

Optical fibre cables - Part 1-2: Generic specification -  
Basic optical cable test procedures - General guidance

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IEC 60794-1-21	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 60794-1-21.
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IEC 60794-1-23	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 60794-1-23.
IEC 60794-1-24	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 60794-1-24.

## Annex ZA (normative)

### Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. 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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NOTE 2 Up-to-date information on the latest versions of the European Standards listed in this annex is available here: [www.cenelec.eu](http://www.cenelec.eu).

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60793-1-40	-	Optical fibres -- Part 1-40: Measurement methods and test procedures - Attenuation	EN 60793-1-40	-
IEC 60793-1-46	-	Optical fibres -- Part 1-46: Measurement methods and test procedures - Monitoring of changes in optical transmittance	EN 60793-1-46	-
IEC 60793-2-40	-	Optical fibres - Part 2-40: Product specifications - Sectional specification for category A4 multimode fibres	EN 60793-2-40	-
IEC 60794-1-1	2015	Optical fibre cables - Part 1-1: Generic specification - General	EN 60794-1-1	2016

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## INTRODUCTION

IEC 60794-1-2:2013 comprised a detailed cross-reference table to the new document set, and general guidance was given in IEC 60794-1-20. These two specifications have been combined in this document, which allows for IEC 60794-1-20 to be withdrawn.

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## OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES –

### Part 1-2: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – General guidance

## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60794-1 applies to optical fibre cables for use with telecommunications equipment and devices employing similar techniques, and to cables having a combination of both optical fibres and electrical conductors.

The prime objective of this document is to provide the end user with an overview about the content of different parts of the IEC 60794-1 series numbered -2X. Table 1 shows the different parts.

**Table 1 – Document overview**

Test methods	IEC reference
General guidance	IEC 60794-1-2
Methods E – Mechanical	IEC 60794-1-21
Methods F – Environmental	IEC 60794-1-22
Methods G – Cable elements	IEC 60794-1-23
Methods H – Electrical	IEC 60794-1-24
NOTE Several numbers in the test method numbering sequence are missing. The reasons for these omissions are historical. To avoid confusion, the existing numbering sequence has been retained.	

These documents define test procedures to be used in establishing uniform requirements for the geometrical, transmission, material, mechanical, ageing (environmental exposure) and climatic properties of optical fibre cables, and electrical requirements where appropriate.

Throughout the documents, the wording "optical cable" can also include optical fibre units, microduct fibre units, etc.

The secondary objective of this document is to provide the end user with useful guidance when testing optical fibre cables.

## 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.

IEC 60793-1-40, *Optical fibres – Part 1-40: Measurement methods and test procedures – Attenuation*

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