



### **Construction Products Regulation (CPR)**

#### What means CPR?

CPR means "<u>Construction Products Regulation</u>" and refers to the European Regulation (<u>EU)305/2011</u> dated 09.03.2011, laying down harmonized conditions for the placing on the market of construction products. CPR replaces the former CPD "Construction Products Directive" 89/106/EC.

In the frame of the CPR, the European Union has published a Harmonized Standard EN 50575:2014/A1:2016 on 10.06.2016. This Harmonized Standard relates to Power-, Control- and Communication Cables for general application, permanently installed in construction works subject to reaction to fire requirements.

The standard lays down the essential requirements with regards to their performance, initial testing and monitoring.

It sets that cables within the scope of CPR must bear the <u>CE - Marking</u> as well as additional information and must be accompanied by a <u>DoP</u> "<u>Declaration of Performance</u>".

EN 50575 addresses the reaction to fire of such cables, but does not cover their resistance to fire. Resistance to fire will possibly be addressed by a different standard to be published at a later stage.

#### What is the purpose of CPR?

This regulation is centered on one of the major concerns of the European Authorities, i.e. the **general safety of persons and goods, in particular their safety in case of fire**, by specifying the product performances to be met.

#### What is the effective date of the new standard EN 50575:2014/A1:2016?

The standard EN 50575:2014/A1:2016 is in force since 10 June 2016 with a one year coexistence period. Since July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, manufacturers and importers (1) are only allowed to place on the market cables meeting the CPR regulations for the applications concerned by the CPR.

#### What are the requirements for cables?

Aware of the importance of cables and their behavior in the event of a fire, the European Commission decided to introduce a specific classification with regards to their <u>reaction to fire</u>.

This classification applies to all Power-, Control- and Communication Cables for general application, permanently installed in construction works subject to reaction to fire requirements.

It lists the cables in 7 "Euro - Classes"  $A_{ca}$ ,  $B1_{ca}$ ,  $B2_{ca}$ ,  $C_{ca}$ ,  $D_{ca}$ ,  $E_{ca}$ ,  $E_{ca}$  in function of their decreasing performance. Various parameters such as <u>heat release</u> and <u>flame propagation</u> are evaluated. In addition to this main classification, the European Authorities have regulated and defined the use of <u>Additional Parameters</u> as "a" = acidity, "s" = smoke and "d" = droplets.

The performance of a product and therefore its belonging to one of the categories must be checked and certified by <u>independent notified bodies</u> working on the basis of <u>Harmonized European Standards</u>. This performance is confirmed by the manufacturer in a document called <u>Declaration of Performance</u> (<u>DoP</u>), which must be drawn up before the CE marking is affixed to the product, the packaging or the official documents accompanying the product.

<sup>(1)&#</sup>x27;<u>importer</u>' means any natural or legal person established within the Union, who places a construction product from a <u>third country on the Union market</u>.

The table below gives a summary of the <u>Euro-Classes</u>, the <u>Additional Parameters</u>, the <u>Level of Security</u> and the <u>Assessment and Verification of Constancy of Performance (AVCP) System</u> as well as <u>responsibilities</u> of the <u>Notified Bodies</u> and <u>Manufacturers</u> in terms of <u>reaction to fire type testing</u> and <u>production control</u>.

Euro-classes	Additional Parameters	Safety Level	System of Attestation of Conformity
A <sub>ca</sub>		Extremely high (incombustible)	«1+»,
B1 <sub>ca</sub>	- Smoke emission (s1, s1a, s1b, s2 & s3)	Very high	- initial type test and continued surveillance by a notified body.
B2 <sub>ca</sub>	- Flaming droplets (d0, d1 & d2)		- control of production by the manufacturer.
C <sub>ca</sub>	A cidity (c1 -2 9 -2)	High	
D <sub>ca</sub>	- Acidity (a1, a2 & a3)	Medium	«3», - initial type test by a notified body.
E <sub>ca</sub>		Low	- production control by the manufacturer.
F <sub>ca</sub>		No performance declared	«4», type test & control of production by the manufacturer.

