

INCH-POUND

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MILITARY SPECIFICATION SHEET

CABLE, RADIO FREQUENCY, FLEXIBLE, COAXIAL,  
50 OHMS, M17/188-00001

This specification is approved for use by all Departments  
and Agencies of the Department of Defense.

The requirements for acquiring the product described herein shall consist  
of this specification sheet and the issue of the following specification  
listed in that issue of the Department of Defense Index of Specifications  
and Standards (DODISS) specified in the solicitation: MIL-C-17.

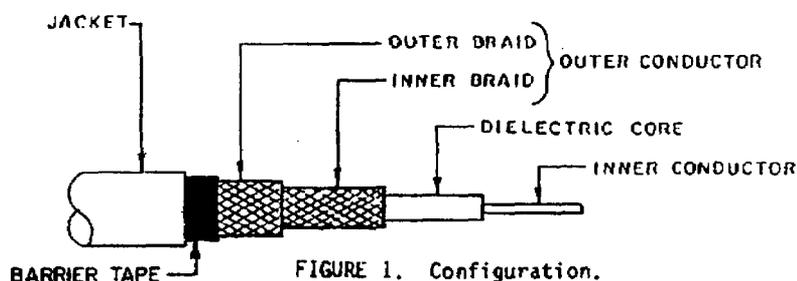


TABLE I. Description.

Components	Construction details		
Inner conductor	Solid silver-coating copper wire. Diameter: .0556 inch $\pm$ .0010.		
Dielectric core	Type A-1: Solid polyethylene. Diameter: .185 inch $\pm$ .004.		
Outer conductor	Double braid of AWG No. 34, silver-coated copper wire. Diameter: .255 inch maximum.		
		<u>Alternate</u>	
Inner braid	Coverage:	95.0% nominal	95.0% nominal
	Carriers:	16	24
	Ends:	9	6
	Picks/inch:	5.9 $\pm$ 10%	8.8 $\pm$ 10%
Outer braid	Coverage:	95.0% nominal	95.0% nominal
	Carriers:	16	24
	Ends:	9	6
	Picks/inch:	8.7 $\pm$ 10%	13.0 $\pm$ 10%

TABLE I. Description - Continued.

Components	Construction details
Barrier tape	A .001 inch thick polyester tape faced with a .002 inch thick layer of aluminum. The tape will be applied with a 50% lap, aluminum face toward the outer conductor. Diameter: .265 inch maximum.
Jacket	Cross-linked polyolefin Diameter: .332 inch $\pm$ .004.

## ENGINEERING INFORMATION:

Continuous working voltage: 2,200 V rms, maximum.

Operating frequency: 11 GHz, maximum.

Velocity of propagation: 65.9 percent, nominal.

Power rating: See figure 2.

Operating temperature range:  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+80^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Inner conductor properties:

DC resistance (maximum at  $+20^{\circ}\text{C}$ ): 0.348 ohms per 100 feet.

Elongation: 25 percent, minimum.

Engineering notes: This cable is useful in general purpose, medium low temperature applications. (See connector series "N", "C", and "SC" in accordance with MIL-C-39012.) These cables were redesigned to meet the vertical flame test.

## REQUIREMENTS:

Dimensions, configuration, and descriptions: See figure 1 and table I.

Environmental and mechanical:

Visual and mechanical examination: Applicable.

Out-of-roundness: Not applicable.

Eccentricity: 10 percent, maximum.

Adhesion of conductors:

Inner conductor to core: 5 pounds, minimum; 45 pounds, maximum.

Aging stability:  $+98^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Cold bend:  $-30^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Dimensional stability: +85°C ±2°C.

Inner conductor from core: .062 inch, maximum.

Inner conductor from jacket: .125 inch, maximum.

Contamination: Not applicable.

Flame propagation: Applicable.

Acid gas generation: 2.0 percent, maximum.

Halogen content: 0.2 percent, maximum.

Immersion test:

Tensile strength, percent of unaged minimum: 50

Elongation, percent of unaged minimum: 50

Smoke index: 25 maximum.

Toxicity index: 5 maximum.

Durometer hardness: (Type A) 80 minimum.

Weathering: Applicable.

Abrasion resistance: 75 cycles minimum (jacket only).

Tear strength: 35 pounds per inch minimum.

Heat distortion: 30 percent maximum distortion.

Physical tests on unaged jacket:

Tensile strength: 1,300 psi, minimum.

Elongation, 160 percent, minimum.

Physical tests on aged jacket:

Air oven:

Tensile strength, percent minimum: 60

Elongation, percent minimum: 60

Hot oil immersion:

Tensile strength, percent minimum: 50

Elongation, percent minimum: 50

Tensile strength and elongation: 1,300 psi, 160 percent minimum.

