# **10Gain<sup>®</sup> XP CAT 6A cable** *@superior*

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Ever since the 10GBase-T Ethernet protocol was introduced, network engineers have been concerned about the weak link of unshielded cabling systems – Alien Crosstalk. Even when an unshielded Category 6A cabling system meets all Alien Crosstalk requirements, it typically does so with zero margin. The rule has been: If you want better electrical performance, you have to accept a large cable design. And that is not always practical.

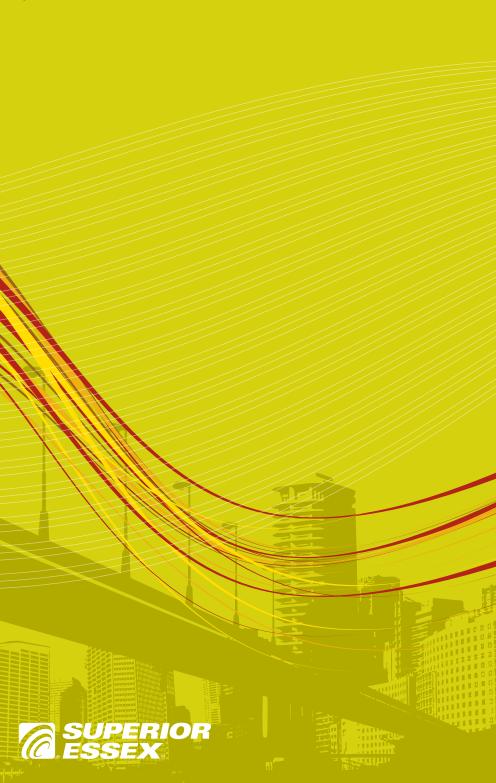
These worries have led some engineers to switch to all-shielded network designs that solve some issues but force compromises as well.

### The solution to this dilemma is **10G**ain<sup>®</sup> XP.

**10G**ain XP (extended performance) CAT 6A cable has been engineered to provide the highest possible 10 Gigabit performance in an unshielded cabling network. Alien Crosstalk has been entirely eliminated as an issue, and the perfectly round design provides a nominal outside diameter of only 0.295 inches.







### small is beautiful

Both the plenum and riser versions of the **10G**ain XP CAT 6A cable are only 0.295 inches in diameter. That is 10% smaller than the typical riser CAT 6A cable (0.33 inches).

This small size allows for improved space utilization, better air flow, and reduced expense for cable trays and pathway infrastructure.





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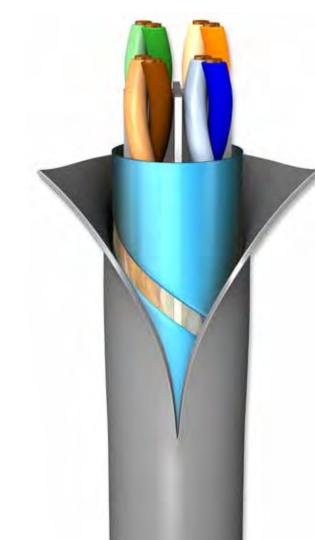
Typical 0.325" CAT 6A cable allows 61 cables in 4" conduit at a 40% fill rate.

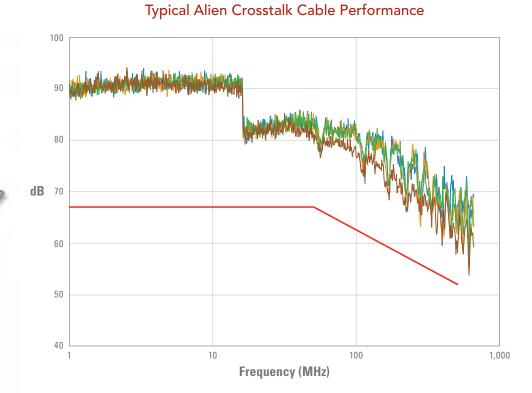


### 10Gain XP technology

**10G**ain XP is not a continuously shielded cable. Surrounding the core is a patent-pending Isolation Wrap, which contains separate sections of foil, held in place by a polymeric layer. This unique design prevents any electrical current from traversing the isolation wrap down the length of the cable – making it suitable for unshielded cabling networks and fully compliant with the UTP requirements of UL 444 and the National Electrical Code (NEC). Because the Isolation Wrap provides no electrical continuity, **10G**ain XP cable cannot be grounded or bonded, and can only be used in an unshielded cabling network.

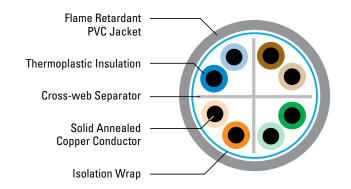
#### **10G**ain XP Cable with non-conductive Isolation Wrap





#### **10G**ain XP provides significant Alien Crosstalk performance in comparison to other CAT 6A UTP cables on the market.

With guaranteed Alien Crosstalk margin of 3 dB (and typical margin of 8 dB), **10G**ain XP will reliably support 10G Ethernet in the noisiest of environments.





