

Special Specification 6004

Networking Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Communications Cable



1. DESCRIPTION

Furnish, install, and test twisted-pair cable for networking and telecommunication uses in the field environment.

2. MATERIALS

2.1. **General Requirements.** Provide new cable and connectors that are in conformance with the details shown on the plans and in the specifications. The cable must be free of deformations, holes, splits and splices.

ITS networking copper cables must be constructed for installation in an outdoor underground conduit environment. All cable provided for underground installation must contain the Outside Plant designation for outdoor usage and must be rated Non-Plenum.

Provide cable in compliance with the most current version of the following industry standards:

- NFPA National Electric Code (NEC),
- Rural Electrification Administration (REA) -PE-22 (7 CFR 1755.403), PE-39 (7 CFR 1755.390),
- ANSI /TIA-568-C, EIA/TIA-568-B.2-2001 (Category 5E Cable),
- EIA-232, EIA-422, EIA-485,
- TSB-36, and
- Underwriters Laboratory (UL).

Included in this Item are the ITS cable types listed in Table 1.

Table 1
Common Networking ITS Communication Cable Types

Cable Type	Nominal AWG Gauge	Application
Category 5e Ethernet Cable	#24 AWG	Standard 100Base-Tx, Gigabit Ethernet, up to 100 MHz bandwidth performance
Category 6 Ethernet Cable	#24 AWG	Gigabit Ethernet; up to 250MHz bandwidth performance
Category 7 Ethernet Cable	#24 AWG	10-Gigabit Ethernet, up to 600 MHz bandwidth performance. <u>Category 7 cable is not typically utilized for ITS device applications.</u> Category 7 cable applications include high bandwidth performance at network layer switches with 10 Gigabit connections.
Serial Communications Cable (RS-232, RS-422, RS-485)	#22, #24 AWG	Serial port applications, low bandwidth and small data rate transmission (<100 kb/s)
Shielded Twisted Pair Cable	#18-24 AWG	Telephone communications, below 16 MHz bandwidth performance
Unshielded Twisted Pair (UTP) Cable	#18-24 AWG	

Included in this Item are all terminating connectors and associated equipment required for installation and testing in a field environment.

Provide cable conforming to the gauge, type, and length shown on the plans. Ensure the cable gauge supplied meets the bandwidth requirements specific to the cable application and run length.

Provide signal amplification or repeater locations for communications cable runs as shown on the plans and in the specifications.

When selecting serial communications cable for longer cable runs, verify the conductor gauge to be provided will meet signal loss requirements for cable application. Refer to Table 2 for typical cable distance limitations for ITS serial communications cable.

Table 2
Typical Network Communications Cable
Distance Limitations

Cable Type	Recommended Maximum Cable Run ¹
RS-232	50 ft.
RS-422 (4 wire system)	500 ft.
RS-485 (2 wire system)	500 ft.
Category 5e	300 ft.
Category 6	300 ft.

1. Cable distance limitation to be verified according to manufacturer for the cable application.

All cable provided must be manufactured with permanent markings at approximate 2 ft. intervals on the outer jacket according to manufacturer name, serial number, type, UL list and classification for identification purposes. All pairs must be color coded using standard North American communication industry colors to uniquely identify each pair in the cable.

