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**DIFFERENTIAL TRANSMISSION CABLES (4 PAIRS),
HIGH RELIABILITY, SPACE USE,
DETAIL SPECIFICATION FOR****1. GENERAL****1.1 Scope**

This specification establishes the dimensions, construction, characteristics and required test items for 4 pairs type differential transmission cables (hereinafter referred to as cables) specified in appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120.

1.2 Part Number

The part number shall be given in the following form.

(Example)

JAXA⁽¹⁾ 2120 / D 102 - 24

Conductor size number (D.1.3.1)

Identification number

Note: ⁽¹⁾ "JAXA" indicates the part is for space use and may be abbreviated "J".

Table 1. Part Number

Item	Applicable paragraph of JAXA-QTS-2120	Description
Identification number	-	102
Conductor size No.	D.1.3.1	24 AWG, 26 AWG, 28 AWG e.g.) Conductor size No. 24: 24 AWG
No. of cable core pairs	D.1.2	4 pairs

1.3 Ratings

Ratings shall be as specified in Table 2.

Table 2. Rating

Item	Applicable paragraph of JAXA-QTS-2120	24 AWG	26 AWG	28 AWG
Nominal characteristic impedance (Ω)	D.3.5	100		
Maximum continuous working voltage (Vrms)	D.3.5	200		
Propagation delay time	D.3.7.22	4.3 nsec/m max.		
Operating temperature range ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	D.3.5	-200 to +180 $^{\circ}\text{C}$		

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The applicable documents shall be as specified in paragraph D.2.1, appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120 and as follows.

a) UL 1581 Reference Standard for Electrical Wires, Cables, and Flexible Cords

3. REQUIREMENTS

The requirements shall be as follows and as specified in paragraph D.3, appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120.

3.1 Performance

The performance requirements for the cables shall be as shown in Table 3.

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Table 3. Performance

Test item		Requirement paragraph of JAXA-QTS-2120	Test method paragraph of JAXA-QTS-2120	Performance		
				24 AWG	26 AWG	28 AWG
Externals, constructions, marking and mass		D.3.6	D.4.4.2 D.4.4.3	As shown in appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120. Constructions and dimensions shall be as shown in Figure 1 and Table 4.		
Eccentricity ratio of inner conductor		D.3.6.2	D.4.4.2.2	10% max.		
Conductor resistance		D.3.7.2	D.4.4.5	As shown in Table 4.		
Dielectric withstanding voltage		D.3.7.3	D.4.4.6.1	2500 Vrms (between shield and jacket)		
		D.3.7.3	D.4.4.6.2 D.4.4.6.3	500 Vrms·1 minute (between inner conductor and shield, between inner conductors)		
Insulation resistance		D.3.7.4	D.4.4.7	1000 MΩ·km min. ⁽¹⁾		
Capacitance	(pF/m max. @Cond/Cond)	D.3.7.5	D.4.4.8	45	45	50
	(pF/m max. @Cond/Shield)			79	79	90
Characteristic impedance		D.3.7.6	D.4.4.9	100±6 Ω		
RF transmission loss (attenuation) (dB/m max.@100 MHz)		D.3.7.7	D.4.4.10	0.26	0.37	0.43
Propagation delay time		D.3.7.22	D.4.4.25	As shown in appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120.		
Propagation delay time difference (within pair)		D.3.7.23	D.4.4.26	0.08 nsec/m max.		
Propagation delay time difference (between pairs)		D.3.7.23	D.4.4.26	0.13 nsec/m max.		
Adhesion of conductor		D.3.7.8	D.4.4.11	As shown in appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120.		
Corrosion resistance		D.3.7.9	D.4.4.12	As shown in appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120.		
Conductor tensile strength		D.3.7.10	D.4.4.13	As shown in appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120.		
Platability of inner conductor and shield		D.3.7.1	D.4.4.4	There shall be no black pit or discoloration on cables except for the area of 10 mm from the end. Plating of inner conductors shall not be peeled off. Plating thickness shall be as shown in Table 4.		
Flex resistance		D.3.7.11	D.4.4.14	As shown in appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120.		
Accelerated life		D.3.7.12	D.4.4.15	Shrinkage or protrusion of dielectric core shall be 5.0 mm or less. (Test temperature: 200±5 °C)		
Cold bend		D.3.7.20	D.4.4.23	As shown in appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120.		
Solderability		D.3.7.13	D.4.4.16	As shown in appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120.		
Corona extinction voltage (Vac)		D.3.7.14	D.4.4.17	800 min.	500 min.	
Resistance to chemicals		D.3.7.15	D.4.4.18	As shown in appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120. (evaluation for dimethylhydrazine is skipped)		
Radiation resistance		D.3.7.16	D.4.4.19	As shown in appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120.		
High temperature exposure		D.3.7.17	D.4.4.20	As shown in appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120. (Test temperature: 200±5 °C)		
Flammability		D.3.7.18	4.2.1 ⁽²⁾	As shown in appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120. (Test method: in accordance with "VW-1 (Vertical-Specimen) Flame Test" specified in UL 1581)		
Outgassing		3.3.1	3.3.1	As shown in JAXA-QTS-2120		
Stress-crack resistance		D.3.7.19	D.4.4.22	Outer diameter of mandrel shall be 5 times of jacket outer diameter.		
Temperature cycling		D.3.7.21	D.4.4.24	As shown in appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120. Adhesion strength of inner conductor to dielectric core shall be 0.3 N or more.		

