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**Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions -  
Part 32: Test for vertical flame spread of vertically-mounted  
bunched wires or cables - Category A F/R**

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### foreword

This document is in accordance with the provisions of GB/T 1.1-2020 "Guidelines for Standardization Work Part 1. Structure and Drafting Rules of Standardization Documents" drafted.

This document is part 32 of GB/T 18380 "Burning test of cables and optical cables under flame conditions". GB/T 18380 has been issued

The following parts are distributed.

- Part 11. Test device for vertical flame spread test of a single insulated wire and cable;
- Part 12. Test method for vertical flame spread of single insulated wire and cable 1kW premixed flame;
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This document replaces GB/T 18380.32-2008 "Cables and Optical Cables Fire Tests under Flame Conditions - Part 32.Vertical Installation

AF/R category of vertical flame spread test of bundled wires and cables", compared with GB/T 18380.32-2008, except for structural adjustment and editing

In addition to the changes, the main technical changes are as follows.

--- In order to improve repeatability and reproducibility, the details of the installation of cable samples on steel ladders have been added (see 5.3, 5.3 of the.2008 edition);

--- Deleted Appendix C.

This document is equivalent to IEC 60332-3-21.2018 "Cables and Optical Cables Fire Tests under Flame Conditions Part 3-21.Vertical

Installed Bundled Wire and Cable Fire Vertical Spread Test Category AF/R".

The following minimal editorial changes have been made to this document.

--- In order to harmonize with existing standards, the name of the standard is changed to "Fire Tests for Cables and Optical Cables under Flame Conditions - Part 32.Vertical

Installed Bundled Wire and Cable Fire Vertical Spread Test Category AF/R".

Please note that some content of this document may be patented. The issuing agency of this document assumes no responsibility for identifying patents.

## Introduction

Flame retardant wire and cable or optical cable products are widely used in various construction projects.

It is of great significance to reduce the occurrence of disasters and the spread of flames, reduce fire losses, and ensure the safe evacuation of all kinds of people. GB/T 18380 aims to establish

The test method for the flame retardant performance of different flame retardant wire and cable or optical cable products under different installation and laying conditions is planned to be composed of 11 parts.

--- Part 11.Test device for vertical spread of flame for a single insulated wire and cable. The purpose is to specify for single insulated electrical

Test device for vertical flame spread test of wire and cable.

--- Part 12.Single insulated wire and cable flame vertical spread test 1kW premixed flame test method. the purpose is

Test method for determining the vertical flame spread of a single insulated wire or cable or

fiber optic cable under 1 kW premixed flame conditions.

--- Part 13. Test method for vertical flame spread of a single insulated wire and cable to determine burning drips (objects)/particles.

The purpose is to determine the test for the determination of burning drips (objects)/particulates in the vertical flame spread test of a single insulated wire and cable method.

--- Part 21. Test device for vertical flame spread test of a single insulated thin wire and cable. Intended to be specified for single insulation

Test device for vertical flame spread test of thin wire and cable.

--- Part 22. Vertical flame spread test method for single insulated thin wire and cable Diffusion-type flame test method. The purpose is to determine the total

Insulated thin wires and cables with a cross-section less than 0.5mm<sup>2</sup> and thin optical cables or conductors that may break under 1kW premixed flame conditions

Test method for vertical spread of flame on thin wires that may fuse.

--- Part 31. Vertically installed bundled wire and cable flame vertical spread test test device. The purpose is to provide for vertical

Test device for vertical flame spread of straight-mounted bundled wires and cables, and installation arrangement and calibration.

--- Part 32. Vertically installed bundled wire and cable flame vertical spread test AF/R category. The purpose is to determine the applicable

Test method for the ability of special cables to be used in special installations to inhibit the spread of flame when installed in vertical bundles.

--- Part 33. Vertical flame spread test of bundled wires and cables installed vertically Class A. The purpose is to determine the

Test for the ability of wire, cable or optical cable products to inhibit the spread of flame when installed in vertical bundles in the case of metal material volume content method.

--- Part 34. Vertical flame spread test of bundled wires and cables installed vertically Class B. The purpose is to determine the medium for rating

Test on the ability of wire, cable or optical cable products to inhibit the spread of flame when installed in vertical bundles in the case of non-metallic material volume content method.

--- Part 35. Vertical flame spread test of bundled wires and cables installed vertically Class C. The purpose is to determine the

Test for the ability of wire, cable or optical cable products to inhibit the spread of flame when installed in vertical bundles in the case of metal material volume content method.

--- Part 36. Vertical flame spread test of bundled wires and cables installed vertically Class D. The purpose is to determine the very low

Test method for the ability of small cable products to inhibit the spread of flame when installed in vertical bundles in the case of non-metallic material volume content.

Fire testing of electrical and optical cables under flame conditions

Part 32. Vertically installed bundles of wires and cables

Vertical flame spread test AF/R category

## 1 Scope

This document describes the Type AF/R test method for evaluating the vertical flame suppression of vertically installed bundled wires and cables under specified conditions. ability to spread.

This document applies to power cables with conductor cross-section greater than 35mm<sup>2</sup>. The cables are installed at intervals in front of and behind the test steel ladder, so as to

The total nominal volume of non-metallic materials contained in the sample is 7L/m. The fire time is 40min. This installation method is used in the cable specification

Special cables for use in special installations are required. Type AF/R is not suitable for ordinary cables.

This test is used for type approval test. See Appendix A for the selection requirements of the test cables. The extent of damage to the flame spread through the cable specimen to measure. This test procedure can be used to verify the ability of a cable to suppress the spread of flames.

Recommended performance requirements are given in Appendix B.

Note. The term "wire and cable" in this document includes all metal conductor insulated cables used for power or signal transmission.

## 2 Normative references