- 2.2. **Physical Requirements.** Provide networking communications cable meeting the following physical requirements.
- 2.2.1. **Conductor.** All networking cable must be constructed of solid bare copper conductor.
- 2.2.2. **Insulation.** All networking cable must be of foamed, cellular dielectric construction. Dielectric material must adhere to and support the center cable conductor.
- 2.2.2.1. **Insulation Material.** Serial communications cable insulation must be high-density polyethylene (HDPE) or equivalent. Ethernet networking cable insulation must be polyolefin or HDPE. UTP cable insulation must be polyethylene, polyolefin, polypropylene, or fluorinated ethylene propylene.
- 2.2.3. **Shielding.** Serial communications cable shielding must contain combination foil-polyester and copper braid shield to reduce EMI interference. Ethernet networking cable must contain a combination foil-polyester shield.
- 2.2.3.1. **Coverage.** Serial communications cable must be constructed of 100% effective foil coverage, minimum 65% braided coverage. Ethernet networking cable (Category 5e, 6, 7) must contain 100% effective foil cover.
- 2.2.4. **Outer Jacket.** Outer jacket must be rated for heavy duty ultraviolet (UV) exposure, sunlight, oil, and weather resistance necessary for outdoor installation.
- 2.2.4.1. **Jacket Material.** All networking cable outer jackets must be of PVC or polyethylene construction.
- 2.2.5. **Connectors.** Connectors must be matching, weather resistant, water and moisture proof, and outdoor-rated hardware that meet cable operating voltage, temperature, and impedance characteristics. Connectors must prevent the entry and collection of moisture to the cable and electrical connection point. Provide cable sealant during installation to seal connections from moisture and corrosion.

- 2.3. **Electrical and Mechanical Requirements.** Ethernet networking cable as shown on the plans must conform to the TIA/EIA-568-C standard, and according to performance characteristics defined in TIA/EIA-568-C.4-1. All Ethernet networking cable provided must meet IEEE 802.3af and IEEE 802.3at for Power over Ethernet (PoE) applications.

Serial communications cable and UTP must conform to the following requirements:

- 2.3.1. **Capacitance.** Serial communications cable capacitance must not exceed 35 picofarads (pF) per foot of cable. UTP cable capacitance must not exceed 15 pF per foot of cable.
- 2.3.2. **Inductance.** Serial communications cable inductance must not exceed 0.30 microhenry's (μ H) per foot of cable.
- 2.3.3. **Impedance.** Provide 100 ohm nominal impedance for UTP cables and according to the manufacturer recommendation for cable application.
- 2.3.4. **Attenuation.** Attenuation of the cable must be compliant with requirements of the proposed application.
- 2.3.5. **Resistance.** The DC resistance of the serial communications cable inner conductor must not exceed 20 ohms per 1000 ft.

2.4. **Environmental Design Requirements.**

- 2.4.1. **Installation Temperature Rating.** Cable must be rated for an outside ambient temperature range of -20°F to 165°F.
- 2.4.2. **Storage Temperature Rating.** Cable must be rated for a storage temperature range of -40°F to 165°F.

3. CONSTRUCTION METHODS

- 3.1. **General.** Cable must be installed in accordance with the following industry procedures:
- ANSI/TIA -568-C,
 - BICSI Telecommunications Distribution Methods Manual (TDMM) and Information Transport Systems Installation (ITSIM),
 - NFPA National Electric Code (NEC),
 - USDA Construction of Direct Buried Plant, and
 - ICEA Standard for Aerial Service Wire - ANSI/ICEA 5-89-648.
- 3.1.1. **Cable Storage.** All uninstalled cable must be stored according to manufacturer recommended bend radius and cable reel requirements.
- 3.1.2. **Cable Labeling.** All cable must be labeled using pre-laminated labels with UV protection according to usage at all terminations. Provide weatherproof labels rated for outdoor use.
- 3.1.3. **Installation Procedure.** All cable must be inspected and tested for continuity when received, with results compared with factory pre-shipping tests. Inspect the cable nomenclature to make certain that the correct product has been received. Notify the supplier (or manufacturer) of all discrepancies for immediate correction.

Install the network cable routed as shown on the plans and follow the manufacturer recommendations for installation.

Ensure that all exposed cable ends are covered and protected against moisture and dust penetration at all times during installation. Protect cable ends during storage, cable pulls, and post-installation.

