



FIRE RESISTANT CABLES



FP600[®]

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FP600® BS7346-6



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STANDARDS

INSTALLATION



- > Prysmian FP600 is a unique enhanced performance fire resistant power cable, designed specifically to meet the more onerous fire survival requirements now requested by regulators and specifiers for many fire fighting and life safety applications. Its superior mechanical protection provided by an interlocking steel tape armour is, unlike standard single wire armour designs, maintained to a high level under fire conditions. This armour design ensures that FP600 meets the new generation fire test requirement currently given in BS7346-6:2005 "Components for smoke and heat control systems - Part 6 Specification for cable systems" which involves direct mechanical impact and water jet application under fire conditions.

FP600 achieves the maximum 120 minute rating under the BS7346-6 test conditions, which is required for fire fighting applications.

- > FP600 meets the 120 min survival time of BS7346-6.

Note: At the time of publication of this document (August 2006), the complete cable fire test method is given in Annex B of BS7346-6:2005. However, it is understood that the test method will in the near future be published as a stand alone standard (BS8491).

- > FP600 is an easy to install cable that requires no special tools or techniques. It is however important to follow the installation recommendations given in this document to ensure a trouble free installation and to ensure that the fire integrity of the installed system is not compromised.

In accordance with BS7346-6 requirements, cables must be supported by a fixing that can withstand the same fire conditions as the cable. Any cable management system, joints and terminations should be similarly selected.

It is recommended that joints are avoided wherever possible with FP600 in order to maintain the highest integrity of the installation.

CABLE CHARACTERISTICS



Temperature
Range
-25 to +90°C



Bending Radius
Fixed r=8D



Mechanical Impact
Excellent



Fire Performance
BSEN60332-1-2
BSEN50266-2-4



Flexibility
Rigid



Halogen Free
BSEN50267-2-1



Low Smoke Emissions
BSEN61034-2



Fire Resistant
BS7346-6
120min

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Nominal cross sectional area	Approximate overall diameter	Approximate cable weight	Maximum conductor resistance at 20°C	Current rating DC or single phase AC	Current rating DC or single phase AC	Volt drop DC	Volt drop single phase AC	Recommended accessories	
				Free Air Amps	Clipped direct Amps			Claw Cleat Ref No.	Brass gland Ref No.
mm²	mm	kg/km	ohms/km			mV/A/m	mV/A/m		
Two core									
10	24.3	900	1.83	90	85	4.7	4.7	370CG05	416FP55
16	25.5	1050	1.15	115	110	2.9	2.9	370CG06	416FP55
25	28.9	1375	0.727	152	146	1.85	1.9	370CG06	416FP56
35	32.7	1950	0.524	188	180	1.35	1.35	370CG07	416FP56
50*	33.4	2200	0.387	228	219	0.98	1.0	370CG07	416FP56
70*	36.6	2775	0.268	291	279	0.67	0.69	370CG07	416FP57
95*	38.3	3375	0.193	354	338	0.49	0.52	370CG08	416FP57
120*	41.9	4050	0.153	410	392	0.39	0.42	370CG08	416FP59

Nominal cross sectional area	Approximate overall diameter	Approximate cable weight	Maximum conductor resistance at 20°C	Short circuit rating (1 sec) of conductor KA	Current rating Three phase AC Clipped direct	Current rating Three phase AC Free Air Amps	Volt drop Three phase AC mV/A/m	Recommended accessories	
					Amps	Amps		Claw Cleat Ref No.	Brass gland Ref No.
mm²	mm	kg/km	ohms/km						
Three core									
10	24.9	1125	1.83	1.4	73	78	4.0	370CG05	416FP55
16	27.4	1350	1.15	2.2	94	99	2.5	370CG06	416FP55
25	32.4	1975	0.727	3.6	124	131	1.65	370CG07	416FP56
35	35.2	2375	0.524	5.0	154	162	1.15	370CG07	416FP57
50*	36.2	2775	0.387	7.1	187	187	0.87	370CG07	416FP57
70*	39.8	3550	0.268	10.0	238	251	0.60	370CG08	416FP57
95*	43.7	4500	0.193	13.6	289	304	0.45	370CG08	416FP59
120*	46.0	5400	0.153	17.2	335	353	0.37	370CG09	416FP59

Note* Shaped conductors

Installation methods for current rating in accordance with BS7671/IEE Wiring Regulations.

