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## INTRODUCTION

In order for an optical time-domain reflectometer (OTDR) to qualify as a candidate for complete calibration using this standard, it must be equipped with the following minimum feature set:

- a) the ability to measure type A1a or A1b IEC 60793-2-10 fibres;
- b) a programmable index of refraction, or equivalent parameter;
- c) the ability to present a display of a trace representation, with a logarithmic power scale and a linear distance scale;
- d) two markers/cursors, which display the loss and distance between any two points on a trace display;
- e) the ability to measure absolute distance (location) from the OTDR's zero-distance reference;
- f) the ability to measure the displayed power level relative to a reference level (for example, the clipping level).

Calibration methods described in this standard may look similar to those provided in Part 1 of this series. However, there are differences: mix of different fibre types, use of mode conditioner or different arrangement of the fibres. This leads to different calibration processes as well as different uncertainties analysis.

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## CALIBRATION OF OPTICAL TIME-DOMAIN REFLECTOMETERS (OTDR) –

### Part 2: OTDR for multimode fibres

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61746 provides procedures for calibrating multimode optical time domain reflectometers (OTDR). It covers OTDR measurement errors and uncertainties. The test of the laser(s) source modal condition is included as an optional measurement.

This standard does not cover correction of the OTDR response.

#### 2 Normative references

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

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#### 3 Terms, definitions and symbols

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

NOTE For more precise definitions, the references to IEC 60050-731 should be consulted.

##### 3.1 attenuation

$A$   
loss

optical power decrease in decibels (dB)

NOTE If  $P_{\text{in}}$  (watts) is the power entering one end of a segment of fibre and  $P_{\text{out}}$  (watts) is the power leaving the other end, then the attenuation of the segment is

$$A = 10\log_{10}\left(\frac{P_{\text{in}}}{P_{\text{out}}}\right) \text{ dB} \quad (1)$$

[IEV 731-01-48, modified]

### 3.2

#### attenuation coefficient

$\alpha$

attenuation (3.1) of a fibre per unit length

[IEV 731-03-42, modified]

### 3.3

#### attenuation dead zone

for a reflective or attenuating event, the region after the event where the displayed trace deviates from the undisturbed backscatter trace by more than a given vertical distance  $\Delta F$

NOTE The attenuation dead zone (see Figure 1 below) will depend on the following event parameters: reflectance, loss, displayed power level and location. It may also depend on any fibre optic component in front of the event.

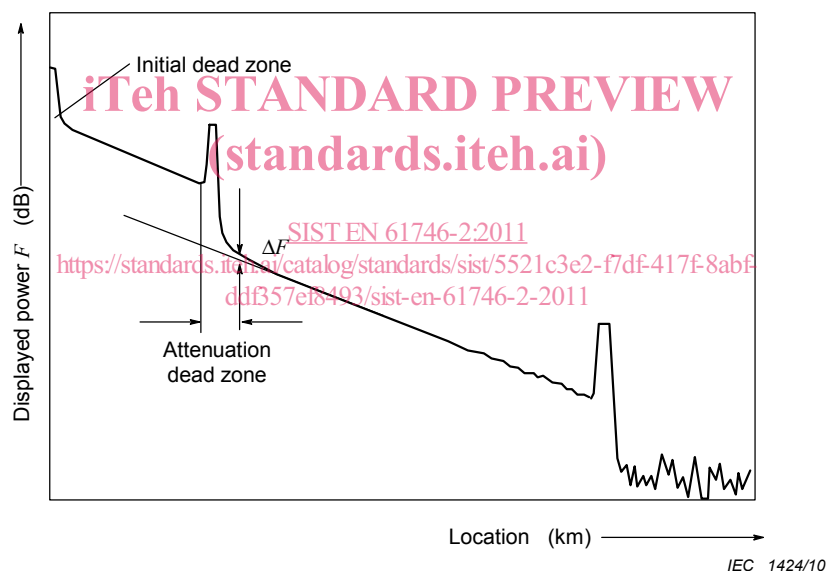


Figure 1 – Definition of attenuation dead zone

### 3.4

#### calibration

set of operations which establish, under specified conditions, the relationship between the values indicated by the measuring instrument and the corresponding known values of that quantity

NOTE See ISO Guide International vocabulary of basic and general terms in metrology.

### 3.5

#### centroidal wavelength

$\lambda_{\text{avg}}$

power-weighted mean wavelength of a light source in vacuum

[IEC 61280-1-3, definition 2.1.4]

**3.6****displayed power level** **$F$** 

level displayed on the OTDR's power scale

NOTE 1 Unless otherwise specified,  $F$  is defined in relation to the clipping level (see Figure 8).

NOTE 2 Usually, the OTDR power scale displays five times the logarithm of the received power, plus a constant offset.

**3.7****distance** **$D$** 

spacing between two features

NOTE Usually expressed in metres.

**3.8****distance sampling error** **$\Delta L_{\text{sample}}$** 

maximum distance (3.7) error attributable to the distance between successive sample points

NOTE 1 Usually expressed in metres.

NOTE 2 The distance sampling error is repetitive in nature; therefore, one way of quantifying this error is by its amplitude.

**3.9****distance scale deviation** **$\Delta S_L$** 

difference between the average displayed distance (3.7)  $\langle D_{\text{otdr}} \rangle$  and the correspondent reference distance (3.27)  $D_{\text{ref}}$ , divided by the reference distance (3.27)

NOTE 1 Usually expressed in m/m.

NOTE 2  $\Delta S_L$  is given by the following formula

$$\Delta S_L = \frac{\langle D_{\text{otdr}} \rangle - D_{\text{ref}}}{D_{\text{ref}}} = \frac{\langle D_{\text{otdr}} \rangle}{D_{\text{ref}}} - 1 \quad (2)$$

where  $\langle D_{\text{otdr}} \rangle$  is the displayed distance on a fibre averaged over at least one sample spacing.

**3.10****distance scale factor** **$S_L$** 

average displayed distance (3.7) divided by the correspondent reference distance (3.27)

NOTE 1  $S_L$  is given by the following formula

$$S_L = \frac{\langle D_{\text{otdr}} \rangle}{D_{\text{ref}}} \quad (3)$$

where  $\langle D_{\text{otdr}} \rangle$  is the displayed distance between two features on a fibre (actual or simulated) averaged over at least one sample spacing.

**3.11****distance scale uncertainty** **$u_{\Delta S_L}$** 

uncertainty of the distance scale deviation (3.9)

NOTE 1 Usually expressed in m/m.