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INTRODUCTION

The need to support cost-efficient high-speed applications over optical fibre has resulted in the availability of a wide variety of applications and implementation options. The available options to support high-speed applications over optical fibre have multiplied in recent years, and the trend towards higher speeds can be expected to continue. Innovative techniques to maximize the useful life of installed infrastructure include the use of multi-level encoding schemes, wavelength division multiplexing, parallel fibre transmission, and new cabled optical fibre categories. In order to make informed decisions regarding the optimal infrastructure choices to support deployment of high-speed applications today, and enable the optimal migration path to higher speeds in the future, cabling system specifiers, designers and users need to have a good understanding of the duplex and parallel application options, and their connectivity choices.

This document describes the options for high-speed applications utilizing duplex and parallel optical fibre channels and identifies relevant migration considerations when upgrading or planning to upgrade to higher speed applications.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 11801, which is a Technical Report,

- provides a listing of the data centre application options currently available or in process of standardization utilizing duplex and parallel optical fibre channels;
- identifies migration considerations when upgrading to higher speed applications.

2 Normative references

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ISO/IEC 11801-1, *Information technology – Generic cabling for customer premises – Part 1: General requirements*

ISO/IEC 14763-2, *Information technology – Implementation and operation of customer premises cabling – Part 2: Planning and installation*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

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3.2 Abbreviated terms

MPO Multi-fibre push on

MSA Multi-Source Agreement

4 Applications for 10 gigabits per second and beyond

The need to support cost-efficient high-speed applications over multimode fibre has resulted in the availability of a wide variety of applications and implementation options.

Multimode options are shown in Table 1, Table 2, and Table 3.