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- a) addition of figures to show the interface between protective housing and fibre management system;
- b) addition of definitions for protective housing, closure, box, street cabinets and optical distribution frame modules;
- c) addition of table with dimensions of fusion splice protectors and mechanical splices;
- d) addition of method to identify the minimum bending radius for stored fibres;

- e) addition of clause for other factors relevant to fibre management systems;
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## Part 1: General and guidance

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61756 covers general information on fibre management system interfaces. It includes the definitions and rules under which a fibre management system interface is created and it provides also criteria to identify the minimum bending radius for stored fibres.

This document allows both single-mode and multimode fibre to be used.

Liquid, gas or dust sealing requirements at the cable entry area or cable element ending are not covered in this document.

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

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

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#### 3.1 Fibre management related definitions

##### 3.1.1

##### **distribution element**

element for a fibre management system providing fibre branching, holding and distribution function

##### 3.1.2

##### **fibre management system**

system to control, protect and store splices, connectors, passive optical components and fibres from incoming to outgoing cables



Note 1 to entry: A fibre management system is intended for installation within a protective housing.

Note 2 to entry: A fibre management system is often called an "organiser".

### 3.1.3

#### multiple element

physical fibre separation level consisting of more than one single element

Note 1 to entry: This separation level has fibres from multiple cable elements on one splice tray and is also called mass storage. It is the lowest (worst) degree of physical circuit separation.

### 3.1.4

#### multiple element management system

system which provides all necessary equipment to connect a defined number of incoming and outgoing fibres/cables

Note 1 to entry: It comprises storage and protection of fibres/ribbons and interconnections in one tray for more than one single element (see Figure 1).

Note 2 to entry: There are many different names for this structure, for example "mass storage". In this document, "multiple element" will be used.

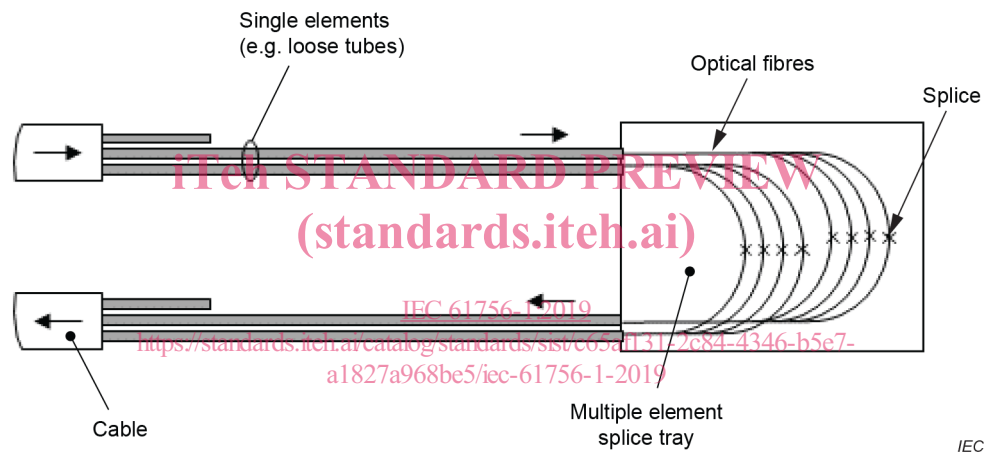


Figure 1 – Multiple element management system

### 3.1.5

#### multiple ribbon

multiple element consisting of multiple optical fibres (circuits) arranged in ribbons (fibres in parallel) which are also arranged (for example, in stacks)

### 3.1.6

#### optical performance stability

stability of the system to transient loss introduced by external disturbances of the fibres

### 3.1.7

#### single circuit

physical fibre separation level where the optical circuit consists of one fibre (single fibre), or more than one fibre, providing all services for one subscriber

Note 1 to entry: This fibre separation level has the fibre(s) of only one customer on one splice tray. It is the highest (best) degree of physical circuit separation.

### 3.1.8

#### single circuit management system

system which provides all necessary equipment to connect a defined number of incoming and outgoing fibres/cables

Note 1 to entry: It comprises storage and protection of fibres/ribbons and interconnections with one single circuit per splice tray (Figure 2).

Note 2 to entry: Disturbance of operational circuits by accessing any other adjacent circuit should be minimised. The disturbance should stay within allowable tolerances given in related performance standards.

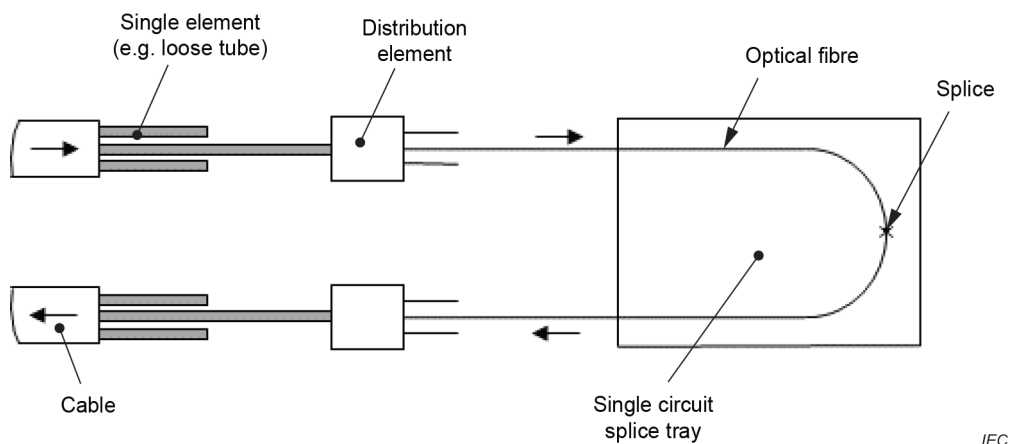


Figure 2 – Single circuit management system

3.1.9

single element

physical fibre separation level in the cable subassembly comprising one or more optical fibres inside a common covering for example in a tube or inside one groove of a grooved cable (slotted core cable)

Note 1 to entry: A single element provides services to more than one subscriber.

Note 2 to entry: This fibre separation level has all fibres from a cable element (e.g loose tube) on one splice tray. It is an intermediate degree of physical circuit separation (between single circuit and multiple element).

3.1.10

single element management system

system which provides all necessary equipment to connect a defined number of incoming and outgoing fibres/cables

Note 1 to entry: It comprises storage and protection of fibres/ribbons and interconnections in one tray for each single element (see Figure 3).

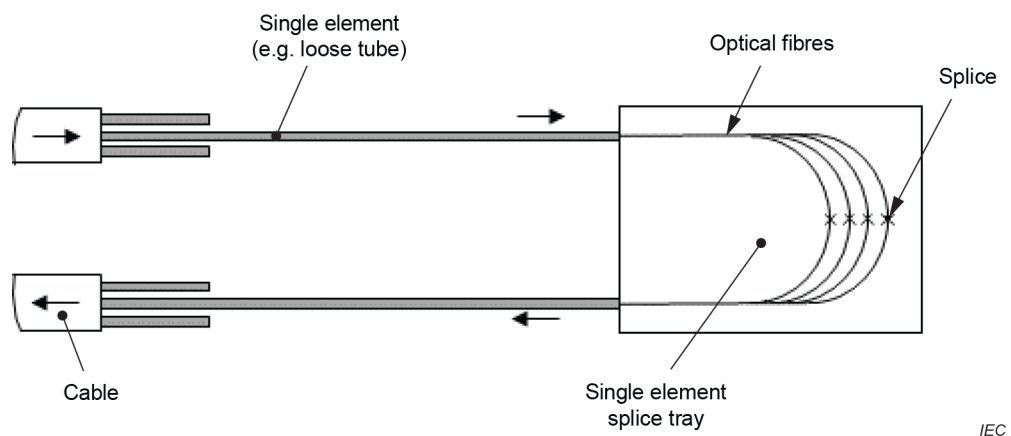


Figure 3– Single element management system

3.1.11

single ribbon

single element designed to carry all fibres of one ribbon

Note 1 to entry: Depending on the fibres deployment', a single ribbon can contain all the fibres of one circuit (single circuit) or the fibres of more than one circuit (single element).

### 3.1.12

#### **splice tray**

structure that organises and controls storage of fibre splices in an orderly manner, together with the associated excess uncabled fibre length

Note 1 to entry: It can be a part of a fibre management system.

### 3.1.13

#### **transient loss**

short term (ms) reversible change of optical transmission characteristics arising from optical discontinuity, physical defects and modifications of the attenuation (e.g. bending loss) normally caused by mechanical stress

### 3.1.14

#### **uncut fibre**

fibres from a continuous cable with the cable sheath removed over a defined length without cutting the fibres or tubes

Note 1 to entry: The uncut tubes or fibres are stored e.g. in a space saving loop. When required, the fibres are cut and spliced or connected.

## 3.2 Component related definitions

### 3.2.1

#### **active optical component**

optical component exhibiting one or more of the following functions:

- generation or detection of optical power;
- conversion of an electronic signal to a corresponding optical one or vice versa;
- optical amplification or optical regeneration (2R or 3R) of an optical signal;
- direct conversion of the optical frequency of an optical signal

### 3.2.2

#### **adapter**

component in which two or more ferrules are aligned

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

[SOURCE: IEC 60874-1:2011, 3.1, modified – The note has been added.]

### 3.2.3

#### **fan-out**

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

### 3.2.4

#### **fusion splice**

permanent joint accomplished by the application of localised heat sufficient to fuse or melt the ends of two lengths of optical fibre, to produce a continuous single optical fibre

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-731:1991, 731-05-06, modified – The words "a splice" has been replaced by "permanent joint".]

### 3.2.5

#### **fusion splice protector**

component which protects the weak fusion zone and the bare fibres of a fusion splice

Note 1 to entry: The most common types used in fibre management systems are heat shrinkable or mechanical fusion splice protectors.

### 3.2.6

#### **live fibre transmitting fibre**

fibre optical circuit that is carrying an optical signal

### 3.2.7

#### **mechanical splice**

fibre splice accomplished by fixtures or materials, rather than by thermal fusion

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-731:1991, 731-05-07]

### 3.2.8

#### **non-transmitting fibre**

optical circuit that is not carrying an optical signal

### 3.2.9

#### **optical connector set**

complete assembly of components required to provide demountable coupling between optical fibres

[SOURCE: IEC 60874-1:2011, 3.15, modified – The word "fibre" has been deleted from the term, and the definition has been rephrased.]

### 3.2.10

#### **optical fibre connector**

component normally attached to an optical cable or piece of apparatus for the purpose of providing optical interconnection and disconnection of optical fibres or cables

Note 1 to entry: The interconnection usually consists of two plugs mated together in an adapter or 1 plug mated in a socket.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-731:1991, 731-05-01, modified – The definition has been rephrased, and the note added.]

### 3.2.11

#### **optical fibre splice**

permanent or separable joint whose purpose is to couple optical power between two optical fibres, realised by either a fusion or a mechanical technique

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-731, 731-05-05, modified – The words "or separable" and "realised by either a fusion or a mechanical technique" have been added.]

### 3.2.12

#### **passive optical component**

optical component or assembly which does not require any source of energy for its operation other than optical input signals

Note 1 to entry: A passive optical component might need external power to control the stability of its optical characteristics. Example is controlling the temperature of the component.

Note 2 to entry: A passive optical component never generates an optical gain of signal power.

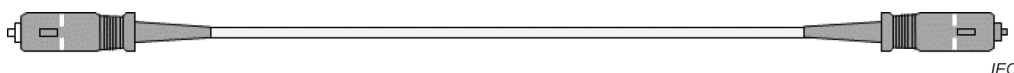
[SOURCE: IEC TS 62538 modified]

### 3.2.13

#### **patchcord**

length of optical fibre or cable, permanently terminated at both ends with a plug

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 4.



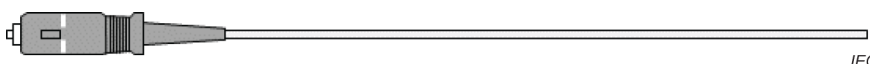
**Figure 4– Patchcord**

[SOURCE: IEC 60874-1:2011, 3.17, modified –The words "optical fibre" and "or jumper" have been deleted from the term. The note and figure have been added.]

### 3.2.14 pigtail

length of optical fibre or cable, permanently terminated at one end with a plug

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 5.



**Figure 5– Pigtail**

[SOURCE: IEC 60874-1:2011, 3.18, modified –The words "optical fibre" have been deleted from the term. The note and figure have been added.]

### 3.2.15 plug

male-type part of an optical fibre connector

Note 1 to entry: Optical fibre connectors are either two plugs mated in an adapter or one plug mated into a socket (female part).

[SOURCE: IEC 60874-1:2011, 3.20, modified – The words "fibre optic" have been added to the definition, and the note has been added.]

## 3.3 Protective housing related definitions

### 3.3.1 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.

### 3.3.2

#### free breathing closure

protective housing that allows a free exchange of air with the environment

Note 1 to entry: A free breathing closure may look like a sealed closure, but it is not designed to hold a varying overpressure or underpressure caused by temperature changes or atmospheric pressure changes. Free breathing closures are used in aerial environments for the interconnection of cables.

