

TIA AND PUBLIC COMMENT INPUTS

ISSUES ADDRESSED:

SAFETY EMERGENCY DUE TO LACK OF AMPACITY IN 840.160 60W EXCEPTION [ISSUE 1]
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DEFINITION OF NOMINAL CURRENT TO ACCOUNT FOR CURRENT UNBALANCE AND IMPLEMENT 0.3A
EXEMPTION [ISSUE 8 – related to 1 & 4]

All text has been reviewed, and has consensus.

CHANGES PROPOSED FOR ARTICLE 725 – PANEL 3

TIAS RELATED TO VARIOUS ISSUES WITH 725

725.2 insert new definition:

Nominal Current The designated current per conductor as specified by equipment design.

Informational Note: One example of nominal current is 4-pair Power over Ethernet (PoE) applications based on IEEE Std 802.3-2015, *IEEE Standard for Ethernet*, that supplies current over 2 or 4 twisted pairs. The nominal current for 60 watt PoE power sourcing equipment is 0.3 amperes per conductor, where the current in one conductor can be 0.36 amperes and another conductor can be 0.24 amperes.

725.121(C) Marking, and exception for sources not exceeding 0.3A nominal

725.121 (C) Changed to include nominal current in labeling and multi-point labeling (If accepted, no need for a Manufacturer's TIA to change):

725.121 (C) Marking. The power sources for limited power circuits in 725.121(A)(3) and limited power circuits for listed audio/video, information, and communications technology equipment, and listed industrial equipment in 725.121(A)(4) shall have a label indicating the maximum voltage and maximum current or maximum voltage and nominal current output for each connection point. Where multiple connection points have the same rating, a single label shall be permitted to be used.

Exception – Marking shall not be required for power sources providing 0.3 amperes nominal current or less per conductor.

The effective date shall be January 1, 2018.

Commented [A1]: Issue 8 – clarification of current unbalance. This concept is used for all 725.144 and 725.121(C) labels.

Commented [A2]: Issue 4 – clarification of equipment (PSE) labeling, exception of existing class 6 and under PSEs.

Commented [A3]: Issue 4 – relieves economic emergency without safety justification.

Commented [A4]: The effective date will be deleted in the 2020 code – Stan has submitted a PI to do this.

Change 725.144 as shown:

725.144 Transmission of Power and Data. The requirements of 725.144(A) and (B) shall apply to Class 2 and Class 3 circuits that transmit power and data to a powered device. The requirements of Parts I and III of Article 725 and 300.11 shall apply to Class 2 and Class 3 circuits that transmit power and data. The conductors that carry power for the data circuits shall be copper. The current in the power circuit shall not exceed the current limitation of the connectors.

Informational No. 1: One example of the use of cables that transmit power and data is the connection of closed-circuit TV cameras (CCTV).

Informational Note No. 2: The 8P8C connector is in widespread use with powered communications systems. IEC 60603-7 specifies these connectors to have a current carrying capacity per contact of 1.0 amperes maximum at 60°C (140°F). See IEC 60603-7, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Part 7: Detail specification for 8-way, unshielded, free and fixed connectors*; for more information on current carrying capacity at higher and lower temperatures.

Informational Note No. 3: The requirements of Table 725.144 were derived for carrying power and data over 4-pair copper balanced twisted-pair cabling. This type of cabling is described in ANSI/TIA 568-C.2-2009, *Commercial Building Telecommunications Cabling Standard Part 2: Balanced Twisted-Pair Cabling and Components Standard*.

Informational Note No. 4: See TIA-TSB-184-A, *Guidelines for Supporting Power Delivery Over Balanced Twisted-Pair Cabling*, for information on installation and management of balanced twisted-pair cabling supporting power delivery.

(A) **Use of Class 2 or Class 3 Cables to Transmit Power and Data.** Where Types CL3P, CL2P, CL3R, CL2R, CL3 or CL2 transmit power and data, the ampacity ratings in Table 725.144 shall apply to the nominal current at an ambient temperature of 30°C (86°F). For ambient temperatures above 30°C (86°F), the correction factors of 310.15(B)(2) shall apply.

Exception: Compliance with Table 725.144 shall not be required for installations where the nominal current does not exceed 0.3 amperes in any conductor.

Informational Note: One example of the use of Class 2 cables is a network of closed-circuit TV cameras using 24AWG, 60°C rated, Type CL2R, Category 5e balanced twisted-pair cabling.

(B) **Use of Class 2-LP or Class 3-LP Cables to Transmit Power and Data.** Types CL3P-LP, CL2P-LP, CL3R-LP, CL2R-LP, CL3-LP, or CL2-LP shall be permitted to supply power to equipment at a nominal current level up to the marked current limit located immediately following the suffix LP and shall be permitted to transmit data to the equipment. Installation of LP cables in bundles of 192 or fewer cables shall be permitted to use the ampacities in Table 725.144. For ambient temperatures above 30°C (86°F), the correction factors of 310.15(B)(2) shall apply. The Class 2-LP and Class 3-LP cables shall comply with the following, as applicable:

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Commented [A8]: Issue 7 – the LP cabling informational note really was describing this requirement. Moves from informational note to normative text to conform with style manual.

