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FIBRE OPTIC INTERCONNECTING DEVICES AND PASSIVE COMPONENTS – NON-WAVELENGTH-SELECTIVE FIBRE OPTIC BRANCHING DEVICES –

Part 1: Generic specification

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60875 applies to non-wavelength-selective fibre optic branching devices, all exhibiting the following features:

– they are passive, in that they contain no optoelectronic or other transducing elements;

– they have three or more ports for the entry and/or exit of optical power, and share optical power among these ports in a predetermined fashion;

– the ports are optical fibres, or optical fibre connectors.

This standard establishes uniform requirements for the optical, mechanical and environmental properties.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60027 (all parts), *Letter symbols to be used in electrical technology*

IEC 60050-731, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 731: Optical fibre communication*

IEC 60617-SN, *Graphical symbols for diagrams*

IEC 60695-11-5, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-5: Test flames – Needle-flame test method – Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance*

IEC 60825 (all parts), *Safety of laser products*

IEC 61300 (all parts), *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components*

IEC 61930, *Fibre optic graphic symbology*

IEC Guide 102, *Electronic components – Specification structures for quality assessment (Qualification approval and capability approval)*

IECQ 01, *IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ Scheme) – Basic Rules*

IECQ 001002-3, *IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ) – Rules of Procedure – Part 3: Approval procedures*

ISO 129-1, *Technical drawings – Indication of dimensions and tolerances – Part 1: General principles*

ISO 286-1, *ISO system of limits and fits – Part 1: Bases of tolerances, deviations and fits*

ISO 1101, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) – Geometrical tolerancing – Tolerances of form, orientation, location and run-out*

ISO 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats – Information interchange – Representation of dates and times*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-731 and the following apply.

3.1 Basic term definitions

3.1.1
port
optical fibre or optical connector attached to a passive component for the entry (input port) and/or exit (output port) of the optical power

3.1.2
optical pigtail
short length of jumper or cable forming an optical port for an optic component

3.1.3
transfer matrix
optical properties of a non-wavelength-selective optic branching device can be defined in terms of an $n \times n$ matrix of coefficients, n being the number of ports, with the coefficients representing the fractional optical power transferred between designated ports

In general, the transfer matrix T is as follows:

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} t_{11} & t_{12} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & t_{1n} \\ t_{21} & & & & & \\ \cdot & & & & & \\ \cdot & & & t_{ij} & & \\ \cdot & & & & & \\ t_{n1} & & & & & t_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

t_{ij} is the ratio of the optical power P_{ij} transferred out of port j with respect to input power P_i into port i, that is:

$$t_{ij} = P_{ij}/P_i$$

The transfer matrix is used to classify the different types of non-wavelength-selective branching devices which are specified in this generic specification.

In a non-wavelength-selective branching device, the coefficients t_{ij} may be a function of the input wavelength, input polarization or modal power distribution. The values of these parameters are provided in the detail specification, when necessary.

Single-mode, non-wavelength-selective branching devices may operate in a coherent fashion with respect to multiple inputs. Consequently, the transfer coefficients may be affected by the relative phase and intensity of simultaneous coherent optical power inputs at two or more ports

3.1.4
transfer coefficient
element t_{ij} of the transfer matrix

3.1.5
logarithmic transfer matrix
in general, the logarithmic transfer matrix is as follows:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & & & & & \\ \cdot & & & & & \\ \cdot & & & a_{ij} & & \\ \cdot & & & & & \\ a_{n1} & & & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

a_{ij} is the optical power reduction in decibels out of port j with unit power into port i, that is:

$$a_{ij} = -10 \log t_{ij}$$

where t_{ij} is the transfer matrix coefficient

3.1.6
conducting ports
two ports i and j between which t_{ij} is nominally greater than zero

3.1.7
isolated ports
two ports i and j between which t_{ij} is nominally zero, and a_{ij} is nominally infinite

3.2 Component definitions

3.2.1
non-wavelength-selective branching device
passive component possessing three or more ports which operates over a specified range of wavelengths and shares the optical power coming into an input port among its output ports in a predetermined fashion, without any amplification, switching, or other active modulation

3.2.2
splitter
term frequently used as a synonym for a non-wavelength-selective branching device with 1 or 2 entries (input ports) and more then 4 exits (output ports) designed and intended to produce equal optical power at the output ports

3.2.3
coupler
term frequently used as a synonym for a non-wavelength-selective branching device with 1 or 2 entries (input ports) and 4 or less exits (output ports) or with M entries (input ports) and up to N exits (output ports) where the number of exits (output ports) is larger then one (N>1)

3.2.4
symmetric non-wavelength-selective branching device
device whose transfer matrix is diagonally symmetric, i.e. where for all i and j, t_{ij} and t_{ji} are nominally equal

3.2.5
asymmetric non-wavelength-selective branching device
device whose transfer matrix is diagonally asymmetric, i.e. where there exists at least one i and j for which t_{ij} and t_{ij} are nominally unequal

3.2.6
balanced coupler
term frequently used as a synonym for a symmetric non-wavelength-selective branching device which is designed and intended to produce that each output port power from the same input port is equal

3.2.7
unbalanced coupler
term frequently used as a synonym for a asymmetric non-wavelength-selective branching device which is designed and intended to produce that power at each output port is different

3.2.8
tap-coupler
term frequently used as a synonym for a unbalanced coupler, typically the coupling ratio is from 1 % to 20 %

3.2.9
polarization dependent loss
PDL
maximum variation of insertion loss due to a variation of the state of polarization (SOP) over all the SOPs

3.3 Performance parameter definitions

3.3.1
insertion loss
element, a_{ij} (where $i \neq j$), of the logarithmic transfer matrix; reduction in optical power between an input and output port of a passive component expressed in decibels and defined as

$$a = -10 \log (P_1/P_0)$$

where

P_0 is the optical power launched into the input port;

P_1 is the optical power received from the output port

3.3.2
return loss
element, a_{ij} (where i = j), of the logarithmic transfer matrix; fraction of input power that is returned from the input port of a passive component and defined as

$$RL = -10 \log (P_1/P_0)$$

where

P_0 is the optical power launched into the input port;

P_1 is the optical power received back from the same port

3.3.3
directivity
value of a_{ij} between two isolated ports