**LT Aerial Bunched Cables for LT Lines**

**(APPLICABLE FOR LT AB CABLE WITH XLPE INSULATION ONLY)**

1. **SCOPE:**

This specification covers XLPE insulated Aluminum cable twisted over a central bare Aluminum Alloy messenger wire for use of L.T. Over-Head lines in Rural Electrification System. The Aerial Bunched cable and messenger wire should be confirming to IS.

(Sizes: of the cable)

1. 3 x 50 sq. mm+ 1 x 35 sq. mm insulated neutral cum messenger+ 1 x 16 sq. mm
2. 3 x 35 sq. mm + 1 x 35 sq. mm insulated neutral cum messenger + 1 x 16 sq. mm
3. 3 x 25 sq. mm + 1 x 35 sq. mm insulated neutral cum messenger + 1 x 16 sq. mm
4. 3 x 16 sq. mm + 1 x 25 sq. mm insulated neutral cum messenger + 1 x 16 sq. mm
5. 2 x 35 sq. mm + 1 x 16 sq. mm
6. 2 x 25 sq. mm + 1 x 16 sq. mm
7. **RATED VOLTAGE:**

The rated voltage of the AB cables shall be 1100 volts

1. **APPLICABLE STANDARDS:**

Unless otherwise stipulated in this specification the following Standards shall be applicable.

1. IS – 14255/1995 : ABC cables 1100 volts.
2. IS – 8130/1984 : Conductors for insulated cables.
3. IS – 398/Pt.IV/1994: Aluminium alloy conductor.
4. IS – 10418/1982 : Drums for electric cables
5. **GENERAL:**

The AB cable covered under this specification should be suitable for useon three phase, 4 wire earthed system for working voltage up to 1100 V. It should confirm the relevant standards stated above and others if applicable.

The phase conductor shall be 50 mm², 35 mm²,25 mm² and 16 mm² XLPE insulated and the neutral conductor should be 35 mm²,25 mm² and 16 mm² XLPE insulated whereas messenger conductor should be Bare heat treated aluminium silicon containing 0.5% magnesium and approximately 0.5% silicon confirming to IS: 398 (Part-IV):1979 and its latest amendment, if any.

1. **PHASE & NEUTRAL CONDUCTORS:**
   1. The phase & neutral conductor shall be provided cross linked poly ethylene insulation applied by extrusion. The thickness of insulation shall not be less than 1.2 mm up to 35mm² and shall not be less than 1.5 mm for above 35mm² at any point and insulation shall be so applied that it fits closely on the conductor and it shall be possible to remove it without damaging the conductor. The insulated conductors shall generally conform to the standards IS-14255:1995.
   2. The phase conductors shall be provided with one, two & three ‘ridges’ for easy identification.
   3. The tensile strength of the aluminum wire used in the conductor shall not be less 90 N/mn².
   4. The standard size and technical characteristics of the phase conductors shall be as shown in the Table-1.

**TABLE-I**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Nominal Sectional area inmm² | No. of Strands | Diameter ofCompactedconductor inmm | Approx.MassKg/KMs. | Max. DCRésistanceat 20ºc(Ohm/km) | InsulationThicknessin mm |  |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |
| 16 | 7 | 4.4 | 42 | 1.91 | 1.2 |  |
| 25 | 7 | 5.5 | 65 | 1.20 | 1.2 |  |
| 35 | 7 | 6.8 | 95 | 0.868 | 1.2 |  |
| 50 | 7 | 7.9 | 127 | 0.641 | 1.5 |  |

NOTE: 1) The resistance values given in col.5 are the max. permissible.

* 1. Tolerance of + 5% is allowable on dimension.

1. **MESSENGER WIRE:**
2. The bare messenger wire shall be of aluminium alloy generally confirming to IS–398/Pt.IV/94 composed of 7 strands and shall be suitable compacted to have smooth round surface to avoid damages to the overall insulation of phase & neutral conductor twisted around the messenger.
3. There shall be no joint in any wire of the stranded messenger Conductor except these made in the base rod or wires before final drawing.
4. The sizes and other technical characteristics of the messenger wire shall be as given in the Table No.2.

TABLE –2

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Nominal Sectional Area in mm² | No. of strands | Diameter of Compacted conductor in mm | Approx. Mass Kgs/KMs | Max .DC Resistance |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 25 | 7 | 5.8 | 65 | 1.380 |
| 35 | 7 | 6.8 | 95 | 0.986 |

NOTE: while limiting values in col. 3 is to be guaranteed a tolerance of + 5% will be permissible.