Commented [A9]: Issue 3 – temperature adjustment for LP cabling was missing.

Informational Note: An example of a limited power (LP) cable is a cable marked Type CL2-LP(0.5A), 23 AWG.

- (1) Cables with the suffix “-LP” shall be permitted to be installed in bundles, raceways, cable trays, communications raceways, and cable routing assemblies.
- (2) Cables with the suffix “-LP” and a marked current limit shall follow the substitution hierarchy of Table 725.154 and Figure 725.154(A) for the cable type without the suffix “LP” and without the marked current limit.
- (3) System design shall be permitted by qualified persons under engineering supervision.

Table 725.144 Ampacities of Each Conductor in Amperes in 4-Pair Class 2 or Class 3 Balanced Twisted-Pair Cables Based on Copper Conductors at an Ambient Temperature of 30°C (86°F) with All Conductors in All Cables Carrying Current, 60°C (140°F), 75°C (167°F), and 90°C (194°F) Rated Cables

AWG	Number of 4-Pair Cables in a Bundle																							
	1			2-7			8-19			20-37			38-61			62-91			92-192					
	Temperature Rating			Temperature Rating			Temperature Rating			Temperature Rating			Temperature Rating			Temperature Rating			Temperature Rating					
	60°C	75°C	90°C	60°C	75°C	90°C	60°C	75°C	90°C	60°C	75°C	90°C	60°C	75°C	90°C	60°C	75°C	90°C	60°C	75°C	90°C	60°C	75°C	90°C
26	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.7	0.8	1	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6	NA	NA	NA			
24	2	2	2	1	1.4	1.6	0.8	1	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.5			
23	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.2	1.5	1.7	0.8	1.1	1.2	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.6			
22	3	3	3	1.4	1.8	2.1	1	1.2	1.4	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.7			

Note 1: For bundle sizes over 192 cables, or for conductor sizes smaller than 26 AWG, ampacities shall be permitted to be determined by qualified personnel under engineering supervision.

Note 2: Where only half of the conductors in each cable are carrying current, the values in the table shall be permitted to be increased by a factor of 1.4.

Informational Note 1: For information on practices for 4 pair balanced twisted-pair cabling see ANSI/TIA-568-C.2 and TIA-TSB-184-A, where data transmission performance is only specified up to 60°C (140°F). Elevated cable temperatures can reduce a cable’s data transmission performance.

Informational Note 2: The per-contact current rating of connectors can limit the maximum allowable current below the ampacity shown in Table 725.144.

Change 725.170 as shown, changes relevant to nominal current are shown in yellow highlight:

Part IV. Listing Requirements

725.170 Listing and Marking of Equipment for Power and Data Transmission. The listed power source for circuits intended to provide power and data over Class 2 cables to remote equipment shall be as specified in 725.121(A)(1), (A)(2), (A)(3), or (A)(4). The current on individual conductors of the powering circuit shall be permitted to deviate from the nominal current up to +20% due to circuit imbalance provided this increased current is offset by a reduction of current in the other conductors. In accordance with 725.121(B), the power sources shall not have the output connections paralleled or otherwise interconnected, unless listed for such interconnection. Powered devices connected to a circuit supplying data and power shall be listed. Marking of equipment output connections shall be in accordance with 725.121(C).

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Commented [A11]: Issue 2 – communications cable is usually only specified to 60C and this can cause data unreliability.

Commented [A12]: Issue 5 – connector may limit current that can be carried

Commented [A13]: Issue 8 – part of ‘nominal current’ changes – limits unbalance in current.

CHANGES PROPOSED TO ARTICLE 840 – PANEL 16

840.2 insert new definition:

Nominal Current The designated current per conductor as specified by equipment design.

Informational Note: One example of nominal current is 4-pair Power over Ethernet (PoE) applications based on IEEE Std 802.3-2015, *IEEE Standard for Ethernet*, that supplies current over 2 or 4 twisted pairs. The nominal current for 60 watt PoE power sourcing equipment is 0.3 amperes per conductor, where the current in one conductor can be 0.36 amperes and another conductor can be 0.24 amperes.

840.160 Powering Circuits. Communications cables, listed in accordance with 800.179, in addition to carrying the communications circuit, shall also be permitted to carry circuits for powering communications equipment listed in accordance with 800.170. The power source shall be listed in accordance with 840.170(G). Installations of listed communications cables shall comply with 725.144 where listed communications cables are substituted for Class 2 and Class 3 cables in accordance with 725.154(A).

Exception - Compliance with 725.144 shall not be required for installations of listed 4-pair communications cables where the nominal current does not exceed 0.3 amperes in any conductor.

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