Notes: ⁽¹⁾ Although the insulation resistance value required in the general specification is "5000 MΩ·km min.", the value required herein is "1000 MΩ·km min." in consideration of the absolute maximum ratings.

⁽²⁾ This means the paragraph number of this specification.

3.2 External, Construction and Dimensions

External, construction and dimensions shall be as shown in Figure 1 and Table 4.

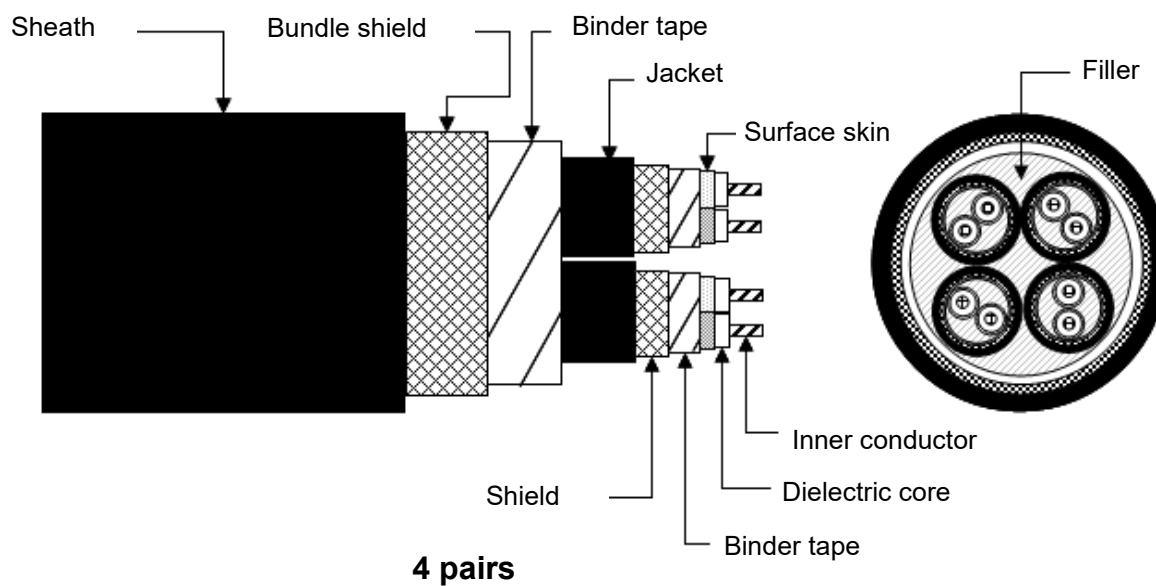


Figure 1. External and Construction

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Table 4. Construction and Dimensions