The tabulated ratings are based upon a 30°C ambient temperature and 90°C operating temperature.

LOW VOLTAGE 600/1000V

KEY APPLICATIONS

Electrical supplies for fire fighting, life safety and property protection systems. Active fire safety systems which, as part of a Fire Safety Engineering solution, rely on an effective electrical supply remaining operational during a fire.

Greater emphasis is now being given to the integrity of electrical circuits which maintain the functional safe working conditions of such equipment and systems. FP600® is the first of a new generation of fire resistant cables designed to meet the much more onerous fire survival requirement now considered appropriate for such applications.

Examples of circuits which are required to remain operational under such conditions include:

- > Atrium, basement, underground car park and shopping mall smoke venting systems
- > Electrically operated fire shutters and smoke curtains
- > Fire fighting lifts
- > Pressurisation and depressurisation fans
- > Smoke dampers motor driven
- > Smoke relief dampers motor driven open
- > Sprinkler and wet-riser pumps

The new requirements and test method for cables for use in such applications, which involves an integrated fire test with the application of radiation by flame, direct impact and water jet to a single sample of cable are given in BS7346-6 'Components for smoke and heat control systems - Part 6 Specification for Cable systems'

FP600 has been extensively tested against these requirements and achieved the maximum 120 minute rating.

CABLE DESCRIPTION

CONDUCTOR

Plain annealed copper stranded circular (10-35mm²) or shaped (50 - 120 mm²) conductor complying with BS EN 60228 Class 2.

INSULATION

Primary Insulation:
Mineral ceramic (Mica/Glass) fire resistant tape

Secondary Insulation:
90°C cross - linked insulation

CORE IDENTIFICATION:

- ○ brown - blue
- ○ ○ brown - black - grey
- ○ ○ ○ blue - brown - black - grey

BEDDING

Extruded LSOH bedding compound

ARMOUR

Single layer of interlocking steel tape.

SHEATH

Robust thermoplastic LSOH sheath. Colour - Black.
Other colours to special order.

Correction factors for Ambient temperatures

Ambient Temperature°C	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
Correction Factor	1.02	1.0	0.96	0.91	0.87	0.82	0.76	0.71

Correction factors for grouping of cables

Installation Method		Number of circuits or multi-core cables							
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Single layer clipped to a non-metallic surface	Touching	0.85	0.79	0.75	0.73	0.72	0.72	0.71	0.70
	Spaced*	0.94	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90
Single layer multicore on a perforated metal cable tray, vertical or horizontal	Touching	0.86	0.81	0.77	0.75	0.74	0.73	0.73	0.72
	Spaced*	0.91	0.89	0.88	0.87	0.87	-	-	-

* Spaced by a clearance between adjacent surfaces of at least one cable diameter.

Where the horizontal clearance between adjacent cables exceeds 2 cable diameters no correction factor need be applied

Note. Standard conditions of grouping as stated in BS7671 (IEE Wiring Regs) apply

INSTALLATION RECOMMENDATIONS

FP600 cables should be installed in accordance with BS7671/IEE Wiring Regulations and/or any other appropriate national legislation. They are primarily intended for use installed in air.

INSTALLATION METHOD

FP600 cables are primarily intended for use in buildings. They may be fixed directly to the building structure or be carried upon suitable cable management systems (e.g. tray, ladder). Due to its extremely robust nature, FP600 does not require additional mechanical protection.

MINIMUM INSTALLATION TEMPERATURE

The cable should not be installed at temperatures below 0°C.

