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Part 1: General and guidance

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

- a) addition of the information of measurement uncertainties in 4.2.1;
- b) change of the requirements for attenuation variation in 4.2.2;
- c) addition of the multimode launch conditions of other fibres than A1-OM2, A1-OM3, A1-OM4, A1-OM5 and A3e in 10.4;
- d) addition of the multimode launch conditions of the planar waveguide in 10.6;
- e) splitting Annex A for EF and Annex B for EAF;
- f) correction of errors in the definitions of encircled flux and encircled angular flux.

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INTRODUCTION

The publications in IEC 61300 series [1]¹ contain information on mechanical and environmental testing procedures and measurement procedures relating to fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components. They are intended to be used to achieve uniformity and reproducibility in environmental testing procedures and measurement procedures.

The term "test procedure" refers to procedures commonly known as mechanical and environmental tests. The expressions "environmental conditioning" and "environmental testing" refer to the environments to which components or equipment may be exposed so that an assessment may be made of their performance under the conditions of use, transport and storage.

The term "measurement procedure" refers to those measurements which are necessary to assess the physical and optical characteristics of a component and may also be used before, during or after a test procedure to measure the effects of environmental conditioning or testing. The return loss and attenuation tests are examples of measurement procedures.

The requirements for the performance of components or equipment subjected to the test and measurement procedures described in this document are not included. The relevant specification for the device under test defines the allowed performance limits.

When drafting a specification or purchase contract, only those tests which are necessary for the relevant components or equipment taking into account the technical and economic aspects should be specified.

The mechanical and environmental test procedures are contained in IEC 61300-2 (all parts) and the measurement procedures in IEC 61300-3 (all parts). Each test or measurement procedure is published as a stand-alone publication so that it may be modified, expanded or cancelled without having an effect on any other test or measurement procedure. However, it should be noted that, where practical, reference is made to other standards as opposed to repeating all or part of already existing standards. As an example, the cold test for fibre optic apparatus refers to IEC 60068-2-1 [2], but it also provides other needed information such as purpose, recommended severities and a list of items to be specified.

Multiple methods may be contained in a test or measurement procedure. As an example, several methods of measuring attenuation are contained in the attenuation measurement procedure.

If more than one method is contained in a test or measurement procedure, the reference method may be identified.

The tests in this document permit the performance of components or equipment to be compared. To assess the overall quality of a production lot, the test procedures should be applied in accordance with a suitable sampling plan and may be supplemented by appropriate additional tests, if necessary.

To provide tests appropriate to the different intensities of an environmental condition, some of the test procedures have a number of degrees of severity. These different degrees of severity are obtained by varying the time, temperature or some other determining factor separately or in combination.

¹ Numbers in square bracket refer to the Bibliography.

FIBRE OPTIC INTERCONNECTING DEVICES AND PASSIVE COMPONENTS – BASIC TEST AND MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES –

Part 1: General and guidance

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61300 provides general information and guidance for the basic test and measurement procedures defined in IEC 61300-2 (all parts) and IEC 61300-3 (all parts) for interconnecting devices, passive components, mechanical splices, fusion splice protectors, fibre management systems and protective housings.

This document is used in combination with the relevant specification which defines the tests to be used, the required degree of severity for each of them, their sequence, if relevant, and the permissible performance limits. In the event of conflict between this document and the relevant specification, the latter takes precedence.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60050-731, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 731: Optical fibre communication* (available at www.electropedia.org)²⁰²²

IEC 60617, *Graphical symbols for diagrams* (available at <http://std.iec.ch/iec60617>)

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

IEC 60793-2-30, *Optical fibres – Part 2-30: Product specifications – Sectional specification for category A3 multimode fibres*

IEC 60825-1, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 60825-2, *Safety of laser products – Part 2: Safety of optical fibre communication systems (OFCSS)*

IEC 61280-1-4, *Fibre optic communication subsystem test procedures – Part 1-4: General communication subsystems – Light source encircled flux measurement method*

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

IEC 61300-2 (all parts), *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2: Tests*

IEC 61300-3 (all parts), *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3: Examinations and measurements*

IEC 61300-3-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-1: Examinations and measurements – Visual examination*

IEC 61300-3-35, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-35: Examinations and measurements – Visual inspection of fibre optic connectors and fibre-stub transceivers*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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3.1.1

test

technical operation that consists of the determination of one or more characteristics of a given product, process or service according to a specified procedure and normally consists of the following steps:

- a) preparation (where required);
- b) preconditioning (where required);
- c) initial examination and measurement (where required);
- d) conditioning;
- e) recovery (where required);
- f) final examination and measurement

3.1.2

device under test

DUT

interconnecting device, passive component, equipment or other item designated to be tested

3.1.3

preparation

preparing the DUT according to the manufacturer's instructions or as specified in the relevant specification

3.1.4

preconditioning

treatment of a DUT with the object of removing or partly counteracting the effects of its previous environmental history or acclimatisation of the test specimen to standard atmospheric conditions

3.1.5

conditioning

exposure of a DUT to environmental or mechanical conditions for a specified duration in order to determine the effects of such conditions on the DUT

3.1.6

recovery

treatment of a DUT after conditioning in order that the properties of the DUT may stabilise before measurement

**3.1.7
examination**

visual and/or mechanical inspection of a DUT made with or without the use of special equipment

Note 1 to entry: Examination is usually carried out before and after the test, and/or during the test.

