

Common Industry Abbreviations and Acronyms

AC	Advisory Committee
AC	alternating current
ACC	Accessories
ADSL	Asymmetric digital subscriber line
AENOR	Approvals body in Spain
AIE	International Association of Electrical Contractors
AMDEA	Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Electrical appliances
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
AO	Approval Organisation (conformity assessment term)
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
AWG	American Wire Gauge
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BABT	British Approvals Board of Telecommunications
BASEC	British Approvals Service for Cables
BASEC Brd	Board
BASEC Cert	Certification
BASEC F&GP	Finance/General Purpose
BCA	British Cables Association
BCMA	British Cable Makers Association
BCMC	British Cable Makers Confederation
BCMF	British Cable Makers Federation
BEAMA	British Electrotechnical & Allied Manufacturers Association
BESA	British Electrical Systems Association (now part of BEAMA Installation)
BS	British Standards
BSI	British Standards Institution
BT	British Telecommunications and the Technical Board of CENELEC
C	Council
CANENA	Council for Harmonization of Electrotechnical Standards of the Nations of the Americas
CB	Certification Body also the 'certificate' of the IECEE scheme
CBI	Confederation of British Industry
CCA	Covered Conductors Association and Cenelec Certification Agreement
CCCLG	Core Colour Changes Liaison Group
CCG	Covered Conductors Group
CCTF	Core colours Task force
CD	Committee Draft- IEC
CDV	Committee Draft for Voting – IEC
CE	European Safety Mark
CEBEC	Belgium Approval body
CEC	Commission of the European Communities
CEDREC	Environmental Data Base circulation
CEE	International Commission for Conformity Certification of Electrical Equipment
CEEC	EU Enlargement by Central Eastern European Countries
CEGB	Central Electricity Generating Board (UK) (extinct)
CEN	Comité Européenne de Normalisation
CEN	European Committee for Standardization

CENELEC	Comité Européenne de Normalisation Electrotechnique
CEPT	European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations
CFRA	Cable Fire Research Association
CIE	International Commission on Illumination
CIG	Common Interest Group (conformity Assessment)
CIGRE	Congrès International des Grands Réseaux Electriques
CIGRE	International Conference on Large High Voltage Electric Systems
CIRED	Congrès International des Réseaux Electriques de Distribution
CIRED	International Conference on Electricity Distribution
CLC	Abbreviation for CENELEC
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CENELEC	European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization
CLC TECH	Cenelec technical website
CMA	Cable Makers Association
CMPS	Cable Makers Properties and Services Ltd
CORD	ECBL co-ordinating committee
CPA	Contract Price Adjustment
CPD	Construction Products Directive
CRU	Commodities Research Unit
CSA	Canadian Standards Association
CTL	Committee of testing laboratories of the IEC system
DC	Direct current
DCCG	Data & Control Cables Group (BCA)
DPC	Draft for Public Comment
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry
DTS	Draft of Technical Specification
EA	Electricity Association - now ENA
EC	European Commission
ECA	Electrical Contractors Association
ECBL	Europacable (The European Confederation of Associations of Manufacturers of Insulated Wires and Cables)
ECG	Energy Cables Group (BCA)
ECMC	Electric Cable Makers Confederation
ECMF	Electric Cable Makers Federation
ECTC	Energy Cables Technical Committee (BCA)
EDA	Electrical Distribution Association
EDC	Eurodatacab
EDC TC	Eurodatacab Technical Committee
EEPCA	European Electrical Products Certification Association
EHV	extra high voltage
EIEMA	Electrical Installation Equipment Manufacturer's Association (Now part of BEAMA Installation)
EIILC	Electrical Installation Industry Liaison Committee
ELOT	Greek approval body
EMC	Electro-Magnetic Compatibility
EMF	Electro-Magnetic Field
EMI	electromagnetic interference
EN	European Norm (standard)