#### What are the obligations of the manufacturers and importers (1)?

- Manufacturers and importers <sup>(1)</sup> must <u>ensure</u> that the <u>CE marking is affixed</u> to each cable concerned or its packaging or the documents accompanying the delivery.
- They must also <u>make available</u> to the customers a document called <u>DoP "Declaration of Performance"</u> attesting the performance with regards to the reaction to fire of each cable.
- From <u>1<sup>st</sup> July 2017</u>, they will only be allowed to place on the market products conforming to the standard EN 50575:2014/A1:2016.

#### Which cables do not fall under the scope of harmonized standard EN 50575:2014/A1:2016?

- <u>Fire resistant cables</u> intended to be used in applications where circuit integrity in case of fire is of essence are not covered by EN 50575 (for ex. power- resp. signaling supplies for safety installations such as fire alarm, evacuation signs, fire fighting installations, ...).
- Mandate M/443 of the European Commission (Annex 1: Field of Application, Footnote <sup>2</sup>) excludes cables for the following applications from the scope of EN 50575:
  - power and control cables inside machinery
  - power and control cables inside lifts
  - <u>cables specifically designed</u> for use in <u>industrial processes</u> carried out <u>on industrial</u> <u>premises</u>
- Outdoor cables laid in ground or in air

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# What will be the impact of the CPR on the most common cable types from Kabelwerk EUPEN AG ?

Cable type		Euroclass for reaction to fire according to harmonized standard EN 50575:2014/A1:2016
H05V-U / H05V-K	Harmonized cable	E <sub>ca</sub>
H07V-U / H07V-R / H07V-K	Harmonized cable	E <sub>ca</sub>
H05V2-K / H07V2-K	Harmonized cable	E <sub>ca</sub>
H07RN-F EUCAFLEX Plus	Harmonized cable	E <sub>ca</sub>
H05Z-K	Harmonized cable	E <sub>ca</sub>
H07Z-K	Harmonized cable	E <sub>ca</sub>
EUCASOLAR H1Z2Z2-K	Harmonized cable	E <sub>ca</sub>
U-1000 R2V	French standard	E <sub>ca</sub>
U-1000 RVFV	French standard	E <sub>ca</sub>
NI2XY	German standard	E <sub>ca</sub>
N2XY / N2XCY	German standard	E <sub>ca</sub>
EXVB / EXeVB	Belgian standard	E <sub>ca</sub> / C <sub>ca</sub> -s3,d2,a3
EAXVB / EAXeVB	Belgian standard	E <sub>ca</sub> / C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d2,a1
TWAVB	Belgian standard	E <sub>ca</sub>
TWGB-DSL	Belgian standard	E <sub>ca</sub> / C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d2,a1
BXVB / BAXVB	Belgian standard	E <sub>ca</sub>
XMvK	Dutch standard	E <sub>ca</sub>
2XY / 2XCY	IEC standard	E <sub>ca</sub>
YMvK	Dutch standard	D <sub>ca</sub> -s2,d2,a3
YMvK flex	Dutch standard	D <sub>ca</sub> -s2,d2,a3
VO / VG-YMvKas	Dutch standard	D <sub>ca</sub> -s2,d2,a3
H07Z1-K	Harmonized standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d2,a1 / B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d2,a1
H07Z1-R	Harmonized standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d2,a1 / B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1
NHXMH	German standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d2,a1
N2XH	German standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d2,a1 / B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1
(N)2XH RF	German standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d2,a1 / B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1
N2XCH	German standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d2,a1 / B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1
J-H(St)H	German standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1 / C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d2,a1
XVB	Belgian standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s3,d2,a3
XFVB	Belgian standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s3,d2,a3