1. **XLPE INSULATION:**

The insulation shall generally confirm to IS-7098(Part-II):85

| Sr.No. | Property | Requirement |  |
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| 1 | Tensile Strength | 12.5 N / mm² Min |  |
| 2 | Elongation at break | 200 % Min. |  |
| 3 | Ageing in air over |  |  |
| a | Treatment:Temperature & duration | 135 ± 3ºC & 7 days |  |
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| b | Tensile strength variation | ± 25% Max. |  |
| c | Elongation variation | ± 25% Max. |  |
| 4 | Hot Set |  |  |
|  | Treatment temperature, | 200 ± 3ºC, |  |
| a | Time | 15 minutes |  |
|  | Under load, mechanical stresses | 20 N /cm². |  |
| b | Elongation under load | 175 % max. |  |
| c | Permanent elongation (set) after cooling | 15 % Max |  |
| 5 | Shrinkage |  |  |
| a | Treatment temperature duration | 130 ± 3ºC |  |
| For 1 hour |  |
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| b | Shrinkage | 4% Max |  |
| 6 | Water absorption (Gravimetric) |  |  |
| a | Treatment– Temp. | 85 ± 2ºC |  |
| Duration | 14 days |  |
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| b | Water absorbed | 1 mg. / cm² max. |  |

1. **TYPE TEST:**
2. **Test for Phase/Street Light Conductors**

1. Tensile Test (IS-8130)
2. Wrapping Test (IS-8130)
3. Conductor Resistance Test (IS-8130)
4. **Test for Messenger:**
5. Breaking load test (to be made on finished conductor) -(IS-398/ Pt.IV/ 1994 with latest revision)
6. Elongation test (IS - 398 / Pt.IV/1994)
7. Resistance test (IS - 398 / Pt. IV /1994)
8. If insulated , the test of insulation as per relevant IS will be applicable
9. **Physical test for XLPE insulation**
10. Tensile strength and Elongation at break
11. Ageing in air oven
12. Hot set test
13. Shrinkage test
14. Water absorption (Gravimetric)
15. Carbon black 1. Content & 2. Dispersion
16. Test for thickness of insulation
17. Insulation Resistance (Volume Resistivity ) Test
18. High Voltage Test

Note: The Manufacturer should submit the entire above type test of Govt. of India’s approved Laboratory along with their offer.

**Optional Test:**

Bending test on the completed cable:

Bending test shall be performed on a sample of complete cable. The sample shall be bent around a test mandrel at room temperature for at least one complete turn. It shall then be unwound and the process shall be repeated after turning the sample around its axis 1800. The cycle of this operation shall be then repeated twice.

The diameter of mandrel shall be 10 (D+d).

Where

D = Actual diameter of cable (i.e. the min. circumscribing diameter in mm) d = Actual diameter of the phase conductor in mm

No cracks visible to the naked eye are allowed.

1. **ACCEPTANCE TESTS:**

Tests for Phase / Street Light Conductors:

1. Tensile test (for Phase / Street light conductor)
2. Wrapping test (for Phase / Street light conductor)
3. Breaking load test for messenger conductor
4. Elongation test for messenger conductor
5. Conductor Resistance test
6. Test for thickness of insulation
7. Tensile strength and elongation at break test
8. Hot set test ( For XLPE insulation)
9. Insulation Resistance test
10. High voltage test
11. **PACKING MARKING:**
12. The LT AB cable shall be wound in non returnable drums conforming to IS-10418/1982 “Specification for Reels and Drums for bare wire” of the latest version thereof. The drums shall be marked with the following:
13. Manufacturers name
14. Trade mark if any
15. Drum number
16. Size of Conductor
17. Size of Messenger
18. Voltage grade
19. Number of lengths of pieces of Cable in each drum
20. Gross mass of the packing
21. Net mass of Cable
22. ISI mark
23. The drums shall be of such a construction as to assure delivery of conductor in field free from displacement and damage and should be able to withstand all stresses due to handling and the stringing operation so that cable surface not dented, scratched or damaged in any way during transport and erection. The cable shall be properly lugged on the drums
24. The cable drums should be suitable for wheel mounting.
25. **STANDARD LENGTH:**

The standard length of drum will be 500 metre with + 5%

**Non-standard Length:**

Non standard length not less than 50% of the standard length shall be accepted to the extent of 10% of the ordered quantity.

1. **INSPECTION:**

All tests and inspections shall be made at the place of manufacturer unless otherwise especially agreed upon by the manufacturer andpurchaser at the time of purchase. The manufacturer shall afford the inspector representing the purchaser all reasonable facilities, without charge, to satisfy him that the material is being furnished in accordance with this specification.

