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DETAIL SPECIFICATION SHEET

CABLE, RADIO FREQUENCY, FLEXIBLE, COAXIAL,  
50 OHMS, M17/128-RG400

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

The complete requirements for acquiring the product described herein shall consist of this specification sheet and MIL-C-17.

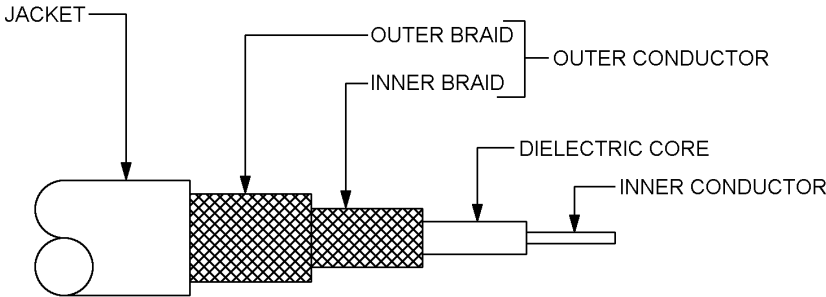


FIGURE 1. Configuration.

TABLE I. Description.

Components	Construction details
Inner conductor	Nineteen strands of silver-coated copper wire at .008 inch each. Overall diameter: .0384 inch ± .0010.
Dielectric core	Type F-1: Solid extruded PTFE. Diameter: .116 inch ± .005.
Outer conductor	Double braid of AWG size 36 silver-coated copper wire. Diameter: .171 inch maximum.
Inner braid	Coverage: 94.8% nominal Carriers: 16 Ends: 7 Picks/inch: 11.5 ± 10%
Outer braid	Coverage: 93.6% nominal Carriers: 16 Ends: 7 Picks/inch: 14.5 ± 10%
Jacket	Type IX: Diameter: .195 inch ± .005.

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ENGINEERING INFORMATION

Continuous working voltage: 1,400 V rms, maximum.

Operating frequency: 12.4 GHz, maximum.

Velocity of propagation: 69.5 percent, nominal.

Power rating: See figure 2.

Operating temperature range: -55°C to + 200°C.

Inner conductor properties:

DC resistance (maximum at 20°C): 0.91 ohm per 100 feet.

Elongation: 10 percent, minimum.

Tensile strength: Not applicable.

Engineering notes: This cable is useful in general purpose, high temperature applications (see connector series "TNC", "BNC", and "SMA" in accordance with MIL-PRF-39012).

REQUIREMENTS:

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

Environmental and mechanical:

Adhesion of conductors:

Inner conductor to core: 4 pounds, minimum; 30 pounds, maximum.

Aging stability: Not applicable.

Stress crack resistance: +230° ± 5°C; mandrel size seven times the jacket diameter.

Outer conductor integrity: Not applicable.

Cold bend: -55° C ±2° C.

Dimensional stability: +200°C ± 5°C.

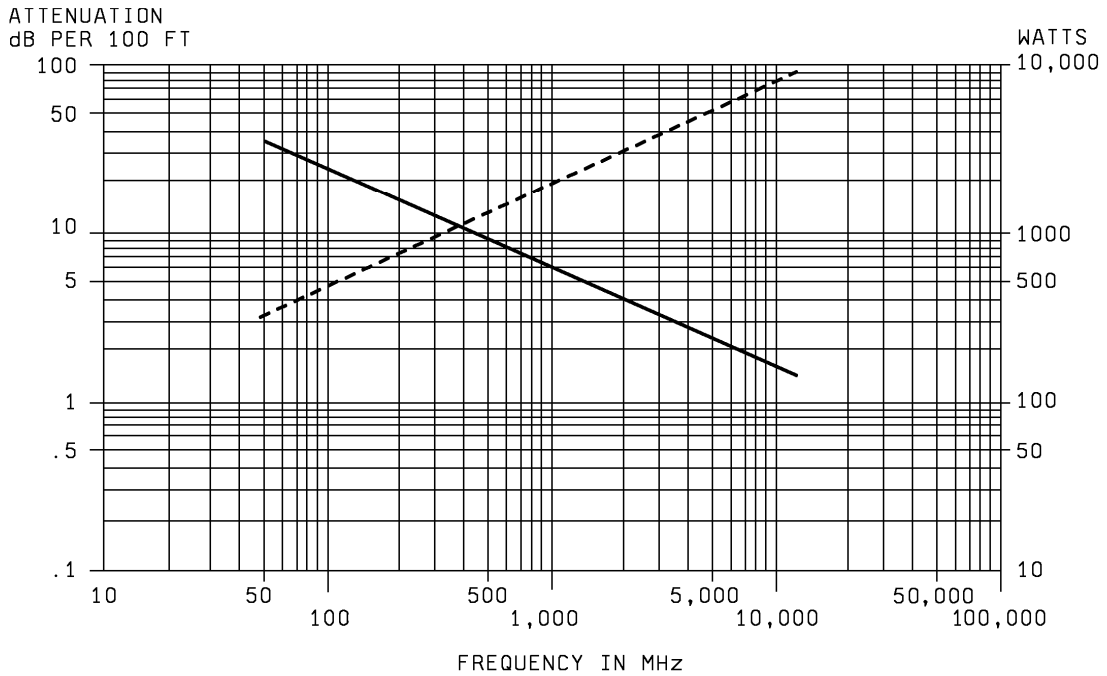
Inner conductor from core: .187 inch, maximum.

