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cordons de brassage, pour les catégories C et A

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## European foreword

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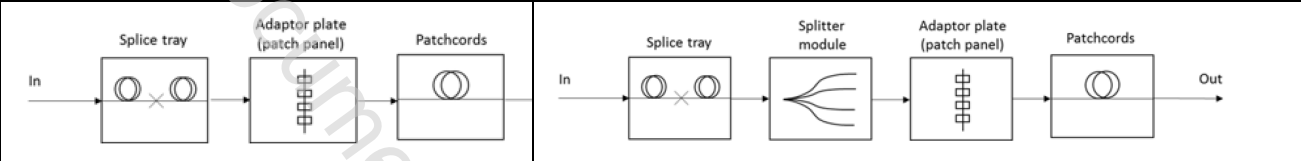
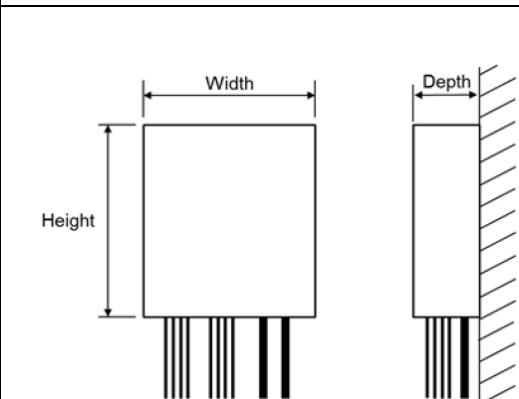
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**Part 3–4: Wall or pole mounted box for splice to patchcord connections, for categories C and A**

Description	Typical installation configuration	Typical mounting options			
Wall or pole mounted box	Fibre distribution box	Vertical wall (external or internal) Pole or wall mounted (above ground) Inside street furniture (cabinet or pedestals)			
Typical fibre management configurations					
					
Operating service environments					
Applications: Optical fibre cable networks. For indoor and for external above ground applications	EN IEC 61753-1 category C EN IEC 61753-1 category A				
Modular adapter plates for the following connectors					
Connector type	Adapter size	Standard			
SC	Simplex or duplex	EN 61754-4			
LC	Simplex or duplex	EN 61754-20			
LF3	Simplex or duplex	EN 61754-13			
LSH	Simplex or duplex	EN 61754-15			
MPO	Simplex	EN 61754-7			
Fibre separation levels in Fibre Management System					
Single circuit (1, 2 or 4 fibre splices per tray), Single element (6, 8 or 12 fibre splices per tray), Multiple element (up to 144 fibre splices per tray)	Single ribbon (1 ribbon splice per tray), Multiple ribbon (up to 12 ribbon splices per tray)				
Box sizes and dimensions					
Box sizes: 4, 8, 12, 24, 48, 72, 120 and 144 patchcord connections					
	Box sizes	Patchcord connections	Width (mm)	Height (mm)	Depth (mm)
	A	4	170	300	50
	B	8	280	450	100
	C	12	280	450	100
	D	24	465	450	225
	E	48	465	500	225
	F	72	465	550	225
	G	120	465	600	225
	H	144	465	650	225
	NOTE Cables and patchcords enter the box from underneath.				

## **1 Scope**

### **1.1 Product definition**

This document contains the dimensional, optical, mechanical and environmental performance requirements of a fully installed optical fibre wall or pole mounted box, in order for it to be categorized as a European Standard product.

The typical configuration is splicing of incoming fibres to optional splitters and/or to pigtails, connecting pigtail plugs on one side to patchcord plugs on the other side, using adapters.

A box is a protective housing containing a fibre management system with splice trays of various fibre separation levels and connector mounting plates. The box may contain one or more of the following:

- storage and routing for fibre and cable;
- uncut fibre cable storage;
- splice trays;
- adapters and connectors;
- passive optical devices (optical splitters or WDM).

A box can be installed on a vertical indoor or outdoor surface above ground level. If the box is required to be relocatable with cables attached, the following additional tests are performed:

- cable bending;
- cable torsion.

This document specifies the number of splice trays and splice/connector capacity for each fibre separation level. The maximum capacity is 144 connectors and splices. For housings with a higher number of splices and connectors, EN 50411-4-1 (street cabinets) can be used.

Boxes for fibre splices only are covered in EN 50411-3-1.

### **1.2 Operating environment**

The tests selected, combined with the severity and duration, are representative of indoor and outside plants for above ground environments defined by EN IEC 61753-1:

- category C: Controlled (indoor) environment;
- category A: Aerial (above ground) environment.

### **1.3 Reliability**

Whilst the anticipated service life expectancy of the product in this environment is 20 years, compliance with this document does not guarantee the reliability of the product. This can be predicted using a recognized reliability assessment programme.

### **1.4 Quality assurance**

Compliance with this document does not guarantee the manufacturing consistency of the product. This can be maintained using a recognized quality assurance programme.



## 1.5 Allowed fibre and cable types

This box standard accommodates EN IEC 60793-2-50 singlemode fibres and EN 60793-2-10 A1-OM2 to A1-OM5 and A1-OM1 multimode fibres and all EN 60794 series optical fibre cables with various fibre capacities, types and designs.

## 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.

EN 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code) (IEC 60529)*

EN 60695-11-10, *Fire hazard testing - Part 11-10: Test flames - 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods (IEC 60695-11-10)*

EN 60754-1, *Test on gases evolved during combustion of materials from cables - Part 1: Determination of the halogen acid gas content (IEC 60754-1)*

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

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EN 61300-2-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 2-1: Tests - Vibration (sinusoidal) (IEC 61300-2-1)*

EN 61300-2-4, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 2-4: Tests - Fibre/cable retention (IEC 61300-2-4)*

EN 61300-2-9, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 2-9: Tests - Shock (IEC 61300-2-9)*

EN 61300-2-12, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 2-12: Tests - Impact (IEC 61300-2-12)*

EN 61300-2-22, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 2-22: Tests - Change of temperature (IEC 61300-2-22)*

EN 61300-2-26, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 2-26: Tests - Salt mist (IEC 61300-2-26)*

EN 61300-2-33, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 2-33: Tests - Assembly and disassembly of fibre optic mechanical splices, fibre management systems and closures (IEC 61300-2-33)*

EN 61300-2-34, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 2-34: Tests - Resistance to solvents and contaminating fluids of interconnecting components and closures (IEC 61300-2-34)*

EN 61300-3-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 3-1: Examinations and measurements - Visual examination (IEC 61300-3-1)*

EN 61300-3-3, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 3-3: Examinations and measurements - Active monitoring of changes in attenuation and return loss (IEC 61300-3-3)*

EN 61300-3-28, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 3-28: Examinations and measurements - Transient loss (IEC 61300-3-28)*

EN IEC 61753-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components performance standard – Part 1: General and guidance for performance standards (IEC 61753-1)*

EN IEC 61756-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Interface standard for fibre management systems - Part 1: General and guidance (IEC 61756-1)*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

#### 3.1

##### **live fibre or active fibre**

fibre in an optical circuit or node that is carrying an optical signal

#### 3.2

##### **adapter**

component in which two or more ferrules are aligned

Note 1 to entry: A ferrule is the fibre holding component part of the optical fibre connector plug

#### 3.3

##### **box**

free breathing protective housing that is permanently attached to a vertical wall or pole

Note 1 to entry: A box is not specifically designed to allow cable movement (e.g. torsion, bending) at the cable ports during operation.

#### 3.4

##### **cable element**

grouping of fibres in the cable sheath

#### 3.5

##### **fan-out**

passive optical component providing a transition between a single ribbon or single element into individual fibres