1. **EXPERIENCE:**

The manufacturer must have some experience of manufacturer and supply of this cable to any Electricity Board. Copy of order executed and performance report may be submitted along with the offer.

1. **TYPE TEST CERTIFICATES:**

The duly attested copy of Type Test Certificate of the offered sizes of AB cable, as per IS: 14255/1995 with latest amendment/revision be submitted from any Govt. approved laboratory along with the offer. In absence of type test certificate, offer will be liable to be ignored/rejected without any further correspondence [at Purchaser’s (Employer) discretion]. Type Test Certificate shall not be more than Five Years Oldfrom Date of supply.

1. **SUBMISSION OF ISI LICENSE FOR IS14255:1995**

The Manufacturer are required to submit duly attested photo copy of the valid ISI License up to the date of delivery for supply of these AB cables/wires and they should also submit GTP failing which, the offer would be ignored.

1. **IMPORTANT:**

In absence of valid ISI License/GTP duly filled in/and copy of type test certificate of Govt. approved Laboratory, duly attested by authorized person, offer will be liable to be ignored without any further correspondence.

1. **ISI MARKING:**

The material supplied shall be conforming to Indian Standard Specification and also with ISI marking as applicable and even after inspection of the lot, if the materials received at site is found without ISI marking, the lot shall be rejected and no further correspondence shall be entertained in this regard.

**GUARANTEED TECHNICAL PARTICULARS (G.T.P.)**

Technical information and Guaranteed Technical Particulars (G.T.P.) for LT Aerial Bunched Cable (XLPE insulated only) of sizes:

1. 3 x 50 sq. mm+ 1 x 35 sq. mm insulated neutral cum messenger+ 1 x 16 sq. mm
2. 3 x 35 sq. mm + 1 x 35 sq. mm insulated neutral cum messenger + 1 x 16 sq. mm
3. 3 x 25 sq. mm + 1 x 35 sq. mm insulated neutral cum messenger + 1 x 16 sq. mm
4. 3 x 16 sq. mm + 1 x 25 sq. mm insulated neutral cum messenger + 1 x 16 sq. mm
5. 2 x 35 sq. mm + 1 x 16 sq. mm
6. 2 x 25 sq. mm + 1 x 16 sq. mm

**PART – A**

Manufacturer has to confirm following important requirements:

