

11 Million Metres of Defective Cable being Recalled from UK Market

An Approved Cables Initiative (ACI) investigation has led to more than 11 million metres of cable manufactured by Turkish company, Atlas Kablo, being recalled from the UK market, following the suspension of two of its product certification licences.

Reports of faulty cabling from concerned contractors earlier this year led the ACI to test samples of product from the Turkish cable manufacturer. The samples were found to have insufficient copper leading to high conductor resistance and did not comply with appropriate British Standards.



Atlas Kablo has listed on its website batch numbers of products known to be affected at this time by the Basec suspension and distributors are urged to inform their customers. They have a 2010 manufacturing date and are marked with the manufacturer's identification 'Atlas Kablo'.

Cables affected are:

- Flat twin, single and 3-core with CPC (BS 6004 Table 8 and IS 201-4 Table 1, 1.0 sqmm - 16 sqmm)
- Single core unsheathed (BS 6004 Table 4a, 1.5 sqmm - 35 sqmm)
- Single core sheathed (BS 6004 Table 7, 1.5 sqmm - 35 sqmm).

Cables affected by the HAR scheme certification licence suspension have also been found to have insufficient copper leading to high conductor resistance.

Cables affected are H05VV-F type, PVC insulated and sheathed in sizes ranging from 0.75 sqmm to 4.00 sqmm and with 2,3,4 and 5 cores.

Cables are marked with the manufacturer's identification 'Atlas Kablo', carry a 2010 manufacturing date and the TSE approval mark. The cable sheathing colours include white, cream, yellow and blue and marking may be embossed or printed. Many of the cables are also marked with British designations such as 3183Y and BS 6500.

A spokesperson for ACI said: "The suspension of Atlas Kablo's product certification licences has been welcomed by Approved Cables Initiative and many others in the industry. It is however just the tip of the iceberg that we are dealing with here with around a fifth of all cable in the UK supply chain estimated to be either unsafe, non-approved or counterfeit.

What does this mean for the site:

- **Has this been used on site? Cross reference with the affected products list produced by Atlas Kablo (<http://www.atlaskablo.com>)**
- **Do we have any stocks of cables ? Check these and return any affected products**
- **Remind our cable suppliers of the importance of product traceability to the certification body and our expectations regarding their assurance arrangements**
- **Further guidance should be sought from your SO where needed**