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FIBRE OPTIC INTERCONNECTING DEVICES AND PASSIVE COMPONENTS – BASIC TEST AND MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES –

Part 3-35: Examinations and measurements – Fibre optic connector endface visual and automated inspection

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61300 describes methods for quantitatively assessing the endface quality of a polished fibre optic connector. The information is intended for use with other standards which set requirements for allowable surface defects such as scratches, pits and debris which may affect optical performance. In general, the methods described in this standard apply to 125 µm cladding fibres contained within a ferrule and intended for use with sources of ≤2 W of input power. However, portions are applicable to non-ferruled connectors and other fibre types. Those portions are identified where appropriate.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

None.

3 Measurement

3.1 General

The objective of this standard is to prescribe methods for quantitatively inspecting fibre optic endfaces to determine if they are suitable for use. Three methods are described: A: direct view optical microscopy, B: video microscopy, C: automated analysis microscopy. Within each method, there are hardware requirements and procedures for both low resolution and high resolution systems. High resolution systems are to be utilized for critical examination of the glass fibre after polishing and upon incoming quality assurance. High resolution systems are typically not used during field polishing or in conjunction with multimode connectors. Low resolution systems are to be utilized prior to mating connectors for any purpose. All methods require a means for measuring and quantifying defects.

There are many types of defects. Commonly used terminology would include: particles, pits, chips, scratches, embedded debris, loose debris, cracks, etc. For practical purposes, all defects will be categorized in one of two groups. They are defined as follows:

scratches: permanent linear surface features;

defects: all non-linear features detectable on the fibre. This includes particulates, other debris, pits, chips, edge chipping, etc.

All defects and scratches are surface anomalies. Sub-surface cracks and fractures are not reliably detectable with a light microscope in all situations and are therefore not covered within this standard. Cracks and fractures to the fibre may be detected with a light microscope and are generally considered a catastrophic failure.