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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61755 defines certain dimensional limits of an angled PC rectangular thermoset (TS) ferrule optical interface in order to meet specific requirements for fibre-to-fibre interconnection. Ferrules made from the material specified in this standard are suitable for use in categories C, U, E, and O as defined in IEC 61753-1.

Ferrule interface dimensions and features are contained in the IEC 61754 series, which deals with fibre optic connector interfaces.

2 Normative references

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

IEC 61300-3-30, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-30: Examinations and measurements – Polish angle and fibre position on single ferrule multifibre connectors*

IEC 61300-3-52, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-52: Examinations and measurements – Guide hole and alignment pin deformation constant, C_D for 8 degree angled PC rectangular ferrule, single mode fibres*

IEC 61754 (all parts), *Fibre optic interconnection devices and passive components – Fibre optic connector interfaces*

IEC 61754-5:2005, *Fibre optic connector interfaces – Part 5: Type MT connector family*

IEC 61754-7:2008, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Fibre optic connector interfaces – Part 7: Type MPO connector family*

IEC 61754-7-1:2014, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Fibre optic connector interfaces – Part 7-1: Type MPO connector family – One fibre row*

IEC 61755-1, *Fibre optic connector optical interfaces – Part 1: Optical interface for single mode non dispersion shifted fibres – General and guidance*

3 Description

The performance of a single mode angled PC rectangular ferrule optical interface is determined by the accuracy with which the optical datum targets of two mating ferrules are aligned with each other. There are three conditions affecting the alignment of the optical datum targets: lateral offset, angular offset, and longitudinal offset.

Parameters influencing the lateral and angular offset of the optical fibre axes include the following:

- fibre hole deviation from designated location;
- fibre cladding diameter relative to fibre hole clearance;
- fibre hole angular misalignment;
- fibre core concentricity relative to the cladding diameter;
- alignment pin diameter relative to the guide hole clearance.

Parameters influencing the longitudinal offset of the optical fibre axes include the following:

- fibre protrusion;
- fibre array minus coplanarity;
- adjacent fibre height differential;
- end face angle in the x-axis;
- end face angle in the y-axis;
- end face radius in the x-axis;
- end face radius in the y-axis;
- fibre tip spherical radii;
- axial force on ferrule end face;
- ferrule and fibre material constants;
- frictional force of alignment pins in ferrule guide holes.

4 Interface parameters

This standard defines the dimensional limits of angled PC rectangular ferrules with a single row of up to 12 fibres. The fibre centres are spaced with a nominal alignment pitch of 0,25 mm. Interface variants, which identify nominal ferrule cross-sections and applicable fibre counts, are given in Table 1. The fibre numbering conventions are illustrated in Figure 1.

Optical interface dimensions related to lateral and angular offset are defined in Figure 2 and the alignment pin geometry is shown in Figure 3. The end face geometry parameters that influence longitudinal offset are outlined in Figure 4.

The parameter values related to lateral and angular offset are given in Table 2. End face geometry limits associated with longitudinal offset are specified in Table 3.

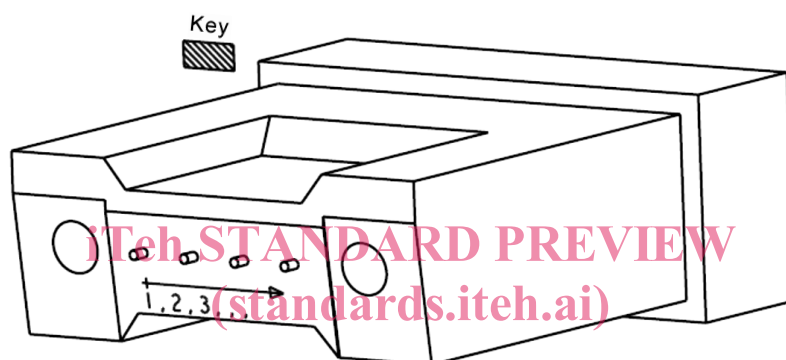
Table 1 – Optical interface variant information

Variant number ^{b,c}	Nominal ferrule cross section ^a mm × mm	Number of fibres
2112	2,45 × 6,4	12

^a Refer to the applicable IEC 61754 series fibre optic connector interface standard for dimensional requirements.

