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INTRODUCTION

IEC has developed a large set of standards for measurement of fibre optic cable plants. These standards are applicable to passive optical networks (PONs) if specifics of these networks are known and understood. This document provides dedicated procedures for attenuation measurements in PONs as well as additional information.

For the purpose of this document, a PON is a point-to-multipoint network that includes optical line terminals (OLTs), optical network terminals (ONTs), and an optical fibre infrastructure that is entirely passive and is represented by a single-rooted point-to-multipoint tree of optical fibres with splitters, combiners, filters, and other passive components.

PONs are commonly used in fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) and fibre-to-the-building (FTTB) optical access networks (OAN). In addition, the measurement principles described in this document may also apply to PONs used in other applications, like passive optical local area networks (PO-LANs).

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61280 describes the measurement of attenuation, optical return loss and optical power in installed passive optical networks (PONs) using single-mode fibre**.**

This document specifies two methods for measuring the attenuation before activation of the PON:

- method A: one-cord method using a light source and a power meter (LSPM);
- method B: optical time-domain reflectometer (OTDR) method in upstream direction only, with reduction of uncertainties due to the variation of backscatter coefficient.

In addition, method C, which is described in informative Annex C, provides an estimate of the attenuation after partial activation of the PON by using a U band filtered optical time-domain reflectometer (FOTDR) in an upstream direction.

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IEC 60793-2-50, *Optical fibres – Part 2-50: Product specifications – Sectional specification for class B single-mode fibres*

IEC 61280-1-3, *Fibre-optic communication subsystem test procedures – Part 1-3: General communication subsystems – Measurement of central wavelength, spectral width and additional spectral characteristics*

IEC 61280-4-2, *Fibre-optic communication subsystem test procedures – Part 4-2: Installed cable plant – Single-mode attenuation and optical return loss measurement*

IEC TR 61282-14:2019, *Fibre optic communication system design guidelines – Part 14: Determination of the uncertainties of attenuation measurements in fibre plants*

IEC 61300-3-35, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-35: Examinations and measurements – Visual inspection of fibre optic connectors and fibre-stub transceivers*

IEC 61315, *Calibration of fibre-optic power meters*

IEC 61746-1:2009, *Calibration of optical time-domain reflectometers (OTDR) – Part 1: OTDR for single-mode fibres*

IEC 61753-031-2, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Performance standard – Part 031-2: Non-connectorized single-mode 1 × N and 2 × N non-wavelength-selective branching devices for Category C − Controlled environment*

IEC 61753-031-3, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Performance standard – Part 031-3: Non-connectorized single-mode 1 × N and 2 × N non-wavelength-selective branching devices for Category U − Uncontrolled environment*

IEC 61753-031-6, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components − Performance standard − Part 031-6: Non-connectorized single-mode 1 × N and 2 × N non-wavelength-selective branching devices for Category O − Uncontrolled environment*

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attenuation
L
reduction of optical power induced by transmission through a medium such as cabling

$$L_{dB} = 10 \log_{10}(P_{in}/P_{out})$$

where

P_{in} and P_{out} are the power, typically measured in mW, into and out of the cabling

Note 1 to entry: Attenuation is expressed in dB.

Note 2 to entry: Loss and attenuation are equivalent

3.1.2
coexistence element
CoEx
bidirectional functional element used to connect different PON systems, as defined in different ITU-T Recommendation series, to the same ODN

[SOURCE: ITU-T G.989:2015, clause 3.2.1.6, modified for use in this document]

3.1.3
light source power meter
LSPM
test system consisting of a light source (LS), power meter (PM) and associated test cords used to measure the attenuation of installed cable plant

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