Item		Construction and dimension ⁽²⁾		
		24 AWG	26 AWG	28 AWG
Inner conductor	Construction	19×0.127	7×0.160	7×0.127
	Outer diameter (mm)	0.584 to 0.610	0.471 to 0.489	0.372 to 0.390
	Material	Silver-plated high tensile copper alloy wire		
	Silver plating thickness	2.0 µm min.		
	Conductor resistance (Ω/km max.)	95.1	160	256
Dielectric core	Material	EPTFE ⁽³⁾		
	Color	White		
	Outer diameter (mm)	(1.14)	(0.9)	(0.69)
Surface skin	Material	PFA		
	Color	Red x Blue (surface skin)		
	Thickness (mm)	(0.03)		
	Outer diameter (mm)	(1.20)	(0.96)	(0.75)
Filler	Material	EPTFE		
Strand	Pitch (mm)	30 ~ 40	27 ~ 35	20 ~ 26
Binder tape	Material	PTFE		
	Outer diameter (mm)	(2.6)	(2.12)	(1.64)
Shield	Material	Silver-plated annealed copper wire		
	Construction (pick/number/mm)	24/6/0.076 to 0.082	16/7/0.076 to 0.082	16/6/0.076 to 0.082
	Nominal density (%)	90 min.		
	Plating thickness	2.5 µm min.		
Jacket	Material	PFA		
	Color	White x Blue Red x Black		
	Jacket thickness (mm)	(0.15)		
	Outer diameter (mm)	(3.3)	(2.82)	(2.34)
Inclusion	Material	EPTFE		
Strand	Pitch (mm)	96 to 127	74 to 98	57 to 77
Binder tape	Material	PTFE		
	Outer diameter (mm)	(8.2)	(7.0)	(5.8)
Bundle shield	Material	Silver-plated annealed copper wire		
	Construction (pick/number/mm)	32/10/0.099 to 0.105	32/8/0.099 to 0.105	32/7/0.099 to 0.105
	Nominal density (%)	90 min.		
	Plating thickness	2.5 µm min.		
Print tape	Material	Polyimide		
	Printing	JAXA2120/D102-**(1) Junkosha		
	Pitch	150 mm max.		
Sheath	Material	PFA		
	Color	Blue		
	Jacket thickness (mm)	(0.35)	(0.3)	(0.25)
	Maximum outer diameter (mm)	11.2	9.1	7.6
Mass (g/m max.)		188	140	107

Notes: ⁽¹⁾ Conductor size shall be put in place of asterisks (**). e.g.) Put 24 for No. 24 AWG.⁽²⁾ Dimensions within brackets () are standard value.⁽³⁾ Expanded Polytetrafluoroethylene.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

The quality assurance provisions shall be as follows and as specified in paragraph D.4, appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120 and as follows.

4.1 In-Process Inspection

The in-process inspection shall be performed as specified in paragraph D.4.1, appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120. The inspections shown in Table 5 shall also be conducted for each manufacturing lot.

Table 5. In-Process Inspection

Item No.	Test item	Requirement paragraph of JAXA-QTS-2120	Test method paragraph of JAXA-QTS-2120	Sample size
1	Conductivity (Shield)	D.3.7.24	D.4.4.27	100%
2	Dielectric withstanding voltage (between inner conductors)	D.3.7.3	D.4.4.6.3	

4.2 Qualification Test

The qualification test shall be performed as specified in paragraph D.4.2, appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120, paragraph 4.2.1 in this specification and as shown in Table 6.

4.2.1 Flammability (VW-1 (Vertical-Specimen) Flame Test specified in UL 1581)

A 455 mm cable specimen shall be secured vertically. The surface of the absorbent cotton shall be flattened and it shall be placed horizontally so that the vertical axis of the specimen is centered. The burner shall be mounted 20° from the vertical such that the tip of the blue inner cone of flame touches the center of the specimen's front side. An indicator flag shall be placed 250 mm above the point of contact between the blue inner cone and the specimen.

The flame shall be applied to the specimen for 15 seconds and then removed from the specimen for 15 seconds if the specimen flaming ceases within 15 seconds or less. The flame application and removal cycle shall be repeated five times. If the specimen flaming persists longer than 15 seconds, the interval between applications of the test flame shall be the duration of the specimen flaming. No more than 25 % of the indicator flag shall be burned after test. No flaming drops of the specimen shall ignite the absorbent cotton. The specimen shall not continue to burn for more than 60 seconds.

