SECTION 27 15 00 - COMMUNICATIONS HORIZONTAL CABLING

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

A. DRAWINGS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS AND DIVISION 01 SPECIFICATION SECTIONS, APPLY TO THIS SECTION.

1.2 SUMMARY

A. SECTION INCLUDES:
1. PATHWAYS.
2. UTP CABLING.
3. MULTIUSER TELECOMMUNICATIONS OUTLET ASSEMBLIES.
4. CABLE CONNECTING HARDWARE, PATCH PANELS, AND CROSS-CONNECTS.
5. TELECOMMUNICATIONS OUTLET/CONNECTORS.
6. CABLING SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION PRODUCTS.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

A. BICSI: BUILDING INDUSTRY CONSULTING SERVICE INTERNATIONAL.
B. CONSOLIDATION POINT: A LOCATION FOR INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN HORIZONTAL CABLES EXTENDING FROM BUILDING PATHWAYS AND HORIZONTAL CABLES EXTENDING INTO FURNITURE PATHWAYS.
C. CROSS-CONNECT: A FACILITY ENABLING THE TERMINATION OF CABLE ELEMENTS AND THEIR INTERCONNECTION OR CROSS-CONNECTION.
D. EMI: ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE.
E. IDC: INSULATION DISPLACEMENT CONNECTOR.
F. LAN: LOCAL AREA NETWORK.
G. MUTOA: MULTIUSER TELECOMMUNICATIONS OUTLET ASSEMBLY, A GROUPING IN ONE LOCATION OF SEVERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS OUTLETS/CONNECTORS.
H. OUTLET/CONNECTOR: A CONNECTING DEVICE IN THE WORK AREA ON WHICH HORIZONTAL CABLE OR OUTLET CABLE TERMINATES.
I. RCDD: REGISTERED COMMUNICATIONS DISTRIBUTION DESIGNER.
J. UTP: UNSHIELDED TWISTED PAIR.

1.4 HORIZONTAL CABLING DESCRIPTION

A. HORIZONTAL CABLE AND ITS CONNECTING HARDWARE PROVIDE THE MEANS OF TRANSPORTING SIGNALS BETWEEN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OUTLET/CONNECTOR AND THE HORIZONTAL CROSS-CONNECT LOCATED IN THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ROOM. THIS CABLING AND ITS CONNECTING HARDWARE ARE CALLED "PERMANENT LINK." A TERM THAT IS USED IN THE TESTING PROTOCOLS.
1. HORIZONTAL CABLING SHALL CONTAIN NO MORE THAN ONE TRANSITION POINT OR CONSOLIDATION POINT BETWEEN THE HORIZONTAL CROSS-CONNECT AND THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OUTLET/CONNECTOR.
2. BRIDGED TAPS AND SPLICES SHALL NOT BE INSTALLED IN THE HORIZONTAL CABLING.

B. THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE HORIZONTAL CABLE LENGTH IS 295 FEET. THIS MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LENGTH DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ALLOWANCE FOR THE LENGTH OF 16 FEET TO THE WORKSTATION EQUIPMENT. THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LENGTH DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ALLOWANCE FOR THE LENGTH OF 16 FEET IN THE HORIZONTAL CROSS-CONNECT.

1.5 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. GENERAL PERFORMANCE: HORIZONTAL CABLING SYSTEM SHALL COMPLY WITH TRANSMISSION STANDARDS IN TIA/EIA-568-B.1, WHEN TESTED according TO TEST PROCEDURES OF THIS STANDARD.

1.6 SUBMITTALS

A. PRODUCT DATA: FOR EACH TYPE OF PRODUCT INDICATED.

B. SHOP DRAWINGS:
1. CABLING ADMINISTRATION DRAWINGS AND PRINTOUTS.
2. WIRING DIAGRAMS TO SHOW TYPICAL WIRING SCHEMATICS, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:
a. CROSS-CONNECTS.
b. PATCH PANELS.
c. PATCH CORDS.
3. CROSS-CONNECTS AND PATCH PANELS: DETAIL MOUNTING ASSEMBLIES, AND SHOW ELEVATIONS AND PHYSICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INSTALLED COMPONENTS.