Weight: 9.9 pounds per 100 feet maximum.

ATTENUATION IN dB/100 FT.

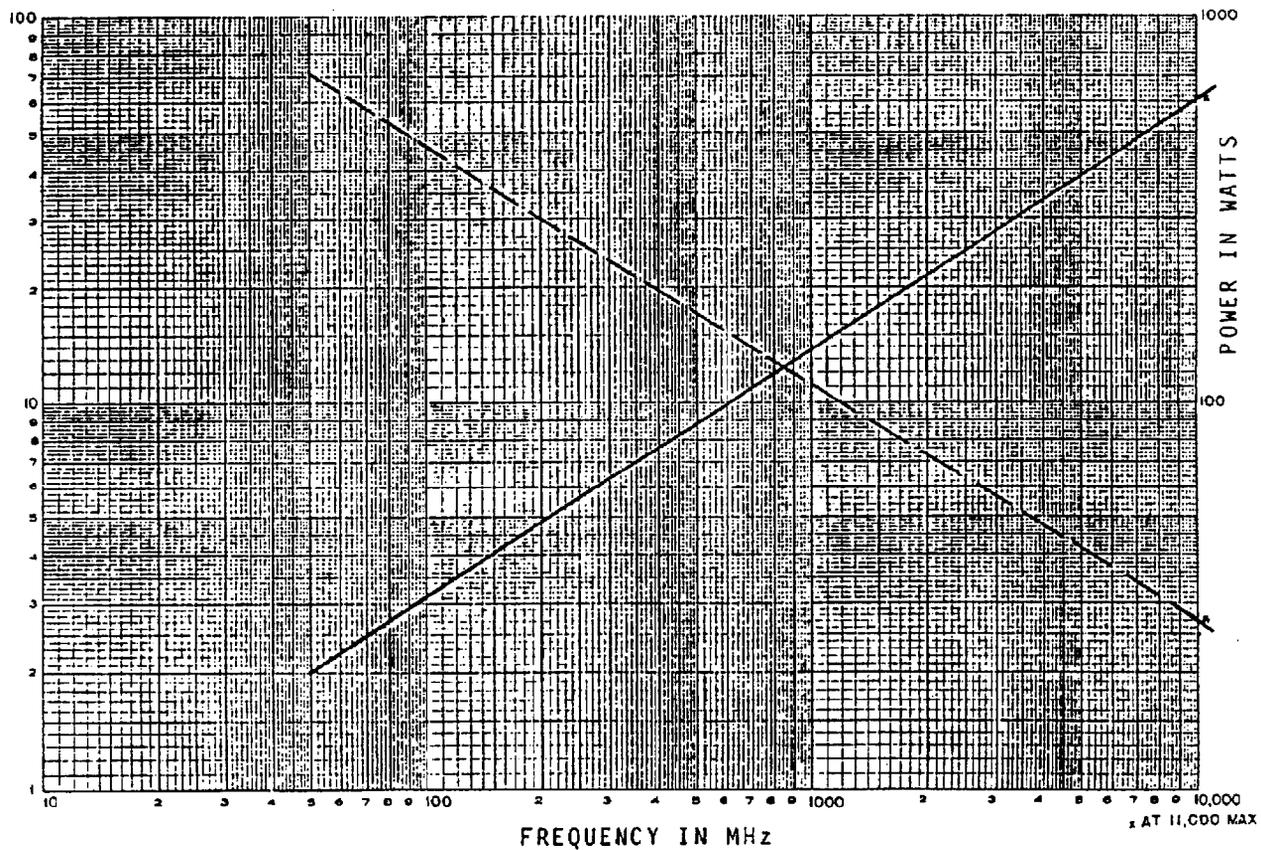


FIGURE 2. Power rating and attenuation.



Electrical:

Spark test: 8,000 V rms, minimum.

Voltage withstanding: 7,000 V rms, minimum.

Corona extinction voltage: 3,000 V rms, minimum.

Characteristic impedance: 50  $\pm$ 2 ohms.

Attenuation: See figure 2.

Structural return loss: See figure 3.

Capacitance: 32.2 pF per foot, maximum.

Part or Identifying Number (PIN): M17/188-00001.

NOTE: Revision letters are not used to denote changes due to the extensiveness of the changes.

CONCLUDING MATERIAL

Custodians:

Army - CR  
Navy - EC  
Air Force - 85

Review activities:

Army - AR, MI  
Navy - SH  
Air Force - 11, 80, 99  
DLA - ES, 1S

User activities:

Army - AT, ME  
Navy - AS, MC, OS  
Air Force - 19

Preparing activity:  
Navy - EC

Agent:  
DLA - ES

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