### better than shielded, better than other UTP

Lately, many customers who have long preferred unshielded cabling networks have been persuaded to adopt a shielded system for their CAT 6A network. For some, both the alien crosstalk and small cable size advantages of shielded cable are outweighing other benefits of unshielded.

With **10G**ain XP, there are no trade-offs or compromises when selecting an unshielded CAT 6A cabling network.

## **10G**ain XP offers the best features of both shielded and unshielded cables.

Benefit Comparison									
	Typical UTP CAT 6A		FTP CAT 6A		10Gain XP CAT 6A				
Cable Size	0.31 to 0.35 inches	X	0.28 to 0.30 inches	~	0.295 inches	1			
EMI/Alien Crosstalk Resistance	Minimal	x	Superior	✓	Superior	1			
Alien Crosstalk Field Testing	Recommended	x	Not Necessary	✓	Not Necessary	✓			
Cost of Installation	~17% less than FTP	-	~20% more than UTP*	x	Equal to UTP	-			
Compatibility with Existing UTP Network	Fully compatible	1	Requires separate patch panels and grounding of existing racks	x	Fully compatible	1			
<b>Cable Bending Radius</b>	4X diameter of cable	-	8X diameter of cable	x	4X diameter of cable	1			
Familiarity of Installation Practices to Average Technician	Very	~	Not Very	x	Very	~			

\*Based on survey conducted in 2008 of LAN cable contractors

### **10G**ain **XP installation**

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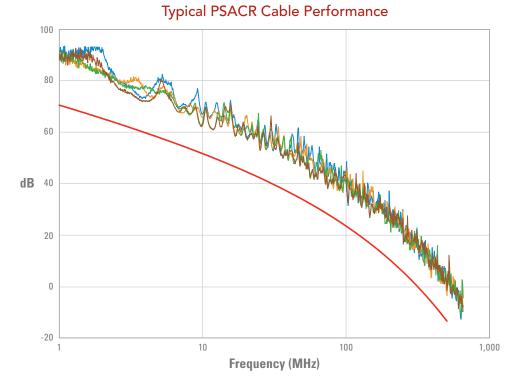
**10G**ain XP uses the same familiar installation techniques of typical UTP CAT 6A cable. The Isolation Wrap cannot be grounded (because there is no electrical continuity), so it is simply cut back at the point of termination. The termination process should take no more than five seconds longer than it does for typical UTP CAT 6A. With a bending radius of 1.2 inches (4X cable diameter), **10G**ain XP also allows for installation into tighter spaces than typical UTP CAT 6A or shielded CAT 6A cables.



ISOlation Wrap is not grounded/bonded.

### **10G**ain **XP performance specifications**

In addition to superior Alien Crosstalk performance, **10G**ain XP internal cable performance meets or exceeds the electrical specifications of industry standards.



10Gain XP Applicable Standards	
ANSI/TIA-568-C.2	✓
UL 444	✓
UL Listed CMP (NFPA 262)	✓
UL Listed CMR (UL 1666)	✓
RoHS-compliant	-

10Gain XP Applications	
IEEE 802.3, 10GBASE-T and Legacy	
IEEE 802.3af, Power over Ethernet	-
IEEE 802.3at, Power over Ethernet Plus	-

### 10Gain XP – a better way to travel

**10G**ain XP is the breakthrough CAT 6A cable design that so many network engineers have been wanting. It is the perfect blend of form and function, made possible by unmatched technical innovation.

For additional information, visit: **SPSX.com/comm/XP**.

10Gain XP Properties a	10Gain XP Part Numbers		
Conductor AWG (mm)	23 (0.57) Solid Annealed Copper		Jacket Color Riser
Pair Count	4	6H-272-2A	Blue
Color Coding	ColorTip™ Circuit Identification System	6H-272-3A	Gray
Insulation	CMR: Polyolefin CMP: Fluoropolymer	6H-272-4A 6H-272-5A	White Green
Separator	Cross-web	6H-272-6A	Yellow
Isolation Wrap	Proprietary construction	6H-272-7A	Purple
	CMR: Flame retardant	6H-272-9A	Red
Jacket Material	(FR) PVC CMP: FR, Low Smoke PVC	6H-272-DA	Orange
Nominal Diameter in (mm)	0.295 (7.49)	CMP Plenum	
Approximate Weight lbs/kft (kg/km)	CMR: 47 (70) CMP: 45 (67)	6H-272-2B 6H-272-3B	Blue Gray
Package Size	1000' plywood reel	6H-272-4B	White
Length Marking f (m)	QuickCount <sup>®</sup> system	6H-272-5B	Green
Nominal Velocity of Propagation % Speed of Light	CMR: 66 CMP: 69	6H-272-6B	Yellow
Minimum Bend Radius in (mm)	1.2 (30)	6H-272-7B	Purple
		6H-272-9B	Red
Maximum Pulling Force lbs	40	6H-272-DB	Orange
Installation Temperature Rating °C	0 to +60		





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