C. QUALIFICATION DATA: FOR INSTALLER, QUALIFIED LAYOUT TECHNICIAN, INSTALLATION SUPERVISOR, AND FIELD INSPECTOR.

D. SOURCE QUALITY-CONTROL REPORTS.

E. FIELD QUALITY-CONTROL REPORTS.

F. MAINTENANCE DATA: FOR SPLICES AND CONNECTORS TO INCLUDE IN MAINTENANCE MANUALS.

1.7 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. INSTALLER QUALIFICATIONS: CABLING INSTALLER MUST HAVE PERSONNEL CERTIFIED BY BICSI ON STAFF.
1. LAYOUT RESPONSIBILITY: PREPARATION OF SHOP DRAWINGS AND CABLING ADMINISTRATION DRAWINGS BY AN RCDD.
2. INSTALLATION SUPERVISION: INSTALLATION SHALL BE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF REGISTERED TECHNICIAN, WHO SHALL BE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES WHEN WORK OF THIS SECTION IS PERFORMED AT PROJECT SITE.

B. SURFACE-BURNING CHARACTERISTICS: AS DETERMINED BY TESTING IDENTICAL PRODUCTS ACCORDING TO ASTM E 84 BY A QUALIFIED TESTING AGENCY. IDENTIFY PRODUCTS WITH APPROPRIATE MARKINGS OF APPLICABLE TESTING AGENCY.
1. FLAME-SPREAD INDEX: 25 OR LESS.
2. SMOKE-DEVELOPED INDEX: 50 OR LESS.

C. ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS, DEVICES, AND ACCESSORIES: LISTED AND LABELED AS DEFINED IN NFPA 70, BY A QUALIFIED TESTING AGENCY, AND MARKED FOR INTENDED LOCATION AND APPLICATION.

D. TELECOMMUNICATIONS PATHWAYS AND SPACES: COMPLY WITH TIA/EIA-569-A.

E. GROUNDING: COMPLY WITH ANSI-J-STD-607-A.

1.8 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

A. TEST CABLES UPON RECEIPT AT PROJECT SITE.
1. TEST EACH PAIR OF UTP CABLE FOR OPEN AND SHORT CIRCUITS.

1.9 PROJECT CONDITIONS

A. ENVIRONMENTAL LIMITATIONS: DO NOT DELIVER OR INSTALL CABLES AND CONNECTING MATERIALS UNTIL WET WORK IN SPACES IS COMPLETE AND DRY, AND TEMPORARY HVAC SYSTEM IS OPERATING AND MAINTAINING AMBIENT TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY CONDITIONS AT OCCUPANCY LEVELS DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

1.10 COORDINATION

A. COORDINATE LAYOUT AND INSTALLATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PATHWAYS AND CABLING WITH OWNER'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND LAN EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE SUPPLIERS.

B. COORDINATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OUTLET/CONNECTOR LOCATIONS WITH LOCATION OF POWER RECEPTACLES AT EACH WORK AREA.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 PATHWAYS

A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: COMPLY WITH TIA/EIA-569-A.

B. CABLE SUPPORT: NRTL LABELED FOR SUPPORT OF CATEGORY 6 CABLING, DESIGNED TO PREVENT DEGRADATION OF CABLE PERFORMANCE AND PINCH POINTS THAT COULD DAMAGE CABLE.
1. SUPPORT BRACKETS WITH CABLE TIE SLOTS FOR FASTENING CABLE TIES TO BRACKETS.
2. LACING BARS, SPOOLS, J-HOOKS, AND D-RINGS.
3. STRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES

C. CONDUIT AND BOXES: COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS IN DIVISION 26.
1. OUTLET BOXES SHALL BE NO SMALLER THAN 2 INCHES WIDE, 3 INCHES HIGH, AND 2-1/2 INCHES DEEP.

2.2 UTP CABLE

A. MANUFACTURERS: SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS, AVAILABLE MANUFACTURERS OFFERING PRODUCTS THAT MAY BE INCORPORATED INTO THE WORK INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:
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4. LISTED AND LABELED BY AN NRTL ACCEPTABLE TO AUTHORITIES HAVING JURISDICTION AS COMPLYING WITH UL 444 AND NFPA 70 FOR THE FOLLOWING TYPES:
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1. NUMBER OF TERMINALS PER FIELD: ONE FOR EACH CONDUCTOR IN ASSIGNED CABLES.

