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Shielding and Armoring

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Shield Types Application Guide

Choose a Foil Shield...

- For protection against capacitive (electric field) coupling where shield coverage is more important than low DC resistance.
- When possible sources of interference include TV signals, crosstalk from other circuits, radio transmitters, fluorescent lights or computing equipment.
- For MATV, CATV, video, networking, computer I/O cables in office, industrial or commercial environments where ambient EMI levels are low.

Choose a Braid Shield...

- For superior performance against diffusion coupling, where low DC resistance is important, and to a lesser extent, capacitive and inductive coupling.
- When possible sources of interference exhibit low impedance characteristics, such as motor control circuits and switches which operate inductive loads.
- For computer to terminal interconnect for process, instrumentation or control applications.

Choose a Spiral Shield...

- For functional shielding against diffusion and capacitive coupling at audio frequencies only.
- When possible sources of interference are power lines and fluorescent lights.
- For applications when flexibility and flex life are major concerns, such as microphone and audio cables and retractile cords.

Choose a Combination Shield...

- For shielding against high frequency radiated emissions coupling and ESD. Combines the low resistance of braid and 100% coverage of foil shields.
- When possible sources of interference include radio transmitters, TV stations, printed circuit boards, back planes, motor control circuits and computing equipment.
- For Video, CATV, MATV, networking, computer I/O cables and computer-aided manufacturing applications.

Table 8: Relative Cost Comparison

Relative cost comparisons are based on **coaxial** cable. Chart shows relative shield cost as one component of the total cost of the cable. *These cost ratings may change depending on the physical construction of the cable.*

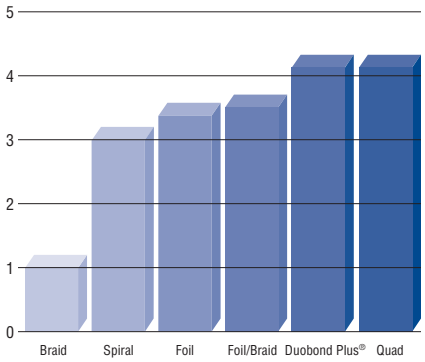

Table 9: Shield Performance Comparison Chart

Frequency Range and Types of Interference Anticipated	Cable Shield Ratings*				
	Braid (95% Coverage)	Spiral	Foil	Foil/Braid	Foil/Braid/Foil Duobond Plus®
Frequency: DC					
Capacitive	A	AA	AAA	AAA	AAA
Diffusion	AAA	A	C	AAA	AAA
Diffusion/Inductive	—	—	—	—	—
Diffusion/Inductive/Capacitive	—	—	—	—	—
Frequency: 15 kHz					
Capacitive	A	AA	AAA	AAA	AAA
Diffusion	AAA	B	C	AAA	AAA
Diffusion/Inductive	AA	C	A	AA	AAA
Diffusion/Inductive/Capacitive	—	—	—	—	—
Frequency: 10 MHz to 1000 MHz					
Capacitive	A	AA	AAA	AAA	AAA
Diffusion	—	—	—	—	—
Diffusion/Inductive	B	C	A	AA	AAA
Diffusion/Inductive/Capacitive	B	C	A	AA	AAA

*Although ratings shown in Table 9 are based on shielded coaxial cable test results, these ratings also pertain to shielded multi-conductor and flat cable where shield types are available.

Note: Shield effectiveness decreases as frequency increases. Therefore, ratings in one frequency category do not imply equal shield effectiveness in other frequency categories.

Shield Rating Key	
AAA	Best
AA	Better
A	Good
B	Functional
C	Unsatisfactory
—	Not Applicable

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