

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

NORME INTERNATIONALE



**Fibre optic sensors –
Part 1: Generic specification**

**Capteurs à fibres optiques –
Partie 1: Spécification générique**



THIS PUBLICATION IS COPYRIGHT PROTECTED

Copyright © 2012 IEC, Geneva, Switzerland

All rights reserved. Unless otherwise specified, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm, without permission in writing from either IEC or IEC's member National Committee in the country of the requester.

If you have any questions about IEC copyright or have an enquiry about obtaining additional rights to this publication, please contact the address below or your local IEC member National Committee for further information.

Droits de reproduction réservés. Sauf indication contraire, aucune partie de cette publication ne peut être reproduite ni utilisée sous quelque forme que ce soit et par aucun procédé, électronique ou mécanique, y compris la photocopie et les microfilms, sans l'accord écrit de la CEI ou du Comité national de la CEI du pays du demandeur.

Si vous avez des questions sur le copyright de la CEI ou si vous désirez obtenir des droits supplémentaires sur cette publication, utilisez les coordonnées ci-après ou contactez le Comité national de la CEI de votre pays de résidence.

IEC Central Office
3, rue de Varembe
CH-1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Tel.: +41 22 919 02 11
Fax: +41 22 919 03 00
info@iec.ch
www.iec.ch

About the IEC

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is the leading global organization that prepares and publishes International Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies.

About IEC publications

The technical content of IEC publications is kept under constant review by the IEC. Please make sure that you have the latest edition, a corrigenda or an amendment might have been published.

Useful links:

IEC publications search - www.iec.ch/searchpub

The advanced search enables you to find IEC publications by a variety of criteria (reference number, text, technical committee,...).

It also gives information on projects, replaced and withdrawn publications.

IEC Just Published - webstore.iec.ch/justpublished

Stay up to date on all new IEC publications. Just Published details all new publications released. Available on-line and also once a month by email.

Electropedia - www.electropedia.org

The world's leading online dictionary of electronic and electrical terms containing more than 30 000 terms and definitions in English and French, with equivalent terms in additional languages. Also known as the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) on-line.

Customer Service Centre - webstore.iec.ch/csc

If you wish to give us your feedback on this publication or need further assistance, please contact the Customer Service Centre: csc@iec.ch.

A propos de la CEI

La Commission Electrotechnique Internationale (CEI) est la première organisation mondiale qui élabore et publie des Normes internationales pour tout ce qui a trait à l'électricité, à l'électronique et aux technologies apparentées.

A propos des publications CEI

Le contenu technique des publications de la CEI est constamment revu. Veuillez vous assurer que vous possédez l'édition la plus récente, un corrigendum ou amendement peut avoir été publié.

Liens utiles:

Recherche de publications CEI - www.iec.ch/searchpub

La recherche avancée vous permet de trouver des publications CEI en utilisant différents critères (numéro de référence, texte, comité d'études,...).

Elle donne aussi des informations sur les projets et les publications remplacées ou retirées.

Just Published CEI - webstore.iec.ch/justpublished

Restez informé sur les nouvelles publications de la CEI. Just Published détaille les nouvelles publications parues. Disponible en ligne et aussi une fois par mois par email.

Electropedia - www.electropedia.org

Le premier dictionnaire en ligne au monde de termes électroniques et électriques. Il contient plus de 30 000 termes et définitions en anglais et en français, ainsi que les termes équivalents dans les langues additionnelles. Egalement appelé Vocabulaire Electrotechnique International (VEI) en ligne.

Service Clients - webstore.iec.ch/csc

Si vous désirez nous donner des commentaires sur cette publication ou si vous avez des questions contactez-nous: csc@iec.ch.

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

NORME INTERNATIONALE



**Fibre optic sensors –
Part 1: Generic specification**

**Capteurs à fibres optiques –
Partie 1: Spécification générique**

INTERNATIONAL
ELECTROTECHNICAL
COMMISSION

COMMISSION
ELECTROTECHNIQUE
INTERNATIONALE

PRICE CODE
CODE PRIX

ICS 33.180.99

ISBN 978-2-83220-090-2

**Warning! Make sure that you obtained this publication from an authorized distributor.
Attention! Veuillez vous assurer que vous avez obtenu cette publication via un distributeur agréé.**

