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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2011. It constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) addition of the LCOS based and the DLP based wavelength selective switch (WSS);

b) addition of the multicast optical switch module (MCOS).

The text of this technical report is based on the following documents:

DTR	Report on voting
86C/1396/DTR	86C/1421/RVC

Full information on the voting for the approval of this technical report can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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## DYNAMIC MODULES –

### Part 6-6: Design guide – Failure mode effect analysis for optical units of dynamic modules

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62343, which is a Technical Report, describes failure mode effect analysis (FMEA) for optical units of dynamic modules. FMEA is one of the effective and useful analysis methods to determine the reliability evaluation test items and conditions that are defined in future reliability qualification documents.

In order to estimate the lifetime for a module, there is a typical procedure. The first step is to identify the dominant failure modes. The second step is to determine the acceleration tests according to these failure modes. The third step is to carry out the test. The fourth step is to estimate the acceleration factors. Finally, the fifth step is to calculate the lifetime of the dynamic module.

IEC 61300-2 (all parts) defines environment and mechanical tests. This Technical Report describes the dominant failure mode for dynamic modules and relevant tests from IEC 61300-2 (all parts).

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 61300-2-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-1: Tests – Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 61300-2-4, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-4: Tests – Fibre/cable retention*

IEC 61300-2-9, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-9: Tests – Shock*

IEC 61300-2-17, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-17: Tests – Cold*

IEC 61300-2-18, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-18: Tests – Dry heat – High temperature endurance*

IEC 61300-2-19, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-19: Tests – Damp heat (steady state)*

IEC 61300-2-22, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-22: Tests – Change of temperature*

IEC 61300-2-44, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-44: Tests – Flexing of the strain relief of fibre optic devices*

### 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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### 4 Consideration of types of dynamic modules

There are many types of dynamic modules: dynamic channel equalizer, tuneable optical chromatic dispersion compensator, dynamic gain tilt equalizer, wavelength selective switch, wavelength blocker, optical performance monitor, optical switch, and so on. The main feature of dynamic modules is to control their performances during operation. In order to achieve their features, many kinds of control mechanisms are used for dynamic modules; micro electro mechanical system (MEMS), stepping motor, electromagnet, thermo optics, magnet optics, electro optics, liquid crystal device (LCD), and so on.

Table 1 shows the first guidance of categorization of dynamic modules and their mode of evaluation. Dynamic modules without an electrical circuit board can be considered similar to passive optical components for purposes of evaluation. On the other hand, for dynamic modules with a control circuit board, it is necessary to give special consideration. There are mainly two types of internal design for dynamic modules: those for which it is easy to divide the constituting parts to consider the reliability, and those for which it is not easy to divide. It is necessary to consider how to evaluate according to these structures.

This document describes FMEA only for optical units for dynamic modules. It is necessary to evaluate whole dynamic modules including control circuit boards and firmware if used.

### 5 Typical failure points

In addition to control circuit boards and control of moving parts, a typical optical unit for a dynamic module consists of the following parts: optical element, outer package, fibre pigtails, optical semiconductor chips, and joint points of these elements. These elements have their own failure mode; for example, break for pigtails and displacement for joint points. Moreover, these elements may have their acceleration factor of degradation; for example, joint points fixed by adhesive are generally weak against high humidity. This failure mode analysis can be referred to FMEA for passive optical components (refer to IEC 62005-3).

There are special considerations for dynamic modules. The following are some examples:

- when using MEMS, operating shock and vibration test are necessary because MEMS are sensitive to mechanical shock and vibration;
- when temperature control is used, the temperature cycling test is recommended because temperature control functions generally produce thermal stress;
- The temperature cycling test can accelerate thermal stress.



## 6 Failure modes and known failure mechanisms

For some dynamic modules, FMEA is carried out. Table 2 shows known failure mechanisms, failure effects, failure modes, relevant tests, and IEC test document numbers for dynamic modules. If new technology and new dynamic modules become commercially available, they will be added to Table 2 in later revisions of this document. Relevant tests are listed with the failure effect and the dominant failure mechanism. As other relevant tests or methods of failure mode excitation become known, these will also be added.