- 3.1.4. **Conduit Fill Requirements.** Install cable as shown on the plans and ensure that NEC and TIA/EIA fill requirements must be met for all cable runs.
- 3.1.5. **Cable Slack Requirements.** Provide 25 ft. cable slack maximum in pull boxes and per manufacturer requirements.
- 3.1.6. **Spacing Requirements.** Provide minimum 12 in. spacing between electrical power cable and communications cable types as described for underground installations within NEC Sections 840.44 and 840.47.
- 3.2. **Testing.** Procedures for the tests noted below are to be in accordance with industry standard practice and recorded in accordance with ANSI/TIA/EIA rules for documentation for the cable type. Perform tests in accordance with testing requirements in this Item. For all tests, provide test forms to be used that compare measured results with threshold values. The following tests must be performed, recorded, and submitted to verify the cable performance and installation:
- 3.2.1. **Cable Continuity.** Perform cable continuity test for center conductor and shield continuity and record results. The test must be performed on received cable reels to identify any discrepancies and upon final installed cable interconnections. Test continuity of each pair to show a resistance of not more than 8 ohms per 1000 ft. of conductor. Use meter with a minimum input resistance measurement to comply with RUS 7 CFR 1755.403 Copper Cable Telecommunications Plant Measurements. .
- 3.2.2. **Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR).** Perform TDR test for impedance continuity per manufacturer recommendations in coaxial cable interconnections and record results.
- 3.2.3. **Ground Resistance.** Use a Megohmmeter to perform ground resistance testing of all conductors including the shield, and conductor-to-conductor, including all individual conductors to the shield. Ensure that all conductor tests, including the shield, read infinity to ground, and from conductor to conductor and all individual conductors to the shield, read infinity. Replace cable not meeting the infinity test result at no expense to the department, whether one or multiple readings per cable are defective.
- 3.2.4. **Visual Inspection.** Where cable installation is visible, perform visual inspection (with a Department representative) to verify any evidence of the following:
 - cable damage (cracks, shield damage, kinks, knots, jacket damage, crushed cable),
 - bend radius violations (at conduit fittings, cabinet locations), and
 - cable crimping method—use of manufacturers specified cable crimp tool only (use of pliers not permitted).
- 3.3. **Documentation.** Submit 3 copies of the following materials for each cable type provided for approval prior item supply:
 - manufacturer cutsheets and complete specifications (physical, electrical, mechanical, and environmental),
 - manufacturer warranty information,
 - independent test lab certification, and
 - blank test forms.

Submit 3 copies of the following materials for each cable run provided for approval post installation:
 - test results,
 - completed test forms,

- cable continuity test,
- TDR test,
- “as-built” documentation for cable path as shown on the plans,
- complete maintenance and trouble-shooting procedures, and
- furnish additional information as shown on the plans.

3.4. **Warranty.** Warrant all cable against defects or failure in design, materials, and workmanship in accordance with the manufacturer’s standard warranty.

Supply cable with no less than 95% of the manufacturer’s warranty remaining on the date that equipment invoices are submitted for final payment. Any material with less than 95% warranty remaining will be rejected.

Warrant all cable furnished and installed to perform according to the manufacturer published specifications for a period of 1 year after final acceptance of the project by the Department. Provide for “on-site” repair or replacement within 2 working days and at no cost to the Department. Repair or replace any defective cable, at the manufacturer’s option, at no cost to the Department.

4. **MEASUREMENT**

This Item will be measured by the linear foot of cable.

5. **PAYMENT**

The work performed and materials furnished in accordance with this Item and measured as provided under “Measurement” will be paid for at the unit price bid for “ITS Communications Cable (Ethernet)” and “ITS Communication Cable (Serial).” For twisted pair communications cable runs, work performed and materials furnished in accordance with this Item and measured as provided under “Measurement” will be paid for at the unit price bid for “ITS Communications Cable” of the type, size, and number of pairs specified. The price is full compensation for furnishing, installing, splicing and testing cable and connectors, as well as for installation equipment, materials, tools, and incidentals.