDUALLY SHIELDED  
PAIRS OF 22 (7 X 28) AWG

Inactive for new design after 16 June 1997.

This specification is approved for use by all Departments and Agencies of the Department of Defense.

The requirements for acquiring the product described herein shall consist of this specification sheet and MIL-DTL-49285.

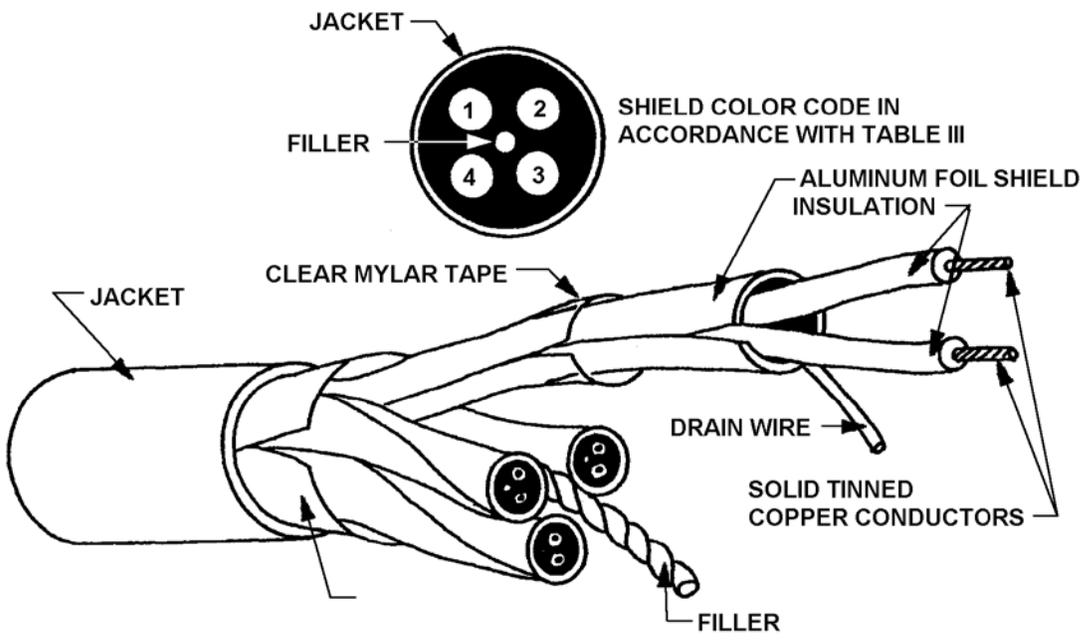


FIGURE 1. Cable illustration.

Engineering information: See table I.

Note: Not for aerospace use.

TABLE I. Description, electrical.

Electrical characteristics	Requirements
Nominal capacitance between conductors	27 pF/ft (picofarads/foot)
Nominal capacitance between the conductor and the shield with one conductor tied to the shield	49 pF/ft
Continuous working voltage	400 V rms maximum between conductors
Nominal capacitance between adjacent shields	150 pF/ft
Continuous working voltage between adjacent shields	50 volts maximum
Shield dc resistance	14 ohms/1,000 feet maximum

TABLE II. Description, physical.

Components	Construction details
Number of conductors	Four individually shielded
Conductor type and wire size	Stranded tinned copper 20 AWG
Conductor stranding	7 X 28 AWG
Conductor insulation	Polypropylene
Conductor insulation thickness	0.015 inch nominal thickness
Drain wire type and size	Stranded tinned copper 22 AWG
Drain wire stranding	7 X 30 AWG
Jacket material	Polyvinyl chloride
Jacket thickness	0.030 inch
Finished cable diameter	0.380 inch maximum outside diameter
Cable style (UL)	Not applicable
Tensile strength (jacket)	2,000 pounds per square inch minimum
Elongation (jacket)	150 percent minimum
Overall cabling lay lengths	5.7 twists per foot $\pm$ 10 percent

Cabled pair orientation: The position of the red and green pair shield shall determine the rotation direction for pair location (see figure 1).

TABLE III. Shield color code.

Pair numbers	Shield color
<u>Center core</u>	
1 <sup>st</sup> pair	Red
2 <sup>nd</sup> pair	Green
3 <sup>rd</sup> pair	Blue
4 <sup>th</sup> pair	Blue

REQUIREMENTS:

Design and construction: (see table II):

Shield location and orientation. The polyester aluminum shield is to be located on the outer circumference of the pair, with the aluminum foil side outward. Insulation on the interior of the shield is to be complete with no aluminum available for contact.

Drain wire location. The drain wire is to be spirally located between the noise reducing tape and the aluminum foil shield, and is to be in continuous contact with the aluminum surface of the foil shield and the noise reducing tape throughout the cable.

Cable temperature rating. The cable temperature rating shall be -20°C to +80°C.

Flammability. The cable shall pass UL 2556 flame test requirement.

Shield integrity test.\*

<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Response **</u>
100 kHz	110 dB below reference
500 kHz	102 dB below reference
1 MHz	95 dB below reference
5 MHz	80 dB below reference
10 MHz	73 dB below reference
15 MHz	69 dB below reference
20 MHz	65 dB below reference
25 MHz	62 dB below reference
30 MHz	59 dB below reference

\* Any two readings may deviate to a value of 0.9 times the stated limits.

\*\* All values are a minimum numerical value.

Fixture resonance will occur between 40 and 70 MHz.

At 100 MHz: At least 47 dB below reference.

Crosstalk test limits. Crosstalk testing is not required for this configuration.

<u>Frequency (kHz)</u>	<u>Near end crosstalk (dB)</u>	<u>Far end crosstalk (dB)</u>
40	24	23
70	21	20
100	20	19
1,000	30	24

Conductor color code.

1<sup>st</sup> pair:

1<sup>st</sup> conductor: Red  
2<sup>nd</sup> conductor: Black

2<sup>nd</sup> pair:

1<sup>st</sup> conductor: Green  
2<sup>nd</sup> conductor: White

3<sup>rd</sup> pair:

1<sup>st</sup> conductor: White with red stripe  
2<sup>nd</sup> conductor: White with black stripe

4<sup>th</sup> pair:

1<sup>st</sup> conductor: White with green stripe  
2<sup>nd</sup> conductor: White with yellow stripe

Polyester tape wrap. Each shielded pair is to be covered with a plastic barrier tape.

Paper tape wrap. A paper barrier tape is to be placed between the jacket and the cabled pair.

Roundness. Fillers will be used to insure roundness.

Insulation resistance between shields: 100 megohms/1,000 feet (minimum).

Durometer hardness. The cable jacket shall have a "Shore A" hardness of  $94 \pm 3$ .

Part or Identifying Number (PIN): The PIN shall be M49285/24.

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Referenced documents. In addition to MIL-DTL-49285, this document references the following: UL 2556.

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