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Part 9-2: Reliability qualification for fibre optic connectors

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INTRODUCTION

This PAS/Pre-standard has been produced by IEC/TC 86 Fibre Optics, SC 86B Fibre Optic Interconnecting Devices and Passive Optical Components, WG 5 Reliability of Fibre Optic Interconnecting Devices and Passive Components.

Both a Performance Qualification Standard (PQS) and a Reliability Qualification Standard (RQS) define a set of prescribed conditions and contain a series or a set of tests and measurements (which may or may not be grouped into a specific schedule) with clearly defined conditions, severities and pass/fail criteria. The tests are intended to be run on a 'once-off' basis to prove the product's ability to satisfy the performance or reliability requirements of a specific application, market sector or user group.

The subsequent parts of this PAS/Pre-standard contain those sets of reliability criteria that have been standardized for international use. A product that has been shown to meet all the requirements of a reliability standard may be declared as complying with that reliability standard.

It is recognised that component reliability qualification could be accomplished in alternative ways. The procedures in this standard are a baseline, but other qualification methods could prove to be more cost-effective. Alternative methods may be included in future revisions of this PAS/Pre-standard if they are demonstrated to be effectively equivalent to the baseline procedures.

Compliance with an RQS demonstrates that a product has met its optical and mechanical performance over the duration of the applied test programs. Consistency of manufacture should be maintained using a recognized Quality Assurance program.

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1 Scope

This PAS/Pre-standard applies to passive optical components and optical elements such as

connectors

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pig-tails.

As the optical power of transmission systems increases, high-power ageing and optical transient effects may become important for some components. At present, limited data and understanding are available for the development of reliability tests for high optical power; therefore, these are not included in this PAS/Pre-standard.

2 Normative References

The following standards contain provisions that, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this PAS/Pre-standard. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreement based on this PAS/Pre-standard are encouraged to use the most recent editions. A catalogue of current IEC and ISO standards can be found on http://www.iec.ch and http://www.iso/ch, respectively.

IEC 61753-1, General and guidance for performance standards

IEC 61300 series. Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures

IEC 62005 series Reliability of tibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components

NOTE Informative (not normative) references are given in Section 8.

3 Definitions

The following definition applies for the purpose of this PAS/Pre-standard:

Reliability standard test report: A fully documented report which contains supporting evidence that the reliability tests have been carried out and the stated performance requirements met.

4 Preparation of the Reliability Qualification Standard

In the preparation of the RQS, the following items were considered and instructions pertaining to them included: Product Definition, Service Environments, Tests, Details, Requirements, Sample Size, Groupings/Sequences, Pass/Fail Criteria, and Reference Product Definition.

4.1 **Product Definition**

The passive optical component product to which the RQS relates shall be clearly defined, for example, any of those components mentioned in the Scope above.