MINIMUM BENDING RADIUS

The minimum recommended bending radius for FP600 cables during installation is 12x the cable overall diameter. Under controlled bending conditions the bending radius may be reduced to 8x the overall diameter.

CABLE CLEAT SPACING

The maximum spacing of cleats should not exceed 1800mm when installed horizontally. When installed vertically the maximum spacing of the cleats should not exceed 900mm and alternate cleats should be offset about the vertical by a minimum of one cable diameter.

CABLE FIXINGS

When the cable is required to maintain circuit integrity during a fire, it is essential that the cleats or cable trays used to support the cable can also withstand the fire. Fixings and supports should be manufactured from a suitable metal and be suitable for fixing fire rated cable. The cable should not be fixed by plastic, nylon or similar fixings. The use of BICON 370CG series claw cleats is recommended.

CABLE PULLING

The construction of FP600 means that if the cable is not installed by a suitable technique, the outer armour/sheath combination may stretch, but the inner cores/bedding combination will not, thereby giving the appearance that the cores have shrunk back into the cable.

It is recommended that the cable should be installed using a stocking pulling technique that locks the relative positions of the outer armour/sheath and inner cores/bedding combinations:

- Remove the armour/sheath combination for a length of 500mm, taking care to avoid injury from any sharp edges of the armour.
- Place a cable stocking of at least 1 metre in length over the inner bedding and outer sheath, ensuring that the stocking firmly grips both the outer sheath and the inner bedding.

- Pull the cable in the normal manner taking into account all limiting factors. If the cable is to be pulled where there is a possibility that water, mud, etc. may be present, then, before the cable stocking is placed into position, a self amalgamating tape should be applied to the cable to stop any ingress of water between the cable bedding and armour and within the inner cores.
- Once the cable has been pulled into position, the excess core/bedding shall be cut back to the armour/sheath and a heat shrink capping shall be applied.

The maximum stocking pulling tension is 5 Kg per sq.mm of total conductor cross sectional area up to a maximum of 1000Kgs. The use of guide rollers or other friction reducing devices is recommended.

CABLE GLANDING

FP600 may be easily glanded using BICON 416FP series glands. It is not necessary to use shrouds with these glands.

Each gland includes a continuity clip which, when the gland is correctly fitted, provides adequate electrical connection of the cable armour to the gland. Reference should be made to the fitting instructions supplied with the gland for detailed advice.

The sheath and armour should be removed by cutting back the oversheath to the length specified in the gland fitting instruction leaflet. Remove the armour by cutting one section of the steel strip at an angle of 45 degrees with a hacksaw. Rotate the tape armour anti clockwise and remove the cut section. Care should be taken to avoid injury from any sharp edges of the armour.

ELECTRICAL DATA

CURRENT RATINGS

Current ratings are to BS7671, (IEE wiring regs 16th edition) table 4E4A.

SHORT CIRCUIT TEMPERATURE

The maximum short-circuit temperature of the conductor is 250°C.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Please refer to Prysmian Cables leaflet 'Statement to Cable Users on the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 and to the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulation (COSHH).

Maximum Resistance of conductor and armour and gross cross-sectional areas of armour tape

Conductor cross - sectional area mm ²	Maximum Resistance of Conductor at 20°C ohms/km	Calculated maximum Resistance of Armour at 20°C			Effective Cross Sectional Area of Tape Armour		
		2 Core ohms/km	3 Core ohms/km	4 Core ohms/km	2 Core mm ²	3 Core mm ²	4 Core mm ²
10	1.83	5.6	5.3	4.8	32	34	37
16	1.15	4.9	4.7	4.3	36	38	42
25	0.727	4.4	2.9	2.7	41	62	68
35	0.524	2.8	2.6	2.4	65	69	76
50	0.387	2.9	2.5	2.3	63	71	79
70	0.268	2.5	2.3	2.0	71	81	90
95	0.193	2.3	2.0	1.8	77	90	100
120	0.153	2.1	1.9	1.7	87	98	110

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