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INTRODUCTION

IEC 61892 forms a series of International Standards intended to enable safety in the design, selection, installation, maintenance and use of electrical equipment for the generation, storage, distribution and utilisation of electrical energy for all purposes in offshore units which are being used for the purpose of exploration or production of petroleum resources.

This part of IEC 61892 also incorporates and coordinates, as far as possible, existing rules and forms a code of interpretation, where applicable, of the requirements of the International Maritime Organisation. It also constitutes a guide for future regulations which may be prepared and a statement of practice for offshore unit owners, constructors and appropriate organisations.

This standard is based on equipment and practices which are in current use but it is not intended in any way to impede development of new or improved techniques.

The ultimate aim has been to produce a set of International standards exclusively for the offshore petroleum industry.

MOBILE AND FIXED OFFSHORE UNITS – ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS –

Part 4: Cables

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61892 specifies requirements for the choice and installation of electrical cables intended for fixed electrical systems in mobile and fixed offshore units, including pumping or “pigging” stations, compressor stations and exposed location single buoy moorings, used in the offshore petroleum industry for drilling, production, processing and for storage purposes.

The reference to fixed electrical systems includes those that are subjected to vibration due to the movement of the unit, e.g. cables installed on a drag chain, and not those that are intended for repeated flexing. Cables suitable for repeated flexing use are detailed in other IEC specifications, e.g. IEC 60227 and IEC 60245, and their uses on board offshore units are restricted to those situations which do not directly involve exposure to a marine environment, e.g. portable tools, domestic appliances, etc.

The following types and applications of cables are not included:

- optical fibre cables;
- sub-sea and umbilical cables;
- cables supplying downhole pumps;
- data, telecommunication and radio frequency cables.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60038:1983, *IEC standard voltages*¹⁾
Amendment 1 (1994)
Amendment 2 (1997)

IEC 60092-350:2001, *Electrical installations in ships – Part 350: Shipboard power cables - General construction and test requirements*

IEC 60092-351, *Electrical installations in ships – Part 351: Insulating materials for shipboard and offshore units, power, control, instrumentation, telecommunication and data cables*

IEC 60092-353, *Electrical installations in ships – Part 353: Single and multicore non-radial field power cables with extruded solid insulation for rated voltages 1 kV and 3 kV*

IEC 60092-354, *Electrical installations in ships – Part 354: Single and three-core power cables with extruded solid insulation for rated voltages 6 kV ($U_m=7,2$ kV); up to 30 kV ($U_m=36$ kV)*

¹⁾ There exists a consolidated edition 6.2 (2002) including IEC 60038:1983 and its Amendments 1 and 2.

IEC 60092-359, *Electrical installations in ships – Part 359: Sheathing materials for shipboard power and telecommunication cables*

IEC 60092-376, *Electrical installations in ships – Part 376: Cables for control and instrumentation circuits 150/250 V (300 V)*

IEC 60228:2004, *Conductors of insulated cables*

IEC 60331-21:1999, *Tests for electric cables under fire conditions – Circuit integrity – Part 21: Procedures and requirements – Cables of rated voltage up to and including 0,6/1,0 kV*

IEC 60331-31:2002, *Tests for electric cables under fire conditions – Circuit integrity – Part 31: Procedures and requirements for fire with shock – Cables of rated voltage up to and including 0,6/1 kV*

IEC 60332-1-2:2004, *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions – Part 1-2: Test for vertical flame propagation for a single insulated wire or cable – Procedure for 1 kW pre-mixed flame*

IEC 60332-3-22:2000, *Tests on electric cables under fire conditions – Part 3-22: Test for vertical flame spread of vertically-mounted bunched wires or cables – Category A*

IEC 60754-1:1994, *Test on gases evolved during combustion of materials from cables – Part 1: Determination of the amount of halogen acid gas*

IEC 60754-2:1991, *Test on gases evolved during combustion of electric cables – Part 2: Determination of degree of acidity of gases evolved during the combustion of materials taken from electric cables by measuring pH and conductivity*
Amendment 1 (1997)

IEC 61034-2:2005, *Measurement of smoke density of cables burning under defined conditions – Part 2: Test procedure and requirements*

IEC 61892-1:2001, *Mobile and fixed offshore units – Electrical installations – Part 1: General requirements and conditions*

IEC 61892-2, *Mobile and fixed offshore units – Electrical installations – Part 2: System design*

IEC 61892-6, *Mobile and fixed offshore units – Electrical installations – Part 6: Installation*