E. PATCH PANEL: MODULAR PANELS HOUSING MULTIPLE-NUMBERED JACK UNITS WITH IDC-TYPE CONNECTORS AT EACH JACK FOR PERMANENT TERMINATION OF PAIR GROUPS OF INSTALLED CABLES.
1. NUMBER OF JACKS PER FIELD: ONE FOR EACH FOUR-PAIR UTP CABLE INDICATED.

F. JACKS AND JACK ASSEMBLIES: MODULAR, COLOR-CODED, EIGHT-POSITION MODULAR-RECEPTACLE UNITS WITH INTEGRAL IDC-TYPE TERMINATION.

G. PATCH CORDS: FACTORY-MADE, FOUR-PAIR CABLES IN 36-INCH LENGTHS; TERMINATED WITH EIGHT-POSITION MODULAR PLUGS AT EACH END.
1. FOR CATEGORY 6 CABLES, PATCH CORDS SHALL HAVE BEND-RELIEF-COMPLIANT BOOTS AND COLOR-CODED ICONS TO ENSURE CATEGORY 6 PERFORMANCE. PATCH CORDS SHALL HAVE LATCH GUARDS TO PROTECT AGAINST SNAGGING.
2. FOR CATEGORY 6E CABLES, PATCH CORDS SHALL HAVE COLOR-CODED BOOTS FOR CIRCUIT IDENTIFICATION.

2.4 TELECOMMUNICATIONS OUTLET/CONNECTORS

A. JACKS: 100-OHM, BALANCED, TWISTED-PAIR CONNECTOR; FOUR-PAIR, EIGHT-POSITION MODULAR, COMPLY WITH TIA/EIA-568-B.1

B. WORKSTATION OUTLETS: TWO-PORT ASSEMBLIES MOUNTED IN SINGLE GANG-BOX.

C. METAL FACEPLATE: STAINLESS STEEL, COMPLYING WITH REQUIREMENTS IN DIVISION 26 SECTION "WIRING DEVICES."
1. PORT SIZE AND CONFIGURATION TO ACCOMMODATE ANY COMBINATION OF UTP, OPTICAL FIBER, AND COAXIAL WORK AREA CORDS.
a. FLUSH MOUNTING JACKS, POSITIONING THE CORD AT A 45-DEGREE ANGLE.

D. LEGEND: MACHINE PRINTED, IN THE FIELD, USING ADHESIVE-TAPE LABEL.

2.5 GROUNDING

A. COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS IN DIVISION 26 SECTION "GROUNDING AND BONDING" FOR GROUNDING CONDUCTORS AND CONNECTORS.

B. COMPLY WITH ANSI-J-STD-607-A.

2.6 IDENTIFICATION PRODUCTS

A. COMPLY WITH TIA/EIA-606-A AND UL 969 FOR LABELING MATERIALS, INCLUDING LABEL STOCKS, LAMINATING ADHESIVES, AND INKS USED BY LABEL PRINTERS.

B. COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS IN DIVISION 26 SECTION "IDENTIFICATION FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS."