^b The four-digit variant code describes a combination of material type, nominal ferrule cross-section and number of fibres. The first digit defines 1 for PPS ferrule materials and 2 for thermoset materials; the second digit represents 2,45 mm × 4,4 mm with 0 and 2,45 mm × 6,4 mm with 1; and the last two digits designates the number of fibres.

^c All ferrule materials for rectangular type ferrules are intended to be intermateable, in the lowest specified performance category as described in IEC 61755-1, provided that the last three digits of the variant number are the same. It is also possible to mate ferrules with different fibre counts, in which case all mating fibres shall meet the designated performance category.



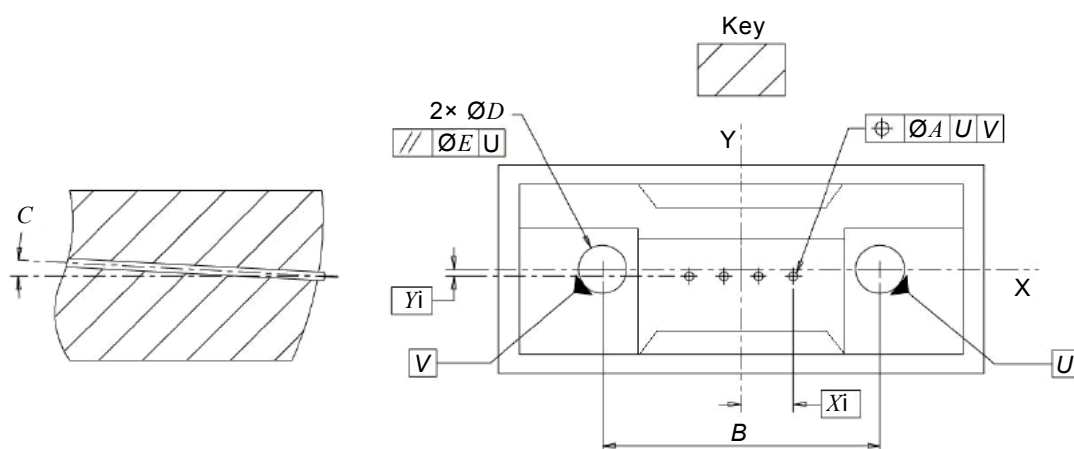
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Figure 1 – Fibre numbering conventions

To provide optical fibre-to-fibre interconnection, mating ferrules have to be correctly keyed. Refer to the applicable IEC 61754 series document to ensure correct key orientation.



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Figure 2 – Interface dimensions related to lateral and angular offset

The optical interface coordinate system is established with an x-axis, which passes through the guide hole centres and a perpendicular y-axis that passes through the midpoint of the line connecting the guide hole centres.

The basic x-location, X_i , for each fibre core centre is defined as:

$$X_i = (2i - n - 1) 0,125$$

where, i corresponds to the i^{th} fibre per the numbering conventions outlined in Figure 1 and n is the total number of fibres in the array.

The basic y-location, Y_i , for each fibre core centre is defined as follows:

$$Y_i = \alpha \frac{D_o - D_i}{2} + C_D$$

The basic alignment pin dimension, D_i , is 0,698 5 mm and the basic guide hole dimension, D_o , is a nominal value based on the manufacturer designed average hole size. The constant, α , relates to differences in guide pin pitch and varies between 0 and 1. The term C_D is a deformation constant based on ferrule structure, material, and moulding condition. Typical values C_D are between 0,3 μm and 0,6 μm . Refer to IEC 61300-3-52 for information on how to measure and define Y_i .

To ensure compatibility when mating rectangular ferrules with alternative Y_i targets, manufacturers of ferrules shall report their specified values for Y_i , α , D_o , and C_D .

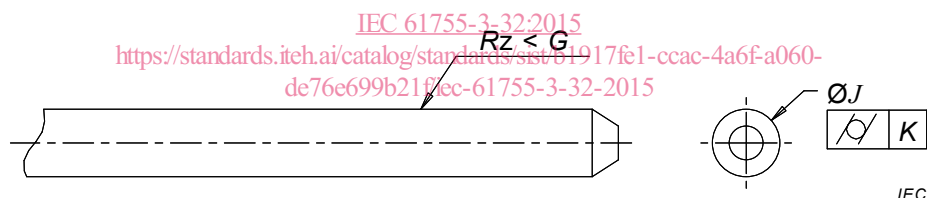
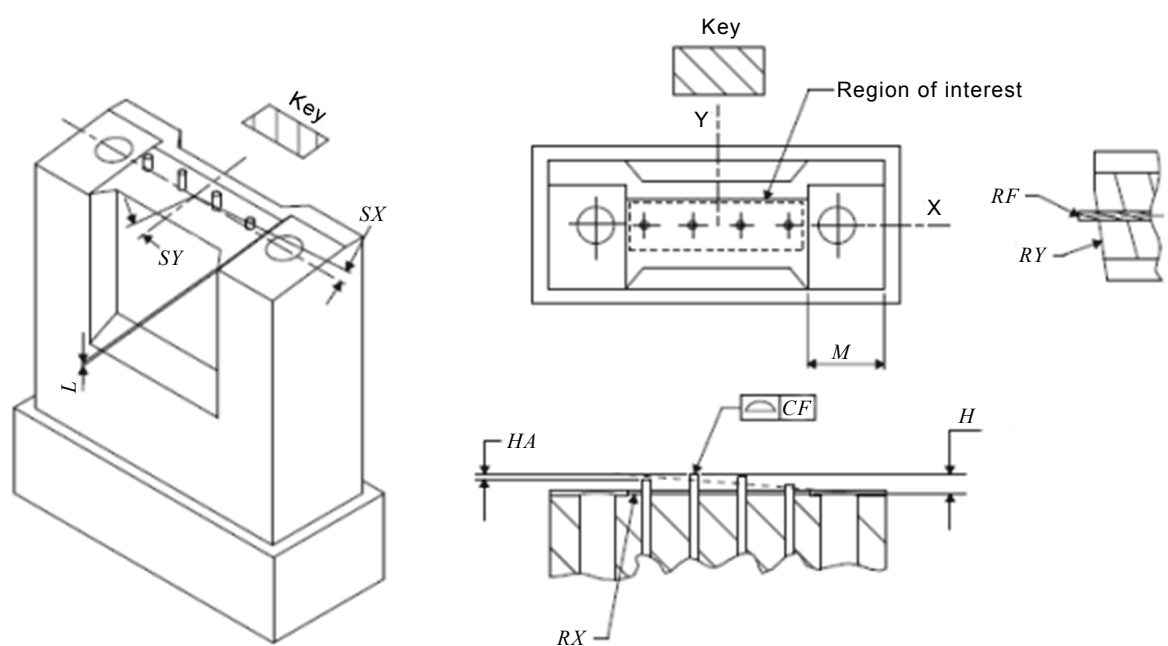


Figure 3 – Alignment pin geometry



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NOTE Just four fibres shown for simplicity.

Figure 4 – Interface dimensions related to longitudinal offset

The optical interface coordinate system is established with an x-axis, which passes through the guide hole centres, a perpendicular y-axis that passes through the midpoint of the line connecting the guide hole centres, and an orthogonal z-axis pointing away from the ferrule. All parameters are illustrated as positive values with respect to the defined coordinate system. Concave ferrule radii are indicated by negative values.

