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It has been decided to split the second edition of IEC 60794-1-2 into six new documents:

- IEC 60794-1-2 : Cross reference table
- IEC 60794-1-20 : General and definitions
- IEC 60794-1-21 : Mechanical tests
- IEC 60794-1-22 : Environmental tests

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60794 applies to optical fibre cables for use with telecommunication equipment and devices employing similar techniques, and to cables having a combination of both optical fibres and electrical conductors.

The object of this standard is to define test procedures to be used in establishing uniform requirements for electrical requirements.

Throughout the standard the wording “optical cable” may also include optical fibre units, microduct fibre units, etc.

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3 Method H1: Short-circuit test (for OPGW and OPAC)

3.1 Object

The short-circuit test is intended to assess the performance of the OPGW (optical ground wire) under typical short-circuit, or the impact on the performance of OPAC (optical attached cable) under short-circuit current on the messenger wire.

3.2 Sample

3.2.1 OPGW testing

3.2.1.1 Two samples test method

A typical arrangement using two test samples is shown in Figure 1.

Two samples, each being at least 10 m long, shall be terminated at each end with suitable fittings. In sample A, one or more thermocouples shall be inserted into holes drilled into the optical unit to monitor the optical unit temperature. In sample B, one or more thermocouples shall be attached to the wires of the OPGW to monitor the OPGW temperature. Fibre optical attenuation shall be measured using a light source and power meter connected to each end of the test fibre of sample B. The test length of the optical fibre shall be a minimum of 100 m (when the sample is shorter than 100 m, concatenation shall be used) .