Inner conductor from jacket: .312 inch, maximum.

Bendability: Not applicable.

Weight: 5 pounds per 100 feet, maximum.

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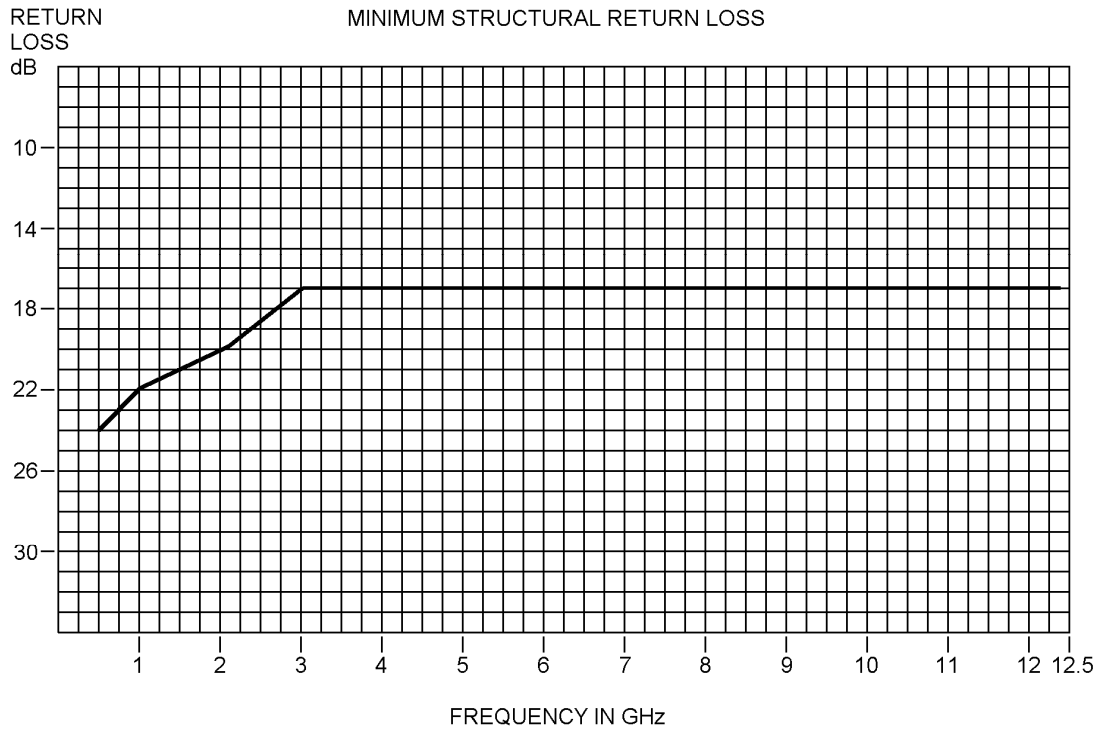
MAXIMUM ATTENUATION AT 25° C, SEA LEVEL - - - - -

MAXIMUM POWER AT 25° C, SEA LEVEL —————

Frequency MHz	Attenuation dB
50	3.2
100	4.5
400	10.5
1,000	17
3,000	38
10,000	78
12,400	90

FIGURE 2. Power rating and attenuation.

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MHz	dB	SWR	RELECTION COEFFICIENT	RETURN LOSS Db
50	25.5			
400	23.8	1.4985	.1995	14
1000	22	1.4326	.1778	15
2000	20	1.3767	.1585	16
3000	17	1.3290	.1413	17
8000	17	1.2880	.1259	18
		1.2528	.1122	19
		1.2222	.1000	20
		1.1957	.0891	21
		1.1726	.0794	22
		1.1524	.0708	23
		1.1347	.0631	24
		1.1192	.0562	25
		1.1055	.0501	26

FIGURE 3. Structural return loss.

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Electrical:

Test frequency: 50 MHz to 12.4 GHz.

Spark test: 2,000 V rms, +10 percent, -0 percent.

Voltage withstanding: 3,000 V rms, +10, -0 percent.

Insulation resistance: Not applicable.

Corona extinction voltage: 1,900 V rms, minimum.

Characteristic impedance:  $50 \pm 2$  ohms.

Attenuation: See figure 2.

Structural return loss: See figure 3.

Capacitance: 32 pF per foot, maximum.

Capacitance unbalance: Not applicable.

Transmission unbalance: Not applicable.

Mechanically induced noise voltage: Not applicable.

Time delay: Not applicable.

Contamination: Not applicable.

Part or Identifying Number (PIN): M17/128-RG400.

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Referenced documents. In addition to MIL-C-17, this document references the following:

MIL-PRF-39012

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