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XV flex	Belgian standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s3,d2,a3
XGB	Belgian standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d2,a1 / B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1
EXAVB multicore	Belgian standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s3,d2,a3
SXAVB	Belgian standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s3,d2,a3
YMz1K	Dutch standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1 / B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1
YMz1K flex	Dutch standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1 / B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1
Z1G-YMz1Kas	Dutch standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1 / B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1
Z1O-YMz1Kas	Dutch standard	C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1 / B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1
FRECO-EMC Li2XY(CuB)CY		C <sub>ca</sub> -s3,d2,a3
2XHRH / 2XHQH	IEC standard	B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1
(N)2XSH, (N)2XS(F)H, N2XCH 1-3 kV	Rail feeder cables	B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1a,d1,a1
Medium Voltage – halogen free	German standard (single - and 3 core)	C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d2,a1 / B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1
Medium Voltage – halogen free	Belgian standard (single core)	C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d2,a1 / B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1
Medium Voltage – halogen free	IEC standard (3 core)	B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1
Railway signalling cables	German standard (unarmoured / armoured)	B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d1,a1
50 Ω Feeder Cable halogen free	1/2" - 1-5/8"	E <sub>ca</sub> / C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d2,a1
50 Ω Feeder Cable halogen free	5092, 5128, 5228A	B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1a,d1,a1
75 Ω Subscriber Cable PVC	RG6, RG11, RG59	E <sub>ca</sub>
75 Ω Subscriber Cable halogen free	RG6, RG11	E <sub>ca</sub>
75 Ω Distribution Cable PVC	3/8"	E <sub>ca</sub>
75 Ω Distribution Cable halogen free	7088, 7188	E <sub>ca</sub> / C <sub>ca</sub> -s1,d2,a1
EUCARAY® halogen free	1/2", 5/8", 7/8", 1-1/4", 1-5/8"	E <sub>ca</sub>
EUCARAY® halogen free	7/8", 1-1/4", 1-5/8"	B2 <sub>ca</sub> -s1a,d1,a1
Instrumentation Cable	M443	not concerned
Lead sheathed Cable	outdoor/underground	not concerned
Fire resistant Cable	EN 50575	not concerned

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#### Marking, identification and traceability!

Outer sheath marking of all cables produced by Kabelwerk EUPEN AG which fall under the scope of CPR will include Euroclass for reaction to fire and corresponding DoP number. This will allow an easy identification and traceability for the distributors, electrical contractors, end-users and inspection authorities. Furthermore, all contractual documents like order confirmation, invoice and delivery-sheet will bear Euroclass and DoP number for each ordered position.



The product labels which are affixed on the cable drums and on the cable coils will also bear CE marking and all other mandatory information requested by harmonized standard EN 50575:2014/A1:2016.

Please find hereunder an example of a product label of a cable drum of N2XH-J 4X70 SM  $B2_{ca}$ -s1,d1,a1.



Please find hereunder also an example of a product label of 100 m coil of H07V-K 1X2,5 E<sub>ca</sub>



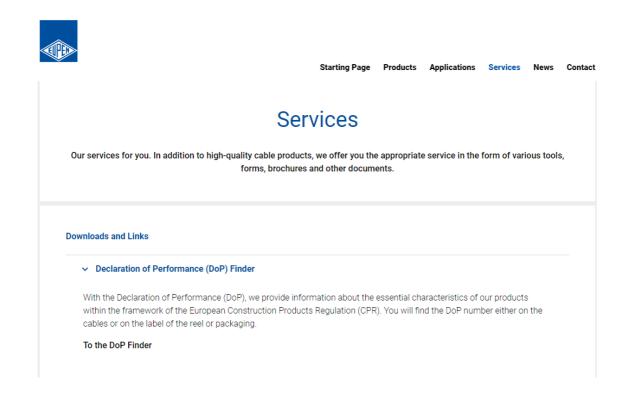
Some information on the product labels are mandatory as it must be ensured that they are available for all participants in the supply chain. The following information are mandatory:

- CE marking
- Identification number of the notified body
- Name and address of the manufacturer
- Two last digits of the year in which marking was first affixed
- Reference number of the Declaration of Performance (DoP)
- Number of applicable EN standard (EN 50575:2014/ A1:2016)
- Unique identification number of the product type
- Intended use of the product
- Euroclass for reaction to fire

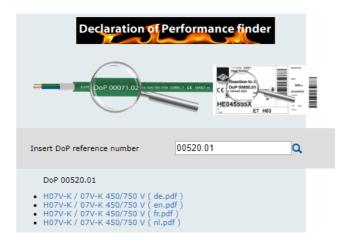
#### Example of a Declaration of Performance (DoP) and where can you find it?

The Declarations of Performance (DoP) for our cables will be available on the website of Kabelwerk EUPEN AG: http://www.eupen.com

Customers can access them through our "DoP Finder" (see hereafter):

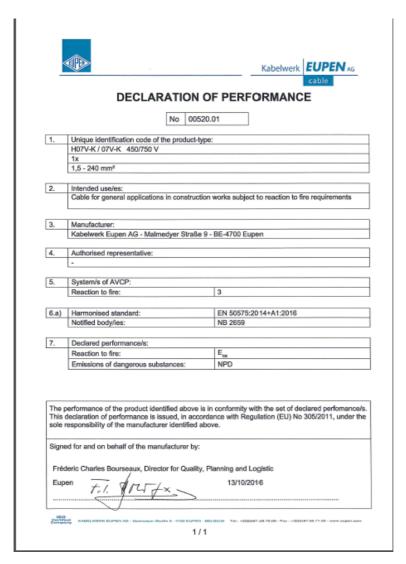


By inserting the corresponding DoP number - for example **00520.01** for H07V-K - in the designated field and pushing the search icon:



Customers can print or download the DoP version in the requested language (de = German; nl = Dutch; en = English; fr = French). DoP in further languages will be available upon request.

Please find hereafter an example of the DoP with reference number **00520.01** for H07V-K in English language:



In order to reduce the number of DoP, Kabelwerk EUPEN AG opted for grouping as much as possible items in product families. H07V-K serves as a good example of this methodical approach because all cross sections, from 1,5 up to 240 mm<sup>2</sup>, are of the same construction design and therefore covered by the same DoP **00520.01**.

This will certainly simplify the work of all concerned parties in the supply chain.

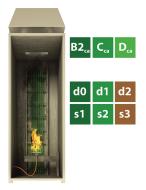
#### What are the obligations of the cable distributors?

- Before distributing any cables which fall under the scope of CPR and EN 50575:2014/ A1:2016, the distributor must verify and ensure that the concerned cable is indeed complying to this standard e.g. marking, labelling and documentation (DoP) must be complying and must be available and accessible from the manufacturer (for instance from its website).
- The distributor must ensure that a copy of DoP will be provided to its customer in printed or in electronic form.
- The distributor must ensure that CE marking plus all additional mandatory information will also be affixed on its customized cable cuts or after re-packing.

## EN 50575 = AVCP by Third Party (audit & control) + tests acc. the following standards + DoP + CE - marking



EN 60332-1-2 - vertical flame propagation – describes the testing method for  $\rm E_{Ca}$  and  $\rm F_{Ca}$  classification and is mandatory as well for all higher classifications,  $\rm D_{Ca}$  up to  $\rm B2_{Ca}$ 



EN 50399 describes the testing method for heat release and flame spread  $B2_{Ca}$  down to  $D_{Ca}$  classification and the testing methods for the additional criteria with regards to flaming droplets (d0 – d2) and smoke production (s1 –s3)



EN 60754-2 describes the testing method for additional criteria with regards to acidity a1 – a3 by measuring pH & conductivity



EN 61034 describes the testing method for additional criteria with regards to smoke s1a and s1b (optional)





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