**Table 1 – Categorization based on the structure and mode of evaluation**

Electrical circuits		How to evaluate	Examples
Without electrical circuits	N.A.	As optical component	VOA, 1x2/2x2 optical switch, DGTE
With electrical circuit	Easy to divide optical and electrical unit	As optical and electrical units individually, and as integrated dynamic module	VOA, VOA-MUX, TDC (DCDC), DCE, matrix switch, channel monitor, performance monitor
	Difficult to divide optical and electrical unit	To evaluate as integrated dynamic module	Wavelength blocker (WB), Wavelength selective switch (WSS)
<p>Optical active and passive components should comply with the reliability qualification requirement defined in IEC 62572 (all parts) for active components and IEC 62005-9 (all parts) for passive optical components, respectively. In cases in which it is difficult to divide optical and electrical units, integrated modules should be tested.</p> <p>Electrical circuit boards should be qualified individually. The following standards series are useful references for the quality of electrical circuit boards: IEC 61188 (all parts), IEC 61189 (all parts), IEC 61190 (all parts), and IEC 61191 (all parts).</p> <p>Three pieces should be tested.</p>			

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Table 2 – Failure mode and known failure mechanisms for the optical units of dynamic devices

Dynamic devices	Constitution parts	Known failure mechanisms	Failure modes	Degradation acceleration factors	Relevant tests	IEC references
Variable optical attenuators	MEMS	Stacking the moving part	Uncontrollable	Mechanical stress Excess driving power	Shock (storage) Vibration (storage) Maximum absolute rating test (electrical) On/off driving test	IEC 61300-2-9 IEC 61300-2-1 Under study Under study
		Distortion of hinge/mirror	Insertion loss increase Attenuation change Return loss decrease Dynamic range of attenuation decrease PDL increase WDL increase	Mechanical stress Thermal stress Excess driving power	Shock (storage) Vibration (storage) Shock and vibration (operating) Change of temperature Maximum absolute rating test On/off driving test	IEC 61300-2-9 IEC 61300-2-1 Under study IEC 61300-2-22 Under study Under study
		Reflectance of mirror changing	Insertion loss increase Attenuation change Return loss decrease PDL increase WDL increase	High humidity (non-hermetic sealed)	Damp heat     On/off driving test	IEC 61300-2-19
	Collimator	Dislocation of fixing points of optical parts	Insertion loss increase Attenuation change Dynamic range of attenuation decrease PDL increase WDL increase	Thermal stress High humidity (non-hermetic sealed and using adhesive) Mechanical stress	Change of temperature High temperature Damp heat Shock (storage) Vibration (storage)	IEC 61300-2-22 IEC 61300-2-18 IEC 61300-2-19 IEC 61300-2-9 IEC 61300-2-1
	Pigtail	Fibre broken, micro-bending	Insertion loss increase No operation	Mechanical stress for pigtail	Fibre cable retention Optical fibre cable flexing	IEC 61300-2-4 IEC 61300-2-44

Dynamic devices	Constitution parts	Known failure mechanisms	Failure modes	Degradation acceleration factors	Relevant tests	IEC references
Liquid crystal type	LCD	Degradation of LCD	Insertion loss increase Attenuation change Return loss decrease Dynamic range of attenuation decrease PDL increase WDL increase	Thermal stress High humidity (non-hermetic sealed) Mechanical stress	Change of temperature High temperature Damp heat Shock (storage) Vibration (storage)	IEC 61300-2-22 IEC 61300-2-18 IEC 61300-2-19 IEC 61300-2-9 IEC 61300-2-1
		Electrical polarization of LCD	Uncontrollable	Excess driving power	Maximum absolute rating test On/off driving test	Under study Under study
	Collimator	Freezing of LCD	Uncontrollable	Low temperature	Cold	IEC 61300-2-17
		Same as MEMS type				
Magnet optic type	Pigtail	Same as MEMS type				
	Magnet optic part	Dislocation of magnet, Faraday rotator and birefringent crystal	Insertion loss increase Attenuation change Return loss decrease Dynamic range of attenuation decrease PDL increase WDL increase	Thermal stress High humidity (non-hermetic sealed and using adhesive) Mechanical stress	Change of temperature High temperature Damp heat Shock (storage) Vibration (storage)	IEC 61300-2-22 IEC 61300-2-18 IEC 61300-2-19 IEC 61300-2-9 IEC 61300-2-1
	Collimator	Same as MEMS type				
		Same as MEMS type				
Mechanical type	Pigtail	Stacking the moving part	Uncontrollable	Mechanical stress High humidity (non-hermetic) Excess driving power	Shock (storage) Vibration (storage) Damp heat Maximum absolute rating test (electrical) On/off driving test	IEC 61300-2-9 IEC 61300-2-1 IEC 61300-2-19 Under study Under study
	Moving part					