**3.1.8
measurement**

process of obtaining one or more values that can reasonably be attributed to a quantity

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-112:2010, 112-04-01, modified – The adverb "experimentally" has been removed from the definition, as well as the notes.]

**3.1.9
uncertainty of measurement**

quantified doubt about the result of a measurement

Note 1 to entry: ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008 [3] defines uncertainty of measurement.

Note 2 to entry: IEC TR 61282-14 [4] provides the information of measurement uncertainties.

**3.1.10
encircled flux****EF**

fraction of cumulative near-field power to the total output power as a function of radial distance from the optical centre of the core, defined by Formula (1):

$$EF(r) = \frac{\int_0^r xI(x) dx}{\int_0^R xI(x) dx} \quad (1)$$

where

$I(x)$ is the near-field intensity profile as a function of radial position x ;

R is the maximum range of integration

Note 1 to entry: The encircled flux shall be measured according to IEC 61280-1-4.

**3.1.11
encircled angular flux****EAF**

fraction of cumulative far-field power to the total output power as a function of incident angle θ from the optical central axis of the far-field pattern, defined by Formula (2):

$$EAF(\theta') = \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\theta'} I(\theta, \varphi) \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\cos^3(\theta)} d\theta d\varphi}{\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\theta_{\max}} I(\theta, \varphi) \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\cos^3(\theta)} d\theta d\varphi} \quad (2)$$

where

$I(\theta, \varphi)$ is the far-field intensity profile as a function of radial angle and circular angle;

r is the radial distance from the origin corresponding to an angle between one ray emitted from the multimode waveguide and the optical axis of the multimode waveguide, calculated by $d_f \tan \theta$;

φ is a circular angle in polar coordinates;

- θ is an angle between one ray emitted from the multimode waveguide and the optical axis;
- θ_{\max} is the maximum ray angle, which is approximately 30° for category A3 multimode fibre for example;
- d_f is the distance between the end of multimode optical waveguide and far field pattern (FFP) screen.

Note 1 to entry: The encircled angular flux is measured according to IEC 61300-3-53 [5].

3.1.12
differential mode attenuation
DMA

variation in attenuation among the propagating modes of a multimode optical fibre

[SOURCE: IEC TR 62614-2:2015 [6], 3.4]

3.1.13
standard uncertainty

uncertainty of a measurement result expressed as a standard deviation

Note 1 to entry: For further information, see the ISO/IEC Guide 98-3.

3.1.14
uncertainty type A

type of uncertainty obtained by a statistical analysis of a series of observations, such as when evaluating certain random effects of measurement

Note 1 to entry: See Annex A and ISO/IEC Guide 98-3.

3.1.15
uncertainty type B

type of uncertainty obtained by means other than a statistical analysis of observations, for example an estimation of probable sources of uncertainty, such as when evaluating systematic effects of measurement

Note 1 to entry: See Annex A and ISO/IEC Guide 98-3.

3.1.16
measurement repeatability

measurement precision under a set of repeatability conditions of measurement

3.1.17
measurement reproducibility

reproducibility measurement precision under reproducibility conditions of measurement

3.1.18
stability

ability of a measuring instrument to keep its performance characteristics within a specified range during a specified time interval, all other conditions being the same

3.1.19
repeatability condition

condition of measurement that includes the same measurement procedure, same operators, same measuring system, same operating conditions and same location, and replicate measurements on the same or similar objects over a short period of time

3.1.20
reproducibility condition

condition of measurement that includes different locations, operators, measuring systems, and replicate measurements on the same or similar objects

3.2 Abbreviated terms

DMA	differential mode attenuation
DUT	device under test
EAF	encircled angular flux
EF	encircled flux
FFP	far field pattern
FP-LD	Fabry-Perot laser diode
GI	graded index
LED	light emitting diode
NA	numerical aperture
SI	step index
VCSEL	vertical cavity surface emitting laser

4 Requirements for IEC 61300-2 (all parts) and IEC 61300-3 (all parts)

4.1 Requirements for IEC 61300-2 (all parts) (tests)

IEC 61300-2 (all parts) shall contain the following items:

- test apparatus;
- test procedures;
- severities;
- details to be specified and reported.

4.2 Requirements for IEC 61300-3 (all parts) (examinations and measurement procedures)

4.2.1 General requirements

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IEC 61300-3 (all parts) shall contain the following items:

- measurement apparatus;
- measurement procedures;
- method of calculation (where required);
- consideration of measurement uncertainty;
- details to be specified and reported.

NOTE 1 The measurement uncertainty herein means the measurement uncertainty of the physical value of the performance parameters of DUT, not that for measurement apparatus (instruments).

NOTE 2 The measurement uncertainty is expressed as an absolute value not using "±".

The measurement accuracy, linearity, stability and repeatability of each measurement apparatus are possible to affect the measurement uncertainty. The relation of those factors on the measurement uncertainty should be described. When the reference value, such as the setting values, the initial values, the nominal values, can be defined, the sign "±" can be adopted for the deviation from the reference values (refer to 6.2 and 6.3).

4.2.2 Requirements for attenuation variation

For interconnecting devices and passive optical components, the attenuation variation is defined as a plus or minus (±) deviation from the original value at the start of the test, unless otherwise specified.