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- a) the expansion of the definitions, graphical symbols, terminology and abbreviations content, with the aim of making this standard the default and reference for all others in the IEC 60794-x series;
- b) the inclusion of updated and expanded optical fibre, attenuation and bandwidth sections, with the aim of making this standard the default and reference for all others in the IEC 60794-x series.

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OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES –

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1 Scope

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

The object of this standard 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, 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 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 60793-1-40, *Optical fibres – Part 1-40: Measurement methods and test procedures – Attenuation*

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 60793-2-50, *Optical fibres – Part 2-50: Product specifications – Sectional specification for class B single-mode 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, *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*

IEC TR 61931, *Fibre optic – Terminology*

ISO 14001, *Environmental management systems – Requirements with guidance for use*

ISO 14064-1, *Greenhouse gases – Part 1: Specification with guidance at the organization level for quantification and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions and removals*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

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 $\leq \pm 0,05$ dB for attenuation or $\leq \pm 0,05$ dB/km for 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 ($\leq \pm 0,05$ dB or $\leq \pm 0,05$ dB/km)”.

By agreement between customer and supplier, minor deviation from this limit may be accepted at some low frequency, e.g. 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 $\leq \pm 0,2$ dB for attenuation or $\leq \pm 0,2$ dB/km for 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 ($\leq \pm 0,2$ dB or $\leq \pm 0,2$ dB/km)”.

By agreement between customer and supplier, minor deviation from this limit may be accepted at some low frequency, e.g. 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 standard shall be ≤ 2 % of maximum specified attenuation in IEC 60793-2-40 Annex A to G

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

3.2

allowable change in attenuation

<during mechanical and environmental tests> change in attenuation that may be a value larger than the no change limits, depending on fibre category, single-mode or multimode, cable design and application