ENA	Energy Networks Association
ENEC	Certification scheme in the CIG
ENVG	Environmental Group (BCA)
EOL-EEE	End of Life – Electrical and Electronic Equipment
EPC	Europowercab (ECBL)
ERA	Electrical Research Association
ESI	Electricity Supply Industry
ETC	Eurotelcab
ETC TC	Eurotelcab Technical Committee
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
EU	European Union
EURELECTRIC	The Union of the Electricity Industry
EWf	Electrical Wholesalers Federation
EWWG	Euro Winding Wire Group
F&GPC	Finance and General Purposes Committee
FDIS	Final Draft International Specification (IEC term)
FIPEC	Fire Performance of Electric Cables
FRG	Fire Regulators Group
FROCC	The European Association of Producers of Flame Retardant Olefinic Cable Compounds
GAMBICA	Association for Instrumentation, Control and Automation in the UK
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEL	General 'ectrotechnical (BSI committee designation)
GIS	gas insulated substation
GMC	General Management Committee
H&S	Health and Safety Group
HAR	A mark only – symbolic of approach to Harmonised Standards
HD	Harmonisation Document
HV	High Voltage
HV	High voltage
ICDC	International Cables Development Corporation
ICF	International Cablemakers Federation
ICG	Industrial Cables Group
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IECEE	Certification Scheme of the IEC
IEE	Institution of Electrical Engineers
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
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IMQ	Italian approval body
INTELLECT	The Information Technology Telecommunications and Electronics Association
IOC	Industrial Operating Committee
ISO	International Standards Organisation
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
KEMA	Dutch approval body
LCIE	Laboratoire Central des Industries Electriques
LIF	Lighting Industries Federation
LME	London Metal Exchange
LV	Low voltage
LVD	Low Voltage Directive (EU Directive)

MAN	Management
MCR	Maintenance Cycle Report - IEC procedure
MEEI	Magyar Elektrotechnikai Ellenorzo Intezent
MOD(N)	Ministry of Defence (Navy)
MRA	Mutual Recognition Agreement
MT	Maintenance Team
MV	Medium voltage
NC	National Committee
NEMA	North American Association for standardisation of electrical equipment
NEMA	National Electrical Manufacturers Association
NEMKO	Norwegian institution for mandatory safety testing and approval of electrical equipment
NICEIC	National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting
NSAI	National Standards Authority of Ireland
NWIP	New Work Item Proposals – IEC term
OEM	original equipment manufacturer
OFGEM	Electricity Industry monitoring body
OJ	Official Journal (of EU)
ONS	Office of National Statistics
ORGALIME	European federation for mechanical, electrical, electronic and metal articles industries
ORGALIME	European federation of national industry associations representing the European mechanical, electrical, electronic and metal articles industries
OTCMA	Overseas Telephone Cablemakers Association
OVE	Osterreichischer Verband Elektrotechnik
PAC	President's Advisory Committee
PATC	Power Accessories Technical Committee
PD	Permanent Document
PPD	Public Procurement Directive
PRODCOM	Products of the European Community
RCD	residual current device
RF	radio frequency
SB	Sector Board (of the IEC)
SC	Sub-Committee
SCF	Smaller Companies Forum
SCG	Supertension Cables Group
SELECT	The Electrical Contractors Association of Scotland
SELV	safety extra-low voltage
SEMKO	Certification and Product Testing Body
SEV	Scheizerischer Verband Elektrotechnik
SF6	sulphur hexafluoride
SME	Small and Medium Sized Enterprises
SMG	Standards Management Group (ECBL)
SMT	Supervised Manufacturers Testing
SOC	Supertension Operating Committee
STC	Super Tension Cables group technical committee
STCG	Super Tension Cables Group
SWG	Standard Wire Gauge
TABD	Transatlantic Business Dialogue

TACMA	The Association of Control Manufacturers
TC	Technical Committee
TCG	Telecommunication Cables Group (BCA)
TFB	Task Force "B" (European Legislation and Public Procurement)
TS	Technical Specification
TSE	Türk Standardization Enstitüsü'ne
UCG	Utility Cables Group
UIC	International Union of Railways
UITP	International Union of Public Transports
UL	Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
UOC	Utilities Operating Committee
UVDB	The Utilities Vendor Database
VDE	German Association for Electronics and Information Technology
WG	Working Group (Terms used in standard making)
WG HVS	Working Group High Voltage Systems – (ECBL)
WHO	World Health Organization
XLPE	Cross-linked polyethylene

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