

## **Cables Tags and Markers**

Each cable and conduit run shall be tagged with numbers that appear in the cables and conduit schedule.

The tag shall be of aluminum with the number punched on it and securely attached to the cable conduit by not less than two turns of 20 SWG GI wire conforming to IS: 280. Cable tags shall be of rectangular shape for power cables and of circular shape for control cables. Location of cables laid directly underground shall be clearly indicated with cable marker made of galvanized iron plate.

Location of underground cable joints shall be indicated with cable marker with an additional inscription "Cable Joint".

The marker shall project 150 mm above ground and shall be spaced at analysis interval 30 meters and at every change in direction. They shall also be located on both sides of road and drain crossings.

Cable tags shall be provided on all cables at each end (just before entering the equipment enclosure), on both sides of a wall or floor crossing and on each duct/ conduit entry. Cable tags shall be provided inside the switchgear, motor control centers, control and relay panels, etc., wherever required for cable identification, such as where a number of cables enter together through a gland plate.

The price of cable tags and markers shall be included in the installation rates for cables/ conduits quoted by the contractor.

Specific requirements for cabling for cabling, wiring, ferrules as covered in respective equipment section shall also be complied with.

### **CABLE GLANDS**

Double compression type cable glands shall be provided by the Contractor for all power and control cables to provide dust and weather proof termination. Required number of packing glands to close unused openings in gland plates shall also be provided.

### **CABLE LUGS**

Solderless crimping of terminals shall be done by using corrosion inhibitory compound. The cable lugs shall suit the type of terminals provided. Crimping tool used shall be of approved design and make.

Storage and handling of cable drums

Cable drums shall be unloaded, handled and stored in an approved manner. Rolling of drums shall be avoided as far as practicable. For short distances, the drums may be rolled provided they are rolled slowly and in proper direction as marked on the drum. In absence of any indication the drums may be rolled in the same direction it was rolled during taking up the cables.

### **CABLE SUPPORTS AND CABLE TRAY MOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS**

Cable trenches in the control room are normally provided with embedded steel inserts on concrete floors/ walls. The Contractor shall secure supports by welding to these inserts or available building steel structures.

Insert plates will be provided at an interval of 600 mm wherever cables are to be supported without the use of cable trays, while at all other places these will be at an interval of 2000 mm.

### **CABLE TERMINATIONS AND CONNECTIONS**

The termination and connection of cables shall be done strictly in accordance with cable and termination kit manufacturer's instructions, drawing and/ or as directed by the Owner.

The work shall include all clamping, fittings, fixing, plumbing, soldering, drilling, cutting, taping, heat shrinking (where applicable), connecting to cable terminal, shorting and grounding as required to complete the job.

The equipment will be generally provided with un-drilled gland plates for cables/ conduit entry. The Contractor shall be responsible for drilling of gland plates, painting, and touching up. Holes shall not be made by gas cutting.

The Contractor shall tag/ferrule the control cable cores at all terminations, as instructed by the Owner. In panels where a large number of cables are to be terminated and cable identification may be difficult, each core ferrule may include the complete cable number as well. Spare cores shall be similarly tagged with cable numbers and coiled up.

Control cables shall have stranded copper conductor. Bare portion of the solid conductors shall be tinned after removing the insulation and shall be terminated directly without using cable lugs.

All cable entry points shall be sealed and made vermin and dust proof. Unused openings shall be effectively closed.

If the cable-end box or terminal enclosure provided on the equipment is found unsuitable and requires modification, the same shall be carried out by the Contractor with the approval of the Owner.

### **DIRECTLY BURIED CABLES**

The Contractor shall construct the cable trenches required for directly buried cables. The scope of work and unit rates for construction of cable trenches for cables shall include excavation, preparation of sand bedding, soil cover, supply and installation of brick or concrete protective cover, back filling and reaming, supply and installation of route markers and joint markers. The Contractor/Supplier shall ascertain the soil conditions prevailing at site, before quoting the unit rates. Laying the cable and providing protective covering shall be as per approved drawing.

### **Installation of cables**

Power and control cables shall be laid in separate tiers. The order of laying of various cables shall be as follows:

- Power cables on top tiers.
- Control, instrumentation and other service cables in bottom tiers.

Single core cable in trefoil formation shall be laid with a distance of three times the diameter of cables between trefoil center lines. All power cables shall be laid with a minimum center to center distance equal to twice the diameter of the cable.

Power and control cables shall be securely fixed to the trays/ supports. Trefoil clamps for single core cables shall be pressure die-cast aluminum (LM-6). Nylon-6 or fiber glass and shall include necessary fixing nuts, bolts, washer, etc. These are required at every 2 meter of cable run. Vertical and inclined cable runs shall be secured with 25 mm wide and 2 mm thick aluminum strip clamps at every 2 m Horizontal runs in cable trays and trenches shall be secured using 4 mm nylon cord at every 2 m.

Cables shall not be bent below the minimum permissible limit. The minimum bending radius of power cables shall be  $12D$  and that of control cables shall be  $10D$ , where  $D$  is overall diameter of cable.

Where cables cross roads, drains and rail tracks, the cables shall be laid in reinforced spun concrete or steel pipes, buried at not less than one meter depth.

In each cable run some extra length shall be kept at a suitable point to enable one (for LT Cables) or two (for H.T. cables) straight through joints to be made, should the cable develop fault at a later date.

Selection of cable drums for each run shall be so planned as to avoid using straight through joints. Cable splices will not be permitted except where called for by the drawings, unavoidable or where permitted by the Owner.

Control cable terminations inside equipment enclosures shall have sufficient lengths so that switching of termination in terminal blocks can be done without requiring any splicing.

Metal screen and armour of the cable shall be bonded to the earthing system of the station, wherever required.

Rollers shall be used at intervals of about 2.0 meters, while pulling cables.

All due care shall be taken during unreeling, laying and termination of cable to avoid damage due to twist, kink, sharp bends, etc.

Cable ends shall be kept sealed to prevent damage.

Inspection on receipt, unloading and handling of cables shall generally be in accordance with IS:1255 and other Indian Standard codes or practices.

Wherever cables pass through floor or through wall openings or other partitions, wall sleeves with bushes having a smooth curved internal surface so as not to damage the cables shall be supplied, installed and properly sealed at no extra charges.

The erection work shall be carried out in a neat workmanlike manner and the areas of work shall be cleaned of all scrap materials after the completion of work in each area every day. Contractor shall remove the RCC/steel trench covers before taking up the work and shall

replace all the trench covers after the erection work in that particular area is completed or when further work is not likely to be taken up for some time.

Contractor shall furnish three copies of the report on work carried out in a particular week, such as cable numbers and a date on which laid, actual length and route, testing carried out, terminations carried out, along with the marked up copy of the cable schedule and interconnection drawing wherever the modifications are made.

In case the outer sheath of a cable is damaged during handling/ installation, the Contractor shall repair it at his own cost, and to the satisfaction of the Engineer-in- Charge. In case any other part of a cable is damaged, the same shall be replaced by a healthy cable, at no extra cost i.e. the Contractor shall not be paid for supply, installation and removal of the damaged cable.

All cable terminations shall be appropriately tightened to ensure secure and reliable connections. The Contractor shall cover the exposed part of all cable lugs whether supplied by him or not with insulating type, sleeve or paint.