CONTENTS

FOREWORD.....	4
1 Scope.....	6
2 Normative references	6
3 Terms and definitions	8
4 Quality assurance.....	15
5 Test and measurement procedures.....	15
5.1 General.....	15
5.2 Standard conditions for testing	16
5.3 Test and measurement equipment requirements	16
5.4 Visual inspection	16
5.5 Dimensions	16
5.6 Metrological properties.....	16
5.6.1 General	16
5.6.2 Metrological parameters	17
5.7 Optical tests	17
5.7.1 General	17
5.7.2 Optical power	17
5.7.3 Nominal wavelength and appropriate spectral characteristics	17
5.7.4 State of polarization	17
5.7.5 Fibre connector performance.....	17
5.8 Electrical tests.....	18
5.8.1 General	18
5.8.2 Parameters and test procedures.....	18
5.8.3 Voltage stress	18
5.9 Mechanical tests	18
5.9.1 General	18
5.9.2 Parameters and test procedures.....	19
5.10 Climatic and environmental tests	19
5.10.1 General	19
5.10.2 Parameters and test procedures.....	19
5.11 Susceptibility to ambient light	20
5.12 Resistance to solvents and contaminating fluids.....	20
6 Classification.....	20
6.1 General.....	20
6.2 Measurand	20
6.2.1 Presence/absence of objects or features	20
6.2.2 Position	21
6.2.3 Rate of positional change	21
6.2.4 Flow	21
6.2.5 Temperature.....	21
6.2.6 Force x directional vector	21
6.2.7 Force per area.....	22
6.2.8 Strain	22
6.2.9 Electromagnetic quantities.....	22

6.2.10	Ionizing and nuclear radiation	22
6.2.11	Other physical properties of materials	22
6.2.12	Composition and specific chemical quantities	23
6.2.13	Particulates	23
6.2.14	Imaging	23
6.3	Transduction principle	23
6.3.1	Active generation of light	23
6.3.2	Atom-field interaction	23
6.3.3	Coherence modulation	23
6.3.4	Intensity modulation	23
6.3.5	Optical spectrum modulation	23
6.3.6	Phase modulation	24
6.3.7	Polarization modulation	24
6.4	Spatial distribution	24
6.5	Interface level	24
7	Marking, labelling, packaging	24
7.1	Marking of component	24
7.2	Marking of sealed package	24
8	IEC type designation	24
9	Safety aspects	25
9.1	General	25
9.2	Personal safety	25
9.3	Safety in explosive environment	25
10	Ordering information	25
11	Drawings included in the sectional, family and detail specifications	25
Annex A (informative)	Examples of fibre optic sensors	26
Bibliography		34

Figure 1 – Fibre optic sensor configuration with a passive sensing element and separate fibre leads for optical input and output..... 14

Figure 2 – Fibre optic sensor configuration with an active sensing..... 14

Figure 3 – Fibre optic sensor configuration with a passive sensing element and one fibre lead for optical input and output; signal separation is realized by a Y-splitter 15

INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

FIBRE OPTIC SENSORS –

Part 1: Generic specification

FOREWORD

- 1) The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a worldwide organization for standardization comprising all national electrotechnical committees (IEC National Committees). The object of IEC is to promote international co-operation on all questions concerning standardization in the electrical and electronic fields. To this end and in addition to other activities, IEC publishes International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports, Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) and Guides (hereafter referred to as "IEC Publication(s)"). Their preparation is entrusted to technical committees; any IEC National Committee interested in the subject dealt with may participate in this preparatory work. International, governmental and non-governmental organizations liaising with the IEC also participate in this preparation. IEC collaborates closely with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in accordance with conditions determined by agreement between the two organizations.
- 2) The formal decisions or agreements of IEC on technical matters express, as nearly as possible, an international consensus of opinion on the relevant subjects since each technical committee has representation from all interested IEC National Committees.
- 3) IEC Publications have the form of recommendations for international use and are accepted by IEC National Committees in that sense. While all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that the technical content of IEC Publications is accurate, IEC cannot be held responsible for the way in which they are used or for any misinterpretation by any end user.
- 4) In order to promote international uniformity, IEC National Committees undertake to apply IEC Publications transparently to the maximum extent possible in their national and regional publications. Any divergence between any IEC Publication and the corresponding national or regional publication shall be clearly indicated in the latter.
- 5) IEC itself does not provide any attestation of conformity. Independent certification bodies provide conformity assessment services and, in some areas, access to IEC marks of conformity. IEC is not responsible for any services carried out by independent certification bodies.
- 6) All users should ensure that they have the latest edition of this publication.
- 7) No liability shall attach to IEC or its directors, employees, servants or agents including individual experts and members of its technical committees and IEC National Committees for any personal injury, property damage or other damage of any nature whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, or for costs (including legal fees) and expenses arising out of the publication, use of, or reliance upon, this IEC Publication or any other IEC Publications.
- 8) Attention is drawn to the Normative references cited in this publication. Use of the referenced publications is indispensable for the correct application of this publication.
- 9) Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this IEC Publication may be the subject of patent rights. IEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

International Standard IEC 61757-1 has been prepared by subcommittee 86C: Fibre optic systems and active devices, of IEC technical committee 86: Fibre optics.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1998 and constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes a substantial technical update of all clauses, definitions, and cited references with respect to the previous edition.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
86C/1059/FDIS	86C/1066/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

A list of all the parts in the IEC 61757 series, published under the general title *Fibre optic sensors*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC web site under "<http://webstore.iec.ch>" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

IMPORTANT – The 'colour inside' logo on the cover page of this publication indicates that it contains colours which are considered to be useful for the correct understanding of its contents. Users should therefore print this document using a colour printer.