Table 2 – Optical interface dimensions related to lateral and angular offset for optical interface variant 2112

Ref.	Parameter values						Units	Remarks
	Grade B		Grade C		Grade D			
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum		
<i>A</i>			–	0,002 0			mm	Core position ^{a,b}
<i>B</i>			4,598	4,602			mm	Hole pitch
<i>C</i>			–	0,2			°	Fibre angle error
<i>D</i>			0,699 0	0,699 6			mm	Diameter ^c
<i>E</i>			–	0,012			mm	Hole parallelism ^d
<i>G</i>			–	200			nm	RMS roughness
<i>J</i>			0,698 0	0,699 0			mm	Diameter
<i>K</i>			–	0,000 5			mm	Cylindricity
<i>L</i>			0,010	0,350			mm	Recess Depth
<i>M</i>			1,4	1,5				Recess Width

NOTE 1 The core location and tilt angle values specified in this standard have been calculated to ensure that the attenuation values specified in IEC 61755-2-1 are met, under all circumstances, at the single channel level. Refer to Annex A for the relationship between per channel and per connector loss statistics.

NOTE 2 Refer to Figure 2 and Figure 3 for dimensional references.

- ^a Variation in fibre core centre location, as controlled by true position tolerance $\varnothing A$, is composed of several parameters including the fibre hole deviation, clearance between fibre cladding and hole, and relative fibre core-to-cladding concentricity. Wherever possible, inspection of the core centre shall be directly measured. Where this is not possible, due to inspection system capability or other constraints, the relevant component features may be independently measured and superimposed to establish a resultant fibre core true position.
- ^b If the fibre core centre location is not directly measured for grade C performance, the fibre hole true position target shall be less than 0,001 6 mm for ferrules terminated to IEC 60793-2-50 compliant fibre with a fibre hole diameter ranging between 0,125 5 mm and 0,126 5 mm.
- ^c Each guide hole shall accept a gauge pin as shown in Figure 2 of IEC 61754-5:2005 and Figure 5 of IEC 61754-7-1:2014 to a depth of 5,5 mm with a maximum force of 1,7 N. In addition, two guide holes shall accept a gauge as shown in Figure 6 of IEC 61754-5:2005 and Figure 5 of IEC 61754-7:2008 to a depth of 5,5 mm with a maximum force of 3,4 N.
- ^d Parallelism tolerance applies over a hole depth of 3,3 mm.

Table 3 – Optical interface end face geometry dimensions related to physical contact for optical interface variant 2112

Ref.	Parameter values		Units	Remarks
	Minimum	Maximum		
<i>CF</i>	–	0,30	μm	Minus coplanarity ^a
<i>SX</i>	–0,15	0,15	°	Ferrule surface x-angle ^b
<i>SY</i>	7,8	8,2	°	Ferrule surface y-angle ^c
<i>H</i>	1	3,5	μm	Fibre height ^d
<i>HA</i>	0	0,5	μm	Adjacent fibre height
<i>RF</i>	1	–	mm	Fibre tip spherical radius ^e
<i>RX</i>	2 000 (convex) –10 000 (concave)	–	mm	Ferrule surface x-radius
<i>RY</i>	5	–	mm	Ferrule surface y-radius
<i>GL</i>	–	13,9		Geometry limit ^f

NOTE 1 End face parameter requirements apply to performance grades B, C, and D.

NOTE 2 Refer to Figure 4 for dimensional references.

NOTE 3 End face geometry to be measured in accordance with IEC 61300-3-30.

NOTE 4 The values in Table 3 above to be specified in the central surface region surrounding fibres of 2,900 mm wide and 0,675 mm high. Furthermore, the outside surface region is lower than the central surface region of interest.

NOTE 5 The values in Table 3 above apply for thermoset (TS) ferrules with a Young's modulus of 20 GPa to 25 GPa. Ferrule compression force: 7,8 N minimum and 11,8 N maximum.

^a Refer to Annex B for a description of minus coplanarity.

^b X-angle represents the slope of the ferrule surface as defined by a bi-parabolic fit in accordance with IEC 61300-3-30.

^c Y-angle represents the slope of the ferrule surface as defined by a bi-parabolic fit in accordance with IEC 61300-3-30.

^d A positive value indicates a fibre protrusion.

^e Fibre tip spherical radii fitting region is defined within IEC 61300-3-30.

^f Refer to Annex C for a description of parameter *GL*.