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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) added IEC 60793-1-46 and IEC 60794-1-211 to the normative references;
- b) changed the load duration for the tensile test from 5 min to 10 min;
- c) clarified the distance between the clamps for torsion test to 125 times cable diameter, but not less than 0,3 m;

- d) recommended the temperatures  $-10\text{ °C}$  and  $+60\text{ °C}$  for indoor simplex and duplex cables and included the low and high temperatures for category C, C<sup>HD</sup>, OP and OP<sup>HD</sup> according to the operating service environments in IEC 61753-1 for temperature cycling and shrinkage testing;
- e) updated the shrinkage test standard to IEC 60794-1-211, F11A, and changed the requirement to maximum 20 mm;
- f) replaced the text for the fire performance with an improved description.

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## OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES –

### Part 2-50: Indoor cables – Family specification for simplex and duplex cables for use in terminated cable assemblies

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60794 is a family specification that specifies requirements for simplex and duplex optical fibre cables for use in terminated cable assemblies or as used for termination of passive components.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

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IEC 60793-1-21, *Optical fibres – Part 1-21: Measurement methods and test procedures – Coating geometry*

IEC 60793-1-32, *Optical fibres – Part 1-32: Measurement methods and test procedures – Coating strippability*

IEC 60793-1-40, *Optical fibres – Part 1-40: Attenuation measurement methods*

IEC 60793-1-46, *Optical fibres – Part 1-46: Measurement methods and test procedures – Monitoring of changes in optical transmittance*

IEC 60793-2-10, *Optical fibres – Part 2-10: Product specifications – Sectional specification for category A1 multimode fibres*

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

IEC 60794-1-1, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-1: Generic specification – General*

IEC 60794-1-2, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-2: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – General guidance*

IEC 60794-1-211, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-211: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – Environmental test methods – Sheath shrinkage, method F11*

IEC 60794-1-21, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-21: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – Mechanical tests methods*

IEC 60794-1-22, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-22: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – Environmental tests methods*

IEC 60794-1-23, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-23: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – Cable element test methods*

IEC 60794-2, *Optical fibre cables – Part 2: Indoor cables – Sectional specification*

IEC 60811-202, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 202: General tests – Measurement of thickness of non-metallic sheath*

IEC 60811-203, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 203: General tests – Measurement of overall dimensions*

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#### 3.1

##### **terminated cable assembly**

cable terminated with connectors

Note 1 to entry: Examples from the ISO/IEC 11801 series are optical fibre cords used to establish connections on patch panels, equipment and at work areas or to connect outlets to the terminal equipment.

Note 2 to entry: A so called patch cord or jumper is one type of a terminated cable assembly.

### 4 Construction

#### 4.1 General

In addition to the constructional requirements in IEC 60794-2, the following considerations apply to simplex and duplex indoor cables for use in terminated cable assemblies.

It is not the intention of this document to specify the finished terminated cable assembly complete with terminations.

There shall be no fibre splice in a delivery length. It shall be possible to identify each individual fibre throughout the length of the cable.

#### 4.2 Optical fibres and primary coating

Multimode or single-mode optical fibres meeting the requirements of IEC 60793-2-10 sub-categories A1-OM1 or A1-OM2 to A1-OM5 or IEC 60793-2-50 class B shall be used.

#### 4.3 Buffer

If a tight or semi-tight (loosely applied) buffer is required, it shall consist of one or more layers of inert material. Unless otherwise specified, the tight buffer shall be removed in one operation together with fibre coating over the specified length. Semi-tight tubes may be filled. For semi-tight and loose buffer, the buffer material is removed for a specified length leaving the primary coating of the fibre intact.