APPENDIX 3 - Typical Methods of Installation of Cables

| Installation Method |  | Example | Appropriate <br> Reference Method for <br> determining current <br> carrying capacity |
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| No. | Description |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Open and clipped direct: |  |  |  |
| 1 | Sheathed cables clipped direct to or lying on a non-metallic surface. |  | Method 1 |
| In conduit: |  |  |  |
| 3 | Single-core non-sheathed cables in metallic or non-metallic conduit on a wall or ceiling |  | Method 3 |
| 4 | Single-core non-sheathed cables in metallic or non-metallic conduit in a thermally insulating wall or above a thermally insulating ceiling, the conduit being in contact with a thermally conductive surface on one side.** | $(2) \sqrt{(60)}$ | Method 4 |
| 5 | Multicore cables having non-metallic sheath, in metallic or non-metallic conduit on a wall or ceiling. |  | Method 3 |
| 6 | Sheathed cables in conduit in a thermally insulating wall etc (otherwise as Ref Method 4). |  | Method 4 |
| 7 | Cables in conduit embedded in masonry, brickwork, concrete, plaster or the like (other than thermally insulating materials) |  | Method 3 |
| In trunking: |  |  |  |
| 8 | Cables in trunking on a wall or suspended in the air. |  | Method 3 |
| 9 | Cables in flush floor trunking |  | Method 3 |
| 10 | Single-core cables in skirting trunking |  | Method 3 |
| On trays: |  |  |  |


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| 11 | Sheathed cables on a perforated cable tray, bunched and unenclosed. A perforated cable tray is considered as a tray in which the holes occupy at least $30 \%$ of the surface area. |  | Method 11 |
| In free air, on cleats, brackets or a ladder: |  |  |  |
| 12 | Sheathed single-core cables in free air (any supporting metal work under the cables occupying less than $10 \%$ of the plan area): <br> 2 or 3 cables vertically one above the other, minimum distance between cable surfaces equal to the overall cable diameter $\left(D_{e}\right)$; distance from the wall not less than $0.5 D_{e}$ <br> 2 or 3 cables horizontally, with spacing as above <br> 3 cables in trefoil, distance between wall and surface of nearest cable $0.5 \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{e}}$ or nearest cables $0.75 \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{e}}$ |  | Method 12 |
| 13 | Sheathed multicore cables on ladder or brackets, separation greater than $2 \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{e}}$. <br> Sheathed multicore cables in free air distance between wall and cable surface not less than $0.3 \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{e}}$ <br> Any supporting metalwork under the cables occupying less than $10 \%$ of the plan area. |  | Method 13 |
| 14 | Cable suspended from or incorporating a catenary's wire. | (0) 0 | Method 12 or 13(as appropriate) |
| Cables in building voids: |  |  |  |
| 15 | Sheathed cables installed directly in a thermally insulating wall or above a thermally insulating ceiling, the cable being in contact with a thermally conductive surface on one side (otherwise as Ref Method No 4). |  | Method 4 |


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| 16 | Sheathed cables in by the building struc thermally insulating | ducts or voids formed ure, other than materials. |  | Method 4 <br> Where the cables has a diameter $D_{e}$ and the duct has a diameter not greater than $5 D_{e}$ or a perimeter not greater than 20D <br> Method 3 <br> Where the duct has either a diameter greater than $5 D_{e}$ or a perimeter greater than $20 \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{e}}$ <br> Note 1 - Where the perimeter is greater than $60 \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{e}}$, installation Methods 18 or 20 , as appropriate, should be used. <br> Note $2-D_{e}$ is the overall cable diameter. For groups of cable $D_{e}$ is the sum of the cable diameters. |
| Cable in trenches: |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | Cables supported on the wall of an open or ventilated trench, with spacing as indicated for Ref Method 12 or 13 as appropriate. |  |  | Method 12 or 13, as appropriate |
| 18 | Cables in enclosed trench 450 mm wide by 300 mm deep (minimum dimensions) including 100mm cover. | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \text { single-core cables } \\ & \text { with surfaces } \\ & \text { separated by a } \\ & \text { minimum of } \\ & \text { one cable diameter; } \\ & \text { three single-core } \\ & \text { cables in trefoil and } \\ & \text { touching throughout. } \\ & \text { Multicore cables or } \\ & \text { groups of single-core } \\ & \text { cables with surfaces } \\ & \text { separated by a } \\ & \text { minimum of } 50 \mathrm{~mm} \text {. } \end{aligned}$ |  | Method 18 <br> Use rating factors in Table 6 of Appendix 1. |
| 19 | Cables in enclosed trench 450 mm wide by 600 mm deep (minimum dimensions) including 100mm cover. | Single-core cables arranged in flat groups of two or three on the vertical trench wall with surfaces separated by one diameter with a minimum distance |  | Method 19 <br> Use rating factors in Table 6 of Appendix 1. |


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|  |  | of 50 mm between groups. Multicore cables installed with surfaces separated by a minimum of 75 mm . All cables spaced at least 25 mm from the trench wall. |  |  |
| 20 | Cables in enclosed trench 600 mm wide by 760 mm deep (minimum dimensions) including 100 mm cover. | Single-core cables <br> arranged in groups <br> of 2 or 3 in flat <br> formation with the <br> surfaces separated <br> by one diameter or <br> in trefoil formation <br> with cables touching. <br> Groups separated by <br> a minimum of 50 mm <br> either horizontally or <br> vertically. Multicore <br> cables installed with <br> surfaces separated <br> by a minimum of <br> $75 m m$ either <br> horizontally or <br> vertically. All cables <br> spaced at least <br> 25mm from the <br> trench wall. | $\begin{aligned} & {\left[\begin{array}{ll} {\left[\begin{array}{ll} \infty & 8 \\ \infty & 8 \\ 8 & 8 \end{array}\right]} \end{array}\right.} \\ & {\left[\begin{array}{lll} \vdots & \vdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{array}\right]} \end{aligned}$ | Method 20 <br> Use rating factors in Table 6 of Appendix 1. |

