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- b) Inclusion of a new informative Annex F on Brillouin frequency shift test method to determine the tensile strain applied to a fibre.

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INTRODUCTION

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- IEC 60793-1-40 to IEC 60793-1-49: *Measurement methods and test procedures for transmission and optical characteristics*
- IEC 60793-1-50 to IEC 60793-1-59: *Measurement methods and test procedures for environmental characteristics.*
- IEC 60793-1-60 to IEC 60793-1-69: *Measurement methods and test procedures for polarization-maintaining fibres.*

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Part 1-22: Measurement methods and test procedures – Length measurement

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 establishes uniform requirements for measuring the length and elongation of optical fibre (typically within cable).

The length of an optical fibre is ~~one of the most~~ a fundamental values ~~and shall be known~~ for the evaluation of transmission characteristics such as losses and bandwidths.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60793-1-42, *Optical fibres – Part 1-42: Measurement methods and test procedures – Chromatic dispersion*

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

3 Terms, definitions, and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

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3.2 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviated terms apply.

BOTDA	Brillouin optical time domain analysis
BOTDR	Brillouin optical time domain reflectometry
FWHM	full-width half-maximum
OTDR	optical time domain reflectometer
RMSW	root-mean-squared width
RTM	reference test method