FIBRE OPTIC SENSORS –

Part 1: Generic specification

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61757 is a generic specification covering optical fibres, components and sub-assemblies as they pertain specifically to fibre optic sensing applications. It has been designed to be used as a common working and discussion tool by the vendor of components and subassemblies intended to be integrated in fibre optic sensors, as well as by designers, manufacturers and users of fibre optic sensors independent of any application or installation.

The objective of this generic specification is to define, classify and provide the framework for specifying fibre optic sensors, and their specific components and subassemblies. The requirements of this standard apply to all related sectional, family, and detail specifications. Sectional specifications will contain requirements specific to sensors for particular quantities subject to measurement. Within each sectional specification, family and detail specifications contain requirements for a particular style or variant of a fibre optic sensor of that sectional specification.

A fibre optic sensor contains an optical or optically powered sensing element in which the information is created by reaction of light to a measurand. The sensing element can be the fibre itself or an optically powered element inserted along the optical path. In a fibre optic sensor, one or more light parameters are directly or indirectly modified by the measurand somewhere in the optical path, contrary to an optical data link where the information is merely transmitted from the transmitter to the receiver.

Generic tests or measurement methods are defined for specified attributes. Where possible, these definitions are by reference to an IEC standard – otherwise the test or measurement method is outlined in the relevant sectional, family and/or detail specification.

Annex A gives examples of fibre optic sensors to better illustrate the classification scheme. The examples given are illustrative only and are not limitative, nor do they constitute a recommendation or endorsement of a particular transduction principle.

2 Normative references

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.

IEC 60050, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary*

IEC 60060-1, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60068-1 *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-1, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Test A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-5, *Environmental testing – Part 2-5: Tests – Test Sa: Simulated solar radiation at ground level and guidance for solar radiation testing*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-10, *Environmental testing – Part 2-10: Tests – Test J and guidance: Mould growth*

IEC 60068-2-11, *Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2-11: Tests – Test Ka: Salt mist*

IEC 60068-2-13, *Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2-13: Tests – Test M: Low air pressure*

IEC 60068-2-14, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

IEC 60068-2-27, *Environmental testing – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-30, *Environmental testing – Part 2-30: Tests – Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)*

IEC 60068-2-42, *Environmental testing – Part 2-42: Tests – Test Kc: Sulphur dioxide test for contacts and connections*

IEC 60068-2-43, *Environmental testing – Part 2-43: Tests – Test Kd: Hydrogen sulphide test for contacts and connections*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing – Part 2-78: Tests – Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

IEC 60079-28, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 28: Protection of equipment and transmission systems using optical radiation*

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

IEC 60695-11-5, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-5: Test flames – Needle-flame test method – Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance*

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

IEC 60793-1-54, *Optical fibres – Part 1-54: Measurement methods and test procedures – Gamma irradiation*

IEC 60793-2, *Optical fibres – Part 2: Product specifications – General*

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

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

IEC 60825-1, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 60874-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Connectors for optical fibres and cables – Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC 61000-4-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-3, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-4, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-5, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity test*

IEC 61300 (all parts), *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures*

IEC 61300-2-18, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-18: Tests – Dry heat – High temperature endurance*

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

IEC 61300-2-34, *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 61300-2-46, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-46: Tests – Damp heat, cyclic*

IEC 61300-3-35, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-35: Examinations and measurements – Fibre optic connector endface visual and automated inspection*

IEC 61753 (all parts), *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components performance standard*

IEC/TR 61931, *Fibre optic – Terminology*

IEC/TR 62222, *Fire performance of communication cables installed in buildings*

IEC/TR 62283, *Optical fibres – Guidance for nuclear radiation tests*

IEC/TR 62362, *Selection of optical fibre cable specifications relative to mechanical, ingress, climatic or electromagnetic characteristics – Guidance*

IEC/TR 62627-01, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Part 01: Fibre optic connector cleaning methods*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement – Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

ISO/IEC Guide 99, *International vocabulary of metrology — Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this International Standard, the definitions of IEC 60050 (IEV), IEC/TR 61931, ISO/IEC Guide 99 (VIM), and the following apply: