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This edition includes the following significant change with respect to the previous edition: revision of the naming convention for A1 multimode fibres, which better matches with those found in ISO/IEC standards. These changes are outlined in the scope of this document along with a cross reference table for the new names.

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OPTICAL FIBRES –

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 is applicable to optical fibre sub-categories ~~A1a, A1b~~ A1-OM1, A1-OM2, A1-OM3, A1-OM4, A1-OM5, and A1d. These fibres are used or can be incorporated in information transmission equipment and optical fibre cables.

~~Sub-category A1a applies~~ Sub-categories A1-OM2, A1-OM3, A1-OM4 and A1-OM5 apply to 50/125 μm graded index fibre in four bandwidth grades ~~are defined as models A1a.1, A1a.2, A1a.3 and A1a.4~~. Each of these bandwidth grades is defined for two levels of macrobend loss performance that are distinguished by "a" or "b" suffix. Those ~~models~~ sub-categories with suffix "a" are specified to meet traditional macrobend loss performance levels. Those ~~models~~ sub-categories with suffix "b" are specified to meet enhanced macrobend loss (i.e. lower loss) performance levels. ~~Model A1a.4 supports single wavelength or multi-wavelength transmission systems in the vicinity of 850 nm to 950 nm.~~

Sub-category A1-OM5 is specified to support single wavelength or multi-wavelength transmission systems in the vicinity of 850 nm to 950 nm. Although not normatively specified, bandwidth information covering this wavelength range is also included for A1-OM3 and A1-OM4.

Sub-category ~~A1b~~ A1-OM1 applies to 62,5/125 μm graded index fibre and sub-category A1d applies to 100/140 μm graded index fibre.

Other applications include, but are not restricted to, the following: short reach, high bit-rate systems in telephony, distribution and local networks carrying data, voice and/or video services; on-premises intra-building and inter-building fibre installations including data centres, local area networks (LANs), storage area networks (SANs), private branch exchanges (PBXs), video, various multiplexing uses, outside telephone cable plant use, and miscellaneous related uses.

Three types of requirements apply to these fibres:

- general requirements, as defined in IEC 60793-2;
- specific requirements common to the category A1 multimode fibres covered in this document and which are given in Clause 5;
- particular requirements applicable to individual fibre sub-categories and models, or specific applications, which are defined in the normative specification Annexes A to D.

Table 1 shows the cross reference between the IEC A1 multimode optical fibre designations used in this document compared to those used in IEC 60793-2-10:2017. The table also refers to the normative annexes A, B and C for the A1 sub-category multimode fibres in this document that contains the detailed specification.

Table 1 – Cross reference IEC A1 multimode fibre designations to IEC 60793-2-10:2017

Annex	Sub-category	Sub-category/Model	Core diameter (nominal)	ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017
	This document designations	IEC 60793-2-10:2017 designations		Usage of cabled OMx fibres
A	A1-OM2	A1a.1	50 µm ^a	OM2 ^b
	A1-OM3	A1a.2	50 µm	OM3
	A1-OM4	A1a.3	50 µm	OM4
	A1-OM5	A1a.4	50 µm	OM5
B	A1-OM1	A1b	62,5 µm ^c	OM1 ^d
C	A1d	A1d	100 µm	-
^a Historically, ISO/IEC 11801:2002 also defined OM2 cables made with 62,5/125 µm fibres having a minimum overfilled launch bandwidth of 500 MHz·km at 850 nm and 500 MHz·km at 1 300 nm. This specific bandwidth combination of 62,5/125 µm fibre is not part of this document. ^b OM2 cables are not supported for new installations within ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017. ^c Historically, ISO/IEC 11801:2002 also defined OM1 cables made with 50/125 µm fibres having a minimum overfilled launch bandwidth of 200 MHz·km at 850 nm and 500 MHz·km at 1 300 nm. This specific bandwidth combination of 50/125 µm fibre is not part of this document. ^d OM1 cables are not supported for new installations within ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017.				

2 Normative references

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IEC 60793-1-20, *Optical fibres – Part 1-20: Measurement methods and test procedures – Fibre geometry*

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 60793-1-30, *Optical fibres – Part 1-30: Measurement methods and test procedures – Fibre proof test*

IEC 60793-1-31, *Optical fibres – Part 1-31: Measurement methods and test procedures – Tensile strength*

IEC 60793-1-32, *Optical fibres – Part 1-32: Measurement methods and test procedures – Coating strippability*

IEC 60793-1-33, *Optical fibres – Part 1-33: Measurement methods and test procedures – Stress corrosion susceptibility*

~~IEC 60793-1-34, *Optical fibres – Part 1-34: Measurement methods and test procedures – Fibre curl*~~

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IEC 60793-1-47, *Optical fibres – Part 1-47: Measurement methods and test procedures – Macrobending loss*

IEC 60793-1-49, *Optical fibres – Part 1-49: Measurement methods and test procedures – Differential mode delay*

IEC 60793-1-50, *Optical fibres – Part 1-50: Measurement methods and test procedures – Damp heat (steady state) tests*

IEC 60793-1-51, *Optical fibres – Part 1-51: Measurement methods and test procedures – Dry heat (steady state) tests*

IEC 60793-1-52, *Optical fibres – Part 1-52: Measurement methods and test procedures – Change of temperature tests*

IEC 60793-1-53, *Optical fibres – Part 1-53: Measurement methods and test procedures – Water immersion tests*

IEC 60793-2:~~2015~~, *Optical fibres – Part 2: Product specifications – General*

IEC 61280-4-1:2009, *Fibre-optic communication subsystem test procedures – Part 4-1: Installed cable plant – Multimode attenuation measurement*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

4 Abbreviated terms

CPR	coupled power ratio
DMD	differential mode delay
EF	encircled flux
EMB	effective modal bandwidth
EMB _c	calculated effective modal bandwidth
LAN	local area network
MMF	multimode fibre
NA	numerical aperture
OFL	overfilled launch
OMB _c	overfilled launch modal bandwidth calculated from differential mode delay (also known as OFL _c)
PBX	private branch exchange
PMD	physical medium dependent
ROFL	radial overfilled launch
SAN	storage area network

5 Specifications

5.1 General

The fibre consists of a glass core with a graded index profile and a glass cladding in accordance with IEC 60793-2:2015, 5.1.

The term "glass" usually refers to material consisting of non-metallic oxides.

5.2 Dimensional requirements

Dimensional attributes and measurement methods are given in Table 2.

Requirements common to all fibres in category A1 are indicated in Table 3.

Table 4 lists additional attributes that shall be specified by each sub-category specification.

Table 2 – Dimensional attributes and measurement methods

Attributes	Measurement methods
Cladding diameter	IEC 60793-1-20
Core diameter ^{a, b}	IEC 60793-1-20
Cladding non-circularity	IEC 60793-1-20
Core non-circularity	IEC 60793-1-20
Core-cladding concentricity error	IEC 60793-1-20
Primary coating diameter	IEC 60793-1-21
Primary coating non-circularity	IEC 60793-1-21
Primary coating-cladding concentricity error	IEC 60793-1-21
Fibre length	IEC 60793-1-22

^a Core diameter is specified at 850 nm ± 10 nm with a test specimen length of 2,0 m ± 0,2 m and a threshold value, k_{CORE} , of 0,025 for A1 fibres except ~~A1a.1b/2b/3b/4b~~ A1-OM2b, A1-OM3b, A1-OM4b, A1-OM5b fibres.

^b Core diameter is specified at 850 nm ± 10 nm with a test specimen length of 100 m ± 5 % and a threshold value, k_{CORE} , of 0,025 for ~~A1a.1b/2b/3b/4b~~ A1-OM2b, A1-OM3b, A1-OM4b, A1-OM5b fibres.

Table 3 – Dimensional requirements common to category A1 fibres

Attributes	Unit	Limits
Core non-circularity	%	≤ 6
Primary coating diameter – uncoloured ^a	µm	245 ± 10
Primary coating diameter – coloured ^a	µm	250 ± 15
Primary coating-cladding concentricity error	µm	≤ 12,5
Fibre length	km	^b

^a The limits on primary coating diameter are most commonly used in telecommunications cables. There are other applications, which use other primary coating diameters, several of which are listed below.
Alternative nominal primary coating diameters and tolerance (µm):
400 ± 40
500 ± 50
700 ± 100
900 ± 100

^b Length requirements vary and should be agreed between supplier and customer.

Table 4 – Additional dimensional attributes required in sub-category specifications

Attributes
Cladding diameter
Cladding non-circularity
Core diameter
Core-cladding concentricity error

5.3 Mechanical requirements

Mechanical attributes and measurement methods are given in Table 5.

Requirements common to all fibres in category A1 are in Table 6.

Table 5 – Mechanical attributes and measurement methods

Attributes	Test methods
Proof test	IEC 60793-1-30
Tensile strength	IEC 60793-1-31
Primary coating strippability	IEC 60793-1-32
Stress corrosion susceptibility	IEC 60793-1-33
Fibre curl	IEC 60793-1-34

Table 6 – Mechanical requirements common to category A1 fibres

Attributes	Unit	Limits
Proof stress level	GPa	$\geq 0,69^a$
Average strip force ^b	N	$1,0 \leq F_{avg} \leq 5,0$
Peak strip force ^b	N	$1,0 \leq F_{peak} \leq 8,9$
Tensile strength (median) for 0,5 m specimen length	GPa	$\geq 3,8$
Stress corrosion susceptibility constant, n_d	-	≥ 18
^a The proof test value of 0,69 GPa equals about 1 % strain or about 8,8 N force, for A1a and A1b A1-OM1 to A1-OM5 fibres. For the relation between these different units, see IEC TR 62048:2014, 8.4.		
^b Either average strip force or peak strip force, which are defined in the test procedure, may be specified by agreement between supplier and customer.		

5.4 Transmission requirements

Transmission attributes and measurement methods are given in Table 7.

Table 8 lists additional attributes that shall be specified by each sub-category specification.