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

a) reorganization of the document to a more logical flow making it easier for the reader;
b) expansion of the tables to include names and definitions of all documents in the IEC 60794-x series;
c) expansion of the definitions, graphical symbols, terminology and abbreviations content, with the aim of making this document the default and reference for all others in the IEC 60794-x series;

d) inclusion of updated, reorganized and expanded optical fibre, attenuation and bandwidth subclauses, with the aim of making this document the default and reference for all others in the IEC 60794-x series.

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OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES –

Part 1-1: Generic specification – General

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60794 applies to optical fibre cables for use with communication equipment and devices employing similar techniques. Electrical properties are specified for optical ground wire (OPGW) and optical phase conductor (OPPC) cables. Hybrid communication cables are specified in the IEC 62807 series.

The object of this document is to establish uniform generic requirements for the geometrical, transmission, material, mechanical, ageing (environmental exposure), climatic and electrical properties of optical fibre cables and cable elements, where appropriate.

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 60189-1, *Low-frequency cables and wires with PVC insulation and PVC sheath – Part 1: General test and measuring methods*

IEC 60304, *Standard colours for insulation for low-frequency cables and wires*

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

IEC 60793-1-22, *Optical fibres – Part 1-22: Measurement methods and test procedures – Length measurement*

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

IEC 60793-1-44, *Optical fibres – Part 1-44: Measurement methods and test procedures – Cut-off wavelength*

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

IEC 60793-1-48, *Optical fibres – Part 1-48: Measurement methods and test procedures – Polarization mode dispersion*

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

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

IEC 60793-2-40:2021, *Optical fibres – Part 2-40: Product specifications – Sectional specification for category A4 multimode fibres*

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

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

IEC 60811-201, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 201: General tests – Measurement of insulation thickness*

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*

3 Terms and definitions

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no change in attenuation
acceptance criterion for attenuation measurement that includes an allowance for measurement uncertainty arising from measurement errors or calibration errors due to a lack of suitable reference standards

Note 1 to entry: For a practical interpretation, the following values shall be used:

a) No change in attenuation, single-mode (class B): the total uncertainty of measurement shall be ≤ ± 0,05 dB for the attenuation or ≤ ± 0,05 dB/km for the attenuation coefficient. Any measured value within this range shall be considered as “no change in attenuation”.

   The requirement for these parameters is indicated as “no change (≤ ± 0,05 dB or ≤ ± 0,05 dB/km)”.

   By agreement between customer and supplier, minor deviation from this limit may be accepted at some low frequency, for example less than 10 %. However, for mechanical tests no deviation in excess of 0,15 dB shall be accepted. For environmental tests no deviation in excess of 0,10 dB/km shall be accepted.

b) No change in attenuation, multimode (category A1): the total uncertainty of measurement shall be ≤ ± 0,2 dB for the attenuation or ≤ ± 0,2 dB/km for the attenuation coefficient.

   Any measured value within this range shall be considered as “no change in attenuation”.

   The requirement for these parameters is indicated as “no change (≤ ± 0,2 dB or ≤ ± 0,2 dB/km)”.

   By agreement between customer and supplier, minor deviation from this limit may be accepted at some low frequency, for example less than 10 %. However, for mechanical tests no deviation in excess of 0,5 dB shall be accepted. For environmental tests no deviation in excess of 0,5 dB/km shall be accepted.

c) No change in attenuation, plastic optical fibre (category A4): the total uncertainty of measurement for this document shall be ≤ 2 % of the maximum specified attenuation in IEC 60793-2-40:2021, Annex A to Annex I.

Any measured value within this range shall be considered as “no change in attenuation”.

[1] This document is progressively being replaced by the IEC 60794-1-2XX series.