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The main changes with respect to EN 61280-4-1:2004 are listed below:

- an additional measurement method based on optical time domain reflectometry (OTDR) is documented, with guidance on best practice in using the OTDR and interpreting OTDR traces;
- the requirement for the sources used to measure multimode fibres is changed from one based on coupled power ratio (CPR) and mandrel requirement to one based on measurements of the near field at the output of the launching test cord;
- highlighting the importance of, and giving guidance on, good measurement practices including cleaning and inspection of connector end faces.

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Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications

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NOTE When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60825-2	- ¹⁾	Safety of laser products - Part 2: Safety of optical fibre communication systems (OFCS)	EN 60825-2	2004 ²⁾
IEC 61280-1-3	- ³⁾	Fibre optic communication subsystem test procedures - Part 1-3: General communication subsystems - Central wavelength and spectral width measurement	EN 61280-1-3	- ³⁾
IEC 61280-1-4	- ¹⁾	Fibre optic communication subsystem test procedures - Part 1-4: General communication subsystems - Light source encircled flux measurement method	EN 61280-1-4	200X ⁴⁾
IEC/PAS 61300-3-35	- ¹⁾	Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 3-35: Examinations and measurements - Fibre optic cylindrical connector endface visual inspection	-	-
IEC 61315	- ¹⁾	Calibration of fibre-optic power meters	EN 61315	2006 ²⁾
IEC 61745	- ¹⁾	End-face image analysis procedure for the calibration of optical fibre geometry test sets	-	-
IEC 61746	- ¹⁾	Calibration of optical time-domain reflectometers (OTDR)	EN 61746	2005 ²⁾

¹⁾ Undated reference.

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- An additional measurement method based on optical time domain reflectometry (OTDR) is documented, with guidance on best practice in using the OTDR and interpreting OTDR traces.
- The requirement for the sources used to measure multimode fibres is changed from one based on coupled power ratio (CPR) and mandrel requirement to one based on measurements of the near field at the output of the launching test cord.

- Highlighting the importance of, and giving guidance on, good measurement practices including cleaning and inspection of connector end faces.

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A list of all the parts in the IEC 61280 series, under the general title *Fibre-optic communication subsystem test procedure*, can be found on the IEC website.

For the Part 4, the new subtitle will be *Installed cable plant*. Subtitles of existing standards in this series will be updated at the time of the next edition.

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Part 4-1: Installed cable plant – Multimode attenuation measurement

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61280-4 is applicable to the measurement of attenuation of installed fibre-optic cabling using multimode fibre, typically in lengths of up to 2 000 m. This cabling can include multimode fibres, connectors, adapters and splices.

Cabling design standards such as ISO/IEC 11801, ISO/IEC 24702 and ISO/IEC 24764 contain specifications for this type of cabling. ISO/IEC 14763-3, which supports these design standards, makes reference to the test methods of this standard.

In this standard, the fibre types that are addressed include category A1a (50/125 μm) and A1b (62,5/125 μm) multimode fibres, as specified in IEC 60793-2-10. The attenuation measurements of the other multimode categories can be made, using the approaches of this standard, but the source conditions for the other categories have not been defined.

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

IEC 61280-1-3, *Fibre optic communication subsystem basic test procedures – Part 1-3: Test procedures for general communication subsystems – Central wavelength and spectral width measurement*

IEC 61280-1-4, *Fibre optic communication subsystem test procedures – Part 1-4: General communication subsystems – Light source encircled flux measurement method¹*

IEC 61300-3-35, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-35: Examinations and measurements – Fibre optic cylindrical connector endface visual inspection*

IEC 61315, *Calibration of fibre-optic power meters*

IEC 61745, *End-face image analysis procedure for the calibration of optical fibre geometry test sets*

IEC 61746, *Calibration of optical time-domain reflectometers (OTDRs)*

¹ A new edition is in preparation.

3 Terms, definitions, graphical symbols and acronyms

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

3.1 Terms and definitions

3.1.1

attenuation

reduction of optical power induced by transmission through a medium such as cabling, given as L (dB)

$$L = 10 \log_{10}(P_{\text{in}}/P_{\text{out}})$$

where P_{in} and P_{out} are the power, typically measured in mW, into and out of the cabling

3.1.2

light source power meter

LSPM

test system consisting of a light source (LS), power meter (PM) and associated test cords used to measure the attenuation of installed cable plant

3.1.3

optical time domain reflectometer

OTDR

test system consisting of an optical time-domain reflectometer and associated test cords used to characterize and measure the attenuation of installed cable plant and specific elements within that cable plant

3.1.4

test cord

terminated optical fibre cord used to connect the optical source or detector to the cabling, or to provide suitable interfaces to the cabling under test

NOTE There are five types of test cords:

- launch cord: used to connect the light source to the cabling;
- receive cord: used to connect the cabling to the power meter (LSPM only);
- tail cord: attached to the far end of the cabling when an OTDR is used at the near end. This provides a means of evaluating attenuation of the whole of the cabling including the far end connection;
- adapter cord: used to transition between sockets or other incompatible connectors in a required test configuration;
- substitution cord: a test cord used within a reference measurement which is replaced during the measurement of the loss of the cabling under test.

3.1.5

bidirectional measurement

two measurements of the same optical fibre, made by launching light into opposite ends of that fibre

3.1.6

configuration

form or arrangements of parts or elements such as terminations, connections and splices

3.1.7

encircled flux

EF

fraction of cumulative near field power to total output power as a function of radial distance from the optical centre of the core

[from IEC 61280-1-4]

3.1.8

reference grade termination

connector (3.1.9) **plug** (3.1.10) with tightened tolerances terminated onto an optical fibre with tightened tolerances such that the expected loss of a connection formed by mating two such assemblies is less than or equal to 0,1 dB

EXAMPLE: as an example, the core diameter tolerance may need to be $\pm 0,7$ micron (ffs). Other fibre tolerances are ffs.

NOTE 1 An adapter (3.1.11), required to assure this performance, may be considered to be part of the reference grade termination where required by the test configuration (3.1.6)

NOTE 2 This definition remains as a point under study. When a more complete definition is available in another document, this definition will be replaced by a reference.

3.1.9

connector

component normally attached to an optical cable or piece of apparatus, for the purpose of providing frequent optical interconnection/disconnection of optical fibres or cables

{Definition 2.6.1 of IEC/TR 61931}

3.1.10

plug

male-type part of a connector

[Definition 2.6.2 of IEC/TR 61931]

3.1.11

adapter

female-part of a connector in which one or two plugs are inserted and aligned

[Definition 2.6.4 of IEC/TR 61931:1998]

3.1.12

socket-style connector

connector for which the adapter, including any alignment device, is integrated with, and permanently attached to the connector plug on one side of the connection

NOTE Examples include the SG and many harsh environment connectors.

3.1.13

reference test method

RTM

test method used in the resolution of a dispute

3.2 Graphical symbols

The following graphic symbols for different connection options have been adapted from IEC 61930.