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d) inclusion of a model to calculate temperature rise in different bundle sizes.

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INTRODUCTION

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ISO/IEC 11801-1 specifies a structure and performance requirements for cabling subsystems that support a wide range of applications. They provide appropriate equipment interfaces to the cabling infrastructure in equipment rooms, telecommunications rooms and work areas.

A growing number of organizations employ equipment at locations that require the provision of remote powering. This document was created to provide supplementary information to ISO/IEC 11801-1 to implement remote powering over generic balanced cabling as specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1.

This document provides additional guidance for remote powering on the use of balanced cabling systems as specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1 and guidance on different installation conditions that require special considerations:

- information to bring together all the considerations about remote powering in a single document;
- guidance on wire diameter and bundling on heating;
- guidance on mating and un-mating of connectors that convey remote power.

This document does not include requirements from national or local safety standards and regulations.

This document was developed based on a number of contributions describing remote powering over telecommunications cabling under different installation conditions. The relevant safety standards and regulations, application standard, and equipment manufacturers give guidance on factors that should be taken into account during design of the generic balanced cabling that supports the distribution of remote powering.

This document extends the current per conductor specified in ISO/IEC TR 29125:2010 from 300 mA to 500 mA. This document covers additional details of installation conditions that are not described in ISO/IEC TR 29125:2010. This document includes guidelines for cords. This document addresses the use of generic balanced single pair cabling for customer premises, to be specified in future amendments of the ISO/IEC 11801 series, for remote powering of terminal equipment. This document uses measurements and empirical models to estimate the thermal performance of single pair cable bundles of various conductor diameters.

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This amendment incorporates changes necessary to include remote powering using single pair cabling.

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This amendment incorporates changes necessary to extend the current for remote powering using single pair cabling up to 2 000 mA.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS CABLING REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOTE POWERING OF TERMINAL EQUIPMENT

1 Scope

This document

a) addresses the support of safety extra low voltage (SELV) and limited power source (LPS) applications that provide remote power over:
   - 4-pair balanced cabling in accordance with the reference implementations of ISO/IEC 11801 series standards using currents per conductor of up to 500 mA;
   - 1-pair balanced cabling using currents per conductor of up to 2 000 mA;

   and targets the support of applications that provide remote power over balanced cabling to terminal equipment,
b) covers the transmission and electrical parameters needed to support remote power over balanced cabling,
c) covers various installation scenarios and how these may impact the capability of balanced cabling to support remote powering,
d) specifies design and configuration of cabling as specified in ISO/IEC 11801-1.

NOTE SELV requirements specify a maximum voltage of 60 V DC and LPS is understood in the applications referenced to be up to 100 W supplied within ~~4-pair~~ cabling.

This document includes a mathematical model to predict the behaviour of different bundle sizes, various cabling constructions, and installation conditions for different current capacities.

Safety (e.g. electrical safety and protection and fire) and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements are outside the scope of this document, and are covered by other standards and regulations. However, information given by this document can be of assistance.

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