Table 6. Qualification Test

Group	Test item	Requirement paragraph of JAXA-QTS-2120	Test method paragraph of JAXA-QTS-2120
I	External, dimensions, marking and mass	D.3.6	D.4.4.2 D.4.4.3
	Platability of inner conductor and shield	D.3.7.1	D.4.4.4
	Conductivity (shield)	D.3.7.24	D.4.4.27
	Conductor resistance	D.3.7.2	D.4.4.5
	Dielectric withstanding voltage	D.3.7.3	D.4.4.6
	Insulation resistance	D.3.7.4	D.4.4.7
II	Capacitance	D.3.7.5	D.4.4.8
	Characteristic impedance	D.3.7.6	D.4.4.9
	RF transmission loss (Attenuation)	D.3.7.7	D.4.4.10
	Adhesion of conductors	D.3.7.8	D.4.4.11
	Corrosion resistance	D.3.7.9	D.4.4.12
	Conductor tensile strength	D.3.7.10	D.4.4.13
	Flex resistance	D.3.7.11	D.4.4.14
	Accelerated life	D.3.7.12	D.4.4.15
	Solderability	D.3.7.13	D.4.4.16
	Corona extinction voltage	D.3.7.14	D.4.4.17
	Resistance to chemicals	D.3.7.15	D.4.4.18
	Radiation resistance	D.3.7.16	D.4.4.19
	High temperature exposure	D.3.7.17	D.4.4.20
	Flammability	D.3.7.18	4.2.1 ⁽²⁾
	Stress-crack resistance	D.3.7.19	D.4.4.22
	Cold bend	D.3.7.20	D.4.4.23
	Temperature cycling	D.3.7.21	D.4.4.24
	Propagation delay time	D.3.7.22	D.4.4.25
	Propagation delay time difference	D.3.7.23	D.4.4.26
	Materials ⁽¹⁾	D.3.2	-

Notes: ⁽¹⁾ The manufacturer shall submit a document that provides evidence that their products conform to the design specification.

⁽²⁾ This means the paragraph number of this specification.

4.3 Quality Conformance Inspection

The quality conformance inspection shall be performed as specified in paragraph D.4.3, appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120 and as shown in Tables 7 and 8.

Table 7. Quality Conformance Inspection (Group A)

Group	Inspection item	Requirement paragraph of JAXA-QTS-2120	Test method paragraph of JAXA-QTS-2120
A1	External, dimensions, marking and mass	D.3.6	D.4.4.2 D.4.4.3
	Conductivity (Shield) ⁽¹⁾	D.3.7.24	D.4.4.27
	Conductor resistance	D.3.7.2	D.4.4.5
	Dielectric withstanding voltage ⁽²⁾	D.3.7.3	D.4.4.6
	Insulation resistance	D.3.7.4	D.4.4.7
A2	Capacitance	D.3.7.5	D.4.4.8
	Characteristic impedance	D.3.7.6	D.4.4.9
	RF transmission loss (Attenuation)	D.3.7.7	D.4.4.10
	Propagation delay time	D.3.7.22	D.4.4.25
	Propagation delay time difference	D.3.7.23	D.4.4.26

Notes: ⁽¹⁾ Data from in-process inspection will be used.

⁽²⁾ Data from in-process inspection will be used for dielectric withstanding voltages between shield and jacket and between inner conductors.

Table 8. Quality Conformance Inspection (Group B)

Group	Inspection item	Requirement paragraph of JAXA-QTS-2120	Test method paragraph of JAXA-QTS-2120
B1	Platability of inner conductor and shield	D.3.7.1	D.4.4.4
	Adhesion of conductors	D.3.7.8	D.4.4.11
	Corrosion resistance	D.3.7.9	D.4.4.12
	Conductor tensile strength	D.3.7.10	D.4.4.13
	Accelerated life	D.3.7.12	D.4.4.15
	Solderability	D.3.7.13	D.4.4.16
	Corona extinction voltage	D.3.7.14	D.4.4.17
	Flammability	D.3.7.18	4.2.1 ⁽¹⁾
	Stress-crack resistance	D.3.7.19	D.4.4.22
	Cold bend	D.3.7.20	D.4.4.23
	Temperature cycling	D.3.7.21	D.4.4.24

Note: ⁽¹⁾ This means the paragraph number of this specification.

4.4 Long-Term Storage

The long-term storage shall be as specified in paragraph D.4.5, appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120.

4.5 Change or Optimization of Tests and Inspections

The following item of quality conformance inspection specified in appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120 has been changed as follows.

a) Flammability

Due to the aging of the test equipment, the test method shall be changed to "VW-1 (Vertical-Specimen) Flame Test" specified in UL 1581. This change is acceptable because test conditions for the time and area of the flame applied for the specimen and the criteria are more harsh than those specified in paragraph D.4.4.21, appendix D of JAXA-QTS-2120.

5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY

Preparation for delivery shall be in accordance with section 5 of JAXA-QTS-2120.

6. NOTES

Notes shall be in accordance with section 6 of JAXA-QTS-2120.