2.7 SOURCE QUALITY CONTROL

A. FACTORY TEST UTP CABLES ON REELS ACCORDING TO TIA/EIA-568-B.1.

B. FACTORY TEST UTP CABLES ACCORDING TO TIA/EIA-568-B.2.

C. CABLE WILL BE CONSIDERED DEFECTIVE IF IT DOES NOT PASS TESTS AND INSPECTIONS.

D. PREPARE TEST AND INSPECTION REPORTS.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 PATHWAY APPLICATION

A. COMPLY WITH TIA/EIA-569-A.

3.2 INSTALLATION OF PATHWAYS

A. DRAWINGS INDICATE GENERAL ARRANGEMENT OF PATHWAYS AND FITTINGS.

B. COMPLY WITH TIA/EIA-569-A FOR FILL-BOX SIZING AND LENGTH OF CONDUIT AND NUMBER OF BENDS BETWEEN PULL POINTS.

C. COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS IN DIVISION 26 FOR INSTALLATION OF CONDUITS AND WIREWAYS.

D. INSTALL MANUFACTURED CONDUIT SWEEPS AND LONG-RADIUS ELBOWS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

3.3 INSTALLATION OF CABLES

A. COMPLY WITH NECA 1.

B. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CABLING:
1. COMPLY WITH TIA/EIA-568-B.1.
2. COMPLY WITH BICSI TDMM, CHAPTER 6, "CABLE TERMINATION PRACTICES."
3. INSTALL 110-STYLE IDC TERMINATION HARDWARE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.
4. MUTOA SHALL NOT BE USED AS A CROSS-CONNECT POINT.
5. CONSOLIDATION POINTS MAY BE USED ONLY FOR MOVING A DIRECT CONNECTION TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS OUTLET/CONNECTORS:
a. DO NOT USE CONSOLIDATION POINT AS A CROSS-CONNECT POINT. AS A PATCH CONNECTION, OR FOR DIRECT CONNECTION TO WORKSTATION EQUIPMENT.
b. LOCATE CONSOLIDATION POINTS FOR UTP AT LEAST 49 FEET FROM COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ROOM.
6. TERMINATE CABLES; DO NOT LEAVE SHALL CONTAIN UNTERMINATED ELEMENTS. MAKE TERMINATIONS ONLY AT INDICATED OUTLETS, TERMINALS, CROSS-CONNECTS, AND PATCH PANELS.
7. CABLES MAY NOT BE SPLICED. SECURE AND SUPPORT CABLES AT INTERVALS NOT EXCEEDING 30 INCHES AND NOT MORE THAN 6 INCHES FROM CABINETS, BOXES, FITTINGS, OUTLETS, RACKS, FRAMES, AND TERMINALS.
8. INSTALL LACING BARS TO RESTRAIN CABLES, TO PREVENT STRAINING CONNECTIONS, AND TO PREVENT BENDING CABLES TO SMALLER RADII THAN MINIMUMS SPECIFIED BY TIA/EIA-568-B.1, WHEN TESTED ACCORDING TO TEST PROCEDURES OF THIS STANDARD.
9. BUNDLE, LACE, AND TRAIN CONDUCTORS TO TERMINAL POINTS WITHOUT EXCEEDING MANUFACTURER'S LIMITATIONS ON BENDING RADII, BUT NOT LESS THAN RADII SPECIFIED IN BICSI ITSIM, "CABLING TERMINATION PRACTICES" CHAPTER. INSTALL LACING BARS AND DISTRIBUTION SPOOLS.
10. DO NOT EXCEED CABLE MANUFACTURER'S MINIMUM BEND RADIUS. DO NOT KINK, TWIST, BRAID, KNOT, SCORE, DEFORMED, OR ABRADED CABLE. DO NOT SPLICE CABLE BETWEEN TERMINATION, TAP, OR JUNCTION POINTS. REMOVE AND DISCARD CABLE IF DAMAGED DURING INSTALLATION AND REPLACE IT WITH NEW CABLE.
11. CLOSE UNUSED OUTLETS. BRING CABLE TO ROOM TEMPERATURE BEFORE DERESLEEVING. HEAT LAMPS SHALL NOT BE USED FOR HEATING.
12. RE-THE CONNECTIONS TO EQUIPMENT ROOM. INSTALL A 10-FOOT-LONG SERVICE LOOP ON EACH END OF CABLE.
13. PULLING CABLE: COMPLY WITH BICSI ITSIM, CH. 4, "PULLING CABLE." MONITOR CABLE PULL TENSIONS.

C. UTP CABLE INSTALLATION:
1. COMPLY WITH TIA/EIA-568-B.2.
2. DO NOT UNTWIST UTP CABLES MORE THAN 1/2 INCH FROM THE POINT OF TERMINATION TO MAINTAIN CABLE GEOMETRY.

D. OPEN-CABLE INSTALLATION:
1. INSTALL CABLE WITH HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL CABLE GUIDES IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPACES WITH TERMINATING HARDWARE AND INTERCONNECTION EQUIPMENT.
2. SUSPEND UTP CABLE NOT IN A RACEWAY OR PATHWAY A MINIMUM OF 5 INCHES ABOVE CEILINGS BY CABLE SUPPORTS NOT MORE THAN 48" APART. CABLE SHALL NOT BE SUSPENDED FROM CEILING SUPPORTS OR IN CONTACT WITH PIPES, DUCTS, OR OTHER POTENTIALLY DAMAGING ITEMS.