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| Sr. No. | Particulars | confirmation |  |
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| 1 | AB Cable shall be manufactured and suppliedConfirming to IS: 14255/1995 with latestAmendment if any | Yes |  |
| 2 | Cable drums/label shall bear ISI Mark | Yes |  |
| 3 | ISI License shall remain valid till order is Completed | Yes |  |
| 4 | Colour of XLPE Insulation – Black |  |  |
| 4a | 3 x 50 + 1 x 35 + 1 x 16 | Yes |  |
| 4b | 3 x 35 + 1 x 35 + 1 x 16 | Yes |  |
| 4c | 3 x 25 + 1 x 35 + 1 x 16 | Yes |  |
| 4d | 3 x 16 + 1 x 25+ 1 x 16 | Yes |  |
| 4e | 2 x 35 + 1 x 16 | Yes |  |
| 4f | 2 x 25 + 1 x 16 | Yes |  |
| 5 | Shape – compacted | Yes |  |
| 6 | Standard length in case 500 mtrs+ 5 % tolerancelonger length acceptable | Yes |  |
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| 7 | Non-Standard length 50% of Std. length up to 10%of ordered quantity | Yes |  |
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| 8 | Packing shall contain only one Length. | Yes |  |
| 9 | Packing material: Wooden drums as per IS: 10418/1982 duly painted | Yes |  |
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| 9a | 3 x 50 + 1 x 35 + 1 x 16 | Yes |  |
| 9b | 3 x 35 + 1 x 35 + 1 x 16 | Yes |  |
| 9c | 3 x 25 + 1 x 35 + 1 x 16 | Yes |  |
| 9d | 3 x 16 + 1 x 25+ 1 x 16 | Yes |  |
| 9e | 2 x 35 + 1 x 16 | Yes |  |
| 9f | 2 x 25 + 1 x 16 | Yes |  |
| 10 | Following shall be embossed on cable & Markingon drum shall be as per IS: 14255/1995 | Yes |  |
| 10a | Purchaser (Employe) | Yes |  |
| 10b | 1100 Volts | Yes |  |
| 10c | IS:14255/1995 | Yes |  |
| 10d | Year of manufacture | Yes |  |
| 10e | Trade Mark | Yes |  |
| 11 | Conductor – |  |  |
| 11a | For Phase 16 mm² ,25 mm², 35 mm² & 50 mm² Alluminium as per IS8130/1984 | Yes |  |
| 11b | For Messenger wire 25 mm² & 35 mm²AlluminiumAlloy as per IS 398/Pt.IV/1994 | Yes |  |
| 12 | Maximum Conductor resistance at 20ºCFor Phase Conductor |  |  |
| 12a | 16 mm² Conductor – 1.91 Ohm/KM | Yes |  |
| 12b | 25 mm² Conductor – 1.20 Ohm/KM | Yes |  |
| 12c | 35 mm² Conductor – 0.868 Ohm/KM | Yes |  |
| 12d | 50 mm² Conductor – 0.641 Ohm/KM | Yes |  |
|  | For messenger conductor |  |  |
| 12e | 25 mm² Conductor – 1.380 Ohm/KM | Yes |  |
| 12f | 35 mm² Conductor – 0.986 Ohm/KM | Yes |  |
| 13 | XLPE Insulation thickness for AB Cable |  |  |
| 13a | 3 x 50 mm² + 1 x 35 mm² + 1 x 16 mm²-1.5 mm | Yes |  |
| 13b | 3 x 35 mm² + 1 x 35 mm² + 1 x 16 mm²- 1.2 mm | Yes |  |
| 13c | 3 x 25 mm² + 1 x 35 mm² + 1 x 16 mm² -1.2 mm | Yes |  |
| 13d | 3 x 16 mm² + 1 x 25 mm²+ 1 x 16 mm² -1.2 mm | Yes |  |
| 13e | 2 x 35 mm² + 1 x 16 mm² - 1.2 mm | Yes |  |
| 13f | 2 x 25 mm² + 1 x 16 mm² - 1.2 mm | Yes |  |
| 14 | Volume resistivity of insulation |  |  |
| 14a | At 27ºC – 1 x 10^13 Ohm-cm. Min | Yes |  |
| 14b | At 70°C – 1 x 10^11 Ohm-cm. Min | Yes |  |
| 15 | Tensile strength of Insulation & sheath -12.5 N/mm² Min. | Yes |  |
| 16 | Elongation at break of Insulation and Sheath –200% Min. | Yes |  |
| 17 | Overall tolerance in supply of ordered total quantityshall be + 2 %( Plus and minus two %) | Yes |  |
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**PART- B**

Manufacturer has to furnish below details about material for information:

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| Sr. No. | Particulars | | | | confirmation |  |
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| 1 | ISI License for IS:14255/1995 | | | | Yes |  |
| 1a | Number | | | |  |  |
| 1b | Date of expiry | | | |  |  |
| 2 | Approximate weight of 1000 meters length (Weightin Kgs.) | | | |  |  |
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| 2a | Size of cable | Alum. | Alu. Alloy | XLPE | Total |  |
| 3 x 50 mm² + 1 x 35 mm² + 1 x 16 mm² |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 x 35 mm² + 1 x 35 mm² + 1 x 16 mm² |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 x 25 mm² + 1 x 35 mm² + 1 x 16 mm² |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 x 16 mm² + 1 x 25 mm²+ 1 x 16mm² |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 x 35 mm² + 1 x 16 mm² |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 x 25 mm² + 1 x 16 mm² |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Cable Conductor, Circular Compacted? | | | | Yes |  |

**PART – C (ENCLOSURES)**

Manufacturers have to enclose following documents and has to confirm for the same

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| Sr. No. | Particulars | | | | | | confirmation | |
| 1 | ISI License | | | | | | Yes | |
| 2 | Proof if applied for renewal of ISI License | | | | | | Yes | |
| 3 | TYPE TEST CERTIFICATE:Type test certificate from Govt. of India approvedLaboratory | | | | | | Yes | |
| Size of AB Cable | | 3 x 50 mm² + 1 x 35 mm² + 1 x 16 mm² | 3 x 35 mm² + 1 x 35 mm² + 1 x 16 mm² | 3 x 25 mm² + 1 x 35 mm² + 1 x 16 mm² | 3 x 16 mm² + 1 x 25 mm²+ 1 x 16 mm² | 2 x 35 mm² + 1 x 16 mm² | 2 x 25 mm² + 1 x 16 mm² |
| a | Name of Lab. &  City Name |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b | T.R. No. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c | Date |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | List of plant and machinery | | | | | | Yes | |
| 5 | List of testing facility available | | | | | | Yes | |
| 6 | List of orders pending/executed | | | | | | Yes | |
| 6a | with Employer | | | | | | Yes | |
| 6b | with agencies other than Sr. no. 6(a) | | | | | | Yes | |