

# ETHERNET CABLE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

Ensure Ethernet Cables are compatible with existing architecture and conforms to the following specifications:

## A. General

1. Ensure Ethernet Cable is designed for the speed and quality as specified in the project.

## B. Standards and Certifications

1. ANSI (American National Standards Institute):
  - a. ANSI S-116-732-2013 Category 6A
  - b. ANSI/NEMA WC-66 Category 6A
  - c. ANSI/ICEA S 56434 Outdoor Use
  - d. ANSI/ICEA S 99689 Broadband Outdoor Use
  - e. ANSI/ICEA S 100685 Indoor/Outdoor Use
2. NEC (National Electrical Code):
  - a. CMR
  - b. CMX-Outdoor
  - c. CM/CMG
3. TIA (Telecommunications Industry Association):
  - a. ANSI/TIA-942-B Data Center
  - b. TIA TSB-184-A Power over Ethernet
  - c. TSB-162-A Wireless Access Points
  - d. ANSI/TIA-568-C.2 Category 6A Balanced Twisted-Pair Telecommunication Cabling
4. ISO/IEC (International Standards Organization):
  - a. ISO/IEC 11801-1 General Cabling On-Premises; Class EA Specification
  - b. ISO/IEC 11801-2 Cabling for enterprise buildings
  - c. ISO/IEC 11801-3 Cabling for industrial buildings
  - d. ISO/IEC 11801-5 Cabling for high-performance networks used by data centers
  - e. ISO/IEC 11801-6 Cabling for distributed wireless networks Power over Ethernet
5. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and Operating Standards:
  - a. IEEE 802.3d 10Base-T
  - b. IEEE 802.3i Ethernet over Twisted Pair
  - c. IEEE 802.3d 10Base-T
  - d. IEEE 802.3u 100Base-TX
  - e. IEEE 802.3ab 1000Base-T
  - f. IEEE 802.3af Power over Ethernet (15.4 Watts)
  - g. IEEE 802.3an 10GBase-T
6. Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive (RoHS)

## C. Specifications

1. Bandwidth: 500 MHz (up to 550 MHz)
2. Maximum Distance: 100 meters
3. Impedance:  $100 \pm 15 \Omega$
4. Attenuation: 62.1 dB/100 m at 550 MHz
5. Return Loss: 2.6 dB/100 m at 550 MHz
6. Wiring Scheme: T568B

## D. Construction

1. Number of pairs 4-pair
2. Type: Unshielded Twisted Pair (UTP) with plastic or foil cross web
3. Conductor:
  - a. Cables over 10 feet: 23 AWG, stranded or solid bare copper
  - b. Cables 10 feet or less, with PoE: 23 AWG, stranded or solid bare copper
  - c. Cables 10 feet or less, no PoE: 24 AWG, stranded bare copper

## ETHERNET SWITCH MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

- 4. Insulation: Polyolefin, Foam Skin Polyethylene
- 5. Jacket: PVC different colors with ripcord
- 6. Overall Diameter: 0.33 inches (8.0 mm)

### E. Mechanical Properties

- 1. Fire Propagation Test: UL 444 CM CMR
- 2. Temperature Range (Installation): -20°C to +75°C
- 3. Temperature Range (Storage): -40°C to +75°C
- 4. Temperature Range (Operating): -40°C to +75°C
- 5. Maximum Pulling Tension: 25 lbf (110 N)
- 6. Bending Radius: > 25 mm without load
- 7. Bundling: Velcro or Re-Closable Fasteners (Wire ties are forbidden)
- 8. Plug Housing: UL 1863 Polycarbonate
- 9. Boot: Snagless Boot with 50-micron Gold Connectors
- 10. Contractor to ensure that the cable fits equipment, patch panels, and PoE requirements.