E. GROUP CONNECTING HARDWARE FOR CABLES INTO SEPARATE LOGICAL FIELDS.

F. SEPARATION FROM EMI SOURCES:
1. COMPLY WITH BICSI TDMM AND TIA/EIA-569-A FOR SEPARATING UNSHIELDED COPPER VOICE AND DATA COMMUNICATION CABLE FROM POTENTIAL EMI SOURCES, INCLUDING ELECTRICAL POWER LINES AND EQUIPMENT.

3.4 FIRESTOPPING

A. COMPLY WITH TIA/EIA-569-A, ANNEX A, "FIRESTOPPING."

B. COMPLY WITH BICSI TDMM, "FIRESTOPPING SYSTEMS" ARTICLE.

3.5 GROUNDING

A. INSTALL GROUNDING ACCORDING TO BICSI TDMM, "GROUNDING, BONDING, AND ELECTRICAL PROTECTION" CHAPTER.

B. COMPLY WITH ANSI-J-STD-607-A.

C. LOCATE GROUNDING BUS BAR TO MINIMIZE THE LENGTH OF BONDING CONDUCTORS. FASTEN BUS BAR TO WALL AT LEAST 2-INCH CLEARANCE BEHIND THE GROUNDING BUS BAR. CONNECT GROUNDING BUS BAR WITH A MINIMUM #6 AWG GROUNDING ELECTRODE CONDUCTOR FROM GROUNDING BUS BAR TO SUITABLE ELECTRICAL GROUND.

D. BOND METALLIC EQUIPMENT TO THE GROUNDING BUS BAR, USING NOT SMALLER THAN NO. 6 AWG EQUIPMENT GROUNDING CONDUCTOR.

3.6 IDENTIFICATION

A. IDENTIFY SYSTEM COMPONENTS, WIRING, AND CABLING COMPLYING WITH TIA/EIA-606-A. COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR IDENTIFICATION SPECIFIED IN DIVISION 26 SECTION "IDENTIFICATION FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS."

B. CABLE AND WIRE IDENTIFICATION:
1. LABEL EACH CABLE WITHIN 4 INCHES OF EACH TERMINATION AND TAP. WHERE IT IS ACCESSIBLE IN A CABINET OR JUNCTION OR OUTLET BOX, AND ELSEWHERE AS INDICATED.
2. EACH WIRE CONNECTED TO BUILDING-MOUNTED DEVICES IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE NUMBERED AT DEVICE IF COLOR OF WIRE IS CONSISTENT WITH ASSOCIATED WIRE CONNECTED AND NUMBERED WITHIN PANEL CABINET.
3. EXPOSED CABLES AND CABLES IN CABLE TRAYS AND WIRE TROUGHS: LABEL EACH CABLE AT INTERVALS NOT EXCEEDING 15 FEET.
4. LABEL EACH TERMINAL STRIP AND SCREW TERMINAL IN EACH CABINET, RACK, OR PANEL.
a. INDIVIDUALLY NUMBER WIRING CONDUCTORS CONNECTED TO TERMINAL STRIPS, AND IDENTIFY EACH CABLE OR WIRING GROUP BEING EXTENDED FROM PANEL OR CABINET TO ITS FINAL LOCATION. DEVICE SHALL BE IDENTIFIED WITH NAME AND NUMBER OF PARTICULAR DEVICE AS SHOWN.
b. LABEL EACH UNIT AND FIELD WITHIN DISTRIBUTION BLOCKS AND FRAMES.

5. IDENTIFICATION WITH CONNECTOR FIELD: EQUIPMENT, MODULES AND WIRING ASSEMBLIES. LABEL EACH CONNECTOR WITH UNIQUE UNIT OF CABLE-TERMINATING AND CONNECTING HARDWARE. WHERE SIMILAR JACKS AND PLUGS ARE USED FOR BOTH VOICE AND DATA COMMUNICATION CABLING, USE A DIFFERENT COLOR FOR JACKS AND PLUGS OF EACH SERVICE.
6. UNIQUELY IDENTIFY AND LABEL EACH WORK AREA CABLE EXTENDING FROM THE MUTOA TO THE WORK AREA. THESE CABLES MAY NOT EXCEED THE LENGTH STATED ON DRAWINGS AT MUTOA OUTLET.

C. LABELS SHALL BE PREPRINTED OR COMPUTER-PRINTED TYPE WITH PRINTING AREA AND FONT COLOR OF CONTRASTING VARIABLE JACKET COLOR BUT STILL COMPLIES WITH REQUIREMENTS IN TIA/EIA-606-A.
1. CABLES USE FLEXIBLE POLYESTER OR POLYOLEFIN THAT FLEX AS CABLES ARE BENT.

