

Core ID code as per VDE colour code

VDE 0293-308/HD 308 S2 Core ID code for colour-coded low-voltage cables

For marking cores in multi- and several-core cables for use in electrical systems and distribution systems.
For the supply of permanently secured or portable supplies and for portable equipment cables. 3a and 4a: only suitable for specific applications.

Number of cores	Cables with protective conductor (code J or G)	Cables without protective conductor (code O or X)	Cables with concentric conductor
2	-	BU/BN	BU/BN
3	GNYE/BN/BU	BN/BK/GY	BN/BK/GY
3a	-	BU/BN/BK	BU/BN/BK
4	GNYE/BN/BK/GY	BU/BN/BK/GY	BU/BN/BK/GY
4a	GNYE/BU/BN/BK	-	-
5	GNYE/BU/BN/BK/GY	BU/BN/BK/GY/BK	BU/BN/BK/GY/BK
6 and above	GNYE/BK with printed numbers	BK with printed numbers	BK with printed numbers

Colour code for power cables as per VDE 0293 (old) – (colour codes are listed in IEC 60757)

For marking cores in multi- and several-core cables for connecting portable power consumers.

Number of cores	Cables with green/yellow core (currently not yet harmonised)	Cables with green/yellow core (currently not yet harmonised)	Cables with concentric conductor
2	-	BU/BN	-
3	GNYE/BN/BU	BU/BN/BK	-
3	-	BU/BN/BK	-
4	GNYE/BK/BU/BN	BU/BN/BK/GY	-
5	GNYE/BK/BU/BN/BK	BU/BN/BK/GY/BK	-
6 and above	GNYE/further cores in BK with printed numbers, starting from the inside with 1, GNYE in the outer layer	BK with printed numbers	-

For marking cores in multi- and several-core cables and in multi-core cables for fixed installation.

Number of cores	Cables with green/yellow core (code -J-)	Cables without green/yellow core (code -O-)	Cables with concentric conductor
2	-	BK/BU	BK/BU
3	GNYE/BK/BU	BN/BU/BK	BK/BU/BN
3	-	BN/BK/BU	-
4	GNYE/BK/BU/BN	BK/BN/BU/BK	BK/BU/BN/BK
5	GNYE/BK/BU/BN/BK	BK/BN/BU/BK/BK	-
6 and above	GNYE/further cores in BK with printed numbers, starting from the inside with 1, GNYE in the outer layer	Cores in BK with printed numbers, starting from the inside with 1	Cores in BK with printed numbers, starting from the inside with 1

DIN 47100/January 1988 – colour code for UNITRONIC® twisted pair

Each pair has an a-core and a b-core. The marking is repeated for the first time as from 23 pairs, and for the second time as from 45 pairs. The first colour is always the basic colour of the core, and the second colour is printed in rings.

Pair no.	Colour of a-core	Colour of b-core	Pair no.	Colour of a-core	Colour of b-core
1	white	brown	13	white/black	brown/black
2	green	yellow	14	grey/green	yellow/grey
3	grey	pink	15	pink/green	yellow/pink
4	blue	red	16	green/blue	yellow/blue
5	black	violet	17	green/red	yellow/red
6	grey/pink	red/blue	18	green/black	yellow/black
7	white/green	brown/green	19	grey/blue	pink/blue
8	white/yellow	yellow/brown	20	grey/red	pink/red
9	white/grey	grey/brown	21	grey/black	pink/black
10	white/pink	pink/brown	22	blue/black	red/black
11	white/blue	brown/blue	23-44	see 1 - 22	see 1 - 22
12	white/red	brown/red	45-66	see 1 - 22	see 1 - 22

DIN 47100 colour code (but differs from DIN as the colours are not repeated after the 44th core)

Exception: 4-core line, which has a sequence of white, yellow, brown, green.

Core no.	Colour	Core no.	Colour	Core no.	Colour	Core no.	Colour	Core no.	Colour
1	white	14	brown/green	27	grey/green	40	pink/red	53	white/grey/black
2	brown	15	white/yellow	28	yellow/grey	41	grey/black	54	grey/brown/black
3	green	16	yellow/brown	29	pink/green	42	pink/black	55	white/pink/black
4	yellow	17	white/grey	30	yellow/pink	43	blue/black	56	pink/brown/black
5	grey	18	grey/brown	31	green/blue	44	red/black	57	white/blue/black
6	pink	19	white/pink	32	yellow/blue	45	white/brown/black	58	brown/blue/black
7	blue	20	pink/brown	33	green/red	46	yellow/green/black	59	white/red/black
8	red	21	white/blue	34	yellow/red	47	grey/pink/black	60	brown/red/black
9	black	22	brown/blue	35	green/black	48	red/blue/black	61	black/white
10	violet	23	white/red	36	yellow/black	49	white/green/black		
11	grey/pink	24	brown/red	37	grey/blue	50	brown/green/black		
12	red/blue	25	white/black	38	pink/blue	51	white/yellow/black		
13	white/green	26	brown/black	39	grey/red	52	yellow/brown/black		

Colour code for UNITRONIC® 300 & 300 S (20 – 16 AWG)

Core no.	Colour	Core no.	Colour	Core no.	Colour	Core no.	Colour	Core no.	Colour
1	black	11	pink	21	white/brown	31	white/black/grey	41	white/green/red
2	red	12	light brown	22	white/orange	32	white/black/violet	42	white/green/green
3	white	13	red/green	23	white/grey	33	white/black/black	43	white/green/blue
4	green	14	red/yellow	24	white/violet	34	white/red/black	44	white/green/brown
5	orange	15	red/black	25	white/black/red	35	white/red/red	45	white/green/violet
6	blue	16	white/black	26	white/black/green	36	white/red/green	46	white/blue/black
7	brown	17	white/red	27	white/black/yellow	37	white/red/blue	47	white/blue/red
8	yellow	18	white/green	28	white/black/blue	38	white/red/brown	48	white/blue/green
9	violet	19	white/yellow	29	white/black/brown	39	white/red/violet	49	white/blue/blue
10	grey	20	white/blue	30	white/black/orange	40	white/green/black	50	white/blue/brown

Colour code for UNITRONIC® 300 & 300 S (24 – 22 AWG)

Core no.	Colour	Core no.	Colour	Core no.	Colour	Core no.	Colour	Core no.	Colour
1	black	11	white/black	21	white/black/red	31	white/brown/green	41	white/orange/yellow
2	brown	12	white/brown	22	white/black/orange	32	white/brown/blue	42	white/orange/green
3	red	13	white/red	23	white/black/yellow	33	white/brown/violet	43	white/orange/blue
4	orange	14	white/orange	24	white/black/green	34	white/brown/grey	44	white/orange/violet
5	yellow	15	white/yellow	25	white/black/blue	35	white/red/orange	45	white/orange/grey
6	green	16	white/green	26	white/black/violet	36	white/red/yellow	46	white/yellow/green
7	blue	17	white/blue	27	white/black/grey	37	white/red/green	47	white/yellow/blue
8	violet	18	white/violet	28	white/brown/red	38	white/red/blue	48	white/yellow/violet
9	grey	19	white/grey	29	white/brown/orange	39	white/red/violet	49	white/yellow/grey
10	white	20	white/black/brown	30	white/brown/yellow	40	white/red/grey	50	white/green/blue