Note 2 to entry: Limited water ingress and/or limited dust ingress is possible. Free breathing closures are not intended for use in areas that are subject to flooding or water immersion.

[SOURCE: IEC 61753-1:2018]

### 3.3.3

#### optical distribution frame module sub rack

protective housing which is mountable in a supporting structure

Note 1 to entry: An optical distribution frame module contains a fibre management system and can provide rearrangeable interconnections between the fibres of the incoming and outgoing cables.

Note 2 to entry: The supporting structure that houses the ODFM is often called an equipment rack.

[SOURCE: IEC 61753-1:2018, 3.10, modified – The second preferred term "sub rack" has been added, and the word "protective" has been added in the definition.]

### 3.3.4 protective housing

indoor or outdoor housing utilised for the storage, distribution or protection of one or more cable joints or any passive or active components

Note 1 to entry: Examples of protective housings: closures, wall boxes, cabinets, cases, optical distribution frame modules, sub racks or pedestals. A closure can be either a "sealed closure" or a "free breathing closure".

Note 2 to entry: The protective housing contains a fibre management system.

[SOURCE: IEC 61753-1:2018, 3.16, modified – The definition and Note 1 have been rephrased, and the figure has been deleted.]

### 3.3.5 sealed closure

watertight and dust-tight housing that can hold a varying overpressure or underpressure caused by temperature changes or atmospheric pressure changes

Note 1 to entry: There is no exchange of air with the outside environment when exposed to temperatures over the specified operating temperature range.

Note 2 to entry: Although often referred to as hermetic sealed closures, humidity can enter the inner closure by diffusion.

Note 3 to entry: Sealed boxes or sealed wall outlets shall be treated as sealed closures.

Note 4 to entry: Complete inner filled housings are also considered to be sealed closures.

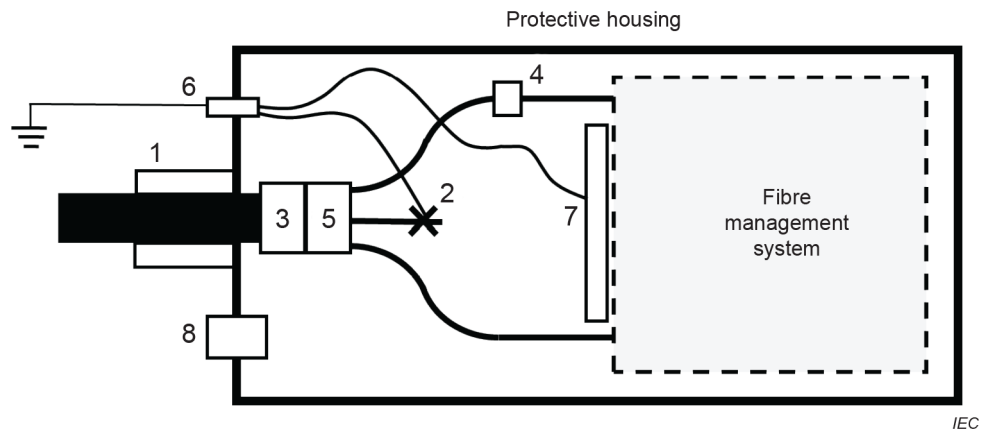
[SOURCE: IEC 61753-1:2018, 3.17]

## 4 Abbreviated terms

CO	central office
CWDM	coarse wavelength division multiplexer
DWDM	dense wavelength division multiplexer
FMS	fibre management system
FTTH	fibre to the home
ME	multiple element
MR	multiple ribbons
OADM	optical add drop multiplexer
ODFM	optical distribution frame module
SC	single circuit
SE	single element
SR	single ribbon
WWDM	wide wavelength division multiplexer

## 5 Description of a fibre management system

A fibre management system is typically installed inside a protective housing, normally a closure, wall box, distribution frame or street cabinet. Figures 6 and 7 illustrate and define the interface between the Fibre Management System and the protective housing.



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### Key

- 1 Cable sealing (required for outside plant, optional for indoor application)
- 2 Cable anchorage
- 3 Cable blocking (optional)
- 4 Gas blocking (optional)
- 5 Distribution element (optional)
- 6 Grounding (optional)
- 7 Fixing point for FMS in protective housing
- 8 Air pressure valve (input or overpressure exhaust) (optional)

**Figure 6 – Functional parts diagram of a protective housing**