3.7 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

A. TESTING AGENCY: OWNER WILL ENGAGE A QUALIFIED TESTING AGENCY TO PERFORM TESTS AND INSPECTIONS.

B. TESTS AND INSPECTIONS:
1. VISUALLY INSPECT UTP CABLE JACKET MATERIALS FOR NRTL CERTIFICATION MARKINGS. INSPECT CABLE TERMINATIONS IN COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ROOMS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CABLING SPECIFICATIONS FOR PIN ASSIGNMENTS, AND INSPECT CABLING CONNECTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH TIA/EIA-568-B.1.
2. VISUALLY CONFIRM CATEGORY 6E, CATEGORY 6, MARKING OF OUTLETS, COVER PLATES, OUTLET/CONNECTORS, AND PATCH PANELS.
3. VISUALLY INSPECT CABLE PLACEMENT, CABLE TERMINATION, GROUNDING AND BONDING, EQUIPMENT AND PATCH CORDS, AND LABELING OF ALL COMPONENTS.
4. TEST UTP BACKBONE COPPER CABLING FOR DC LOOP RESISTANCE, SHORTS, OPENS, INTERMITTENT FAULTS, AND POLARITY BETWEEN CONDUCTORS. TEST OPERATION OF SHORTING BARS IN CONNECTION BLOCKS. TEST CABLES AFTER TERMINATION BUT NOT CROSS-CONNECTION.
a. TEST INSTRUMENTS SHALL MEET OR EXCEED APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS IN TIA/EIA-568-B.2. PERFORM TESTS WITH A TESTER THAT COMPLIES WITH PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS IN "TEST INSTRUMENTS (NORMATIVE)" ANNEX, COMPLYING WITH MEASUREMENT ACCURACY SPECIFIED IN "MEASUREMENT ACCURACY (INFORMATIVE)" ANNEX. USE ONLY TEST CORDS AND ADAPTERS THAT ARE QUALIFIED BY TEST EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER FOR CHANNEL OR LINK TEST CONFIGURATION.

5. UTP PERFORMANCE TESTS:
a. TEST FOR EACH OUTLET AND MUTOA. PERFORM THE FOLLOWING TESTS ACCORDING TO TIA/EIA, 568-B.1 AND TIA/EIA-568-B.2:
1) WIRE MAP.
2) LENGTH (PHYSICAL VS. ELECTRICAL, AND LENGTH REQUIREMENTS).
3) INSERTION LOSS.
4) NEAR-END CROSSTALK (NEXT) LOSS.
5) POWER SUM NEAR-END CROSSTALK (PSNEXT) LOSS.
6) EQUAL-LEVEL FAR-END CROSSTALK (ELFEXT).
7) POWER SUM EQUAL-LEVEL FAR-END CROSSTALK (PSELFEXT).
8) RETURN LOSS.
9) PROPAGATION DELAY.
10) DELAY SKEW

6. FINAL VERIFICATION TESTS: PERFORM VERIFICATION TESTS FOR UTP SYSTEMS AFTER THE COMPLETE COMMUNICATIONS CABLING AND WORKSTATION OUTLET/CONNECTORS ARE INSTALLED.
a. DATA TESTS: THESE TESTS ASSUME THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STAFF HAS A NETWORK INSTALLED AND IS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH TESTING. CONNECT TO THE NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE AT THE DEMARCATION POINT. LOG ONTO THE NETWORK TO ENSURE PROPER CONNECTION TO THE NETWORK.

C. DOCUMENT DATA FOR EACH MEASUREMENT. DATA FOR SUBMITTALS SHALL BE PRINTED IN A SUMMARY REPORT THAT IS FORMATTED SIMILAR TO TABLE 10.1 IN BICSI TDMM, OR TRANSFERRED FROM THE INSTRUMENT TO THE COMPUTER, SAVED AS TEXT FILES, AND PRINTED AND SUBMITTED.

D. END-TO-END CABLING WILL BE CONSIDERED DEFECTIVE IF IT DOES NOT PASS TESTS AND INSPECTIONS.

E. PREPARE TEST AND INSPECTION REPORTS.

3.8 DEMONSTRATION

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