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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61300 describes a procedure to measure the end face geometry of a spherically polished ferrule or connector. Within this standard the words “ferrule” and “connector” can be used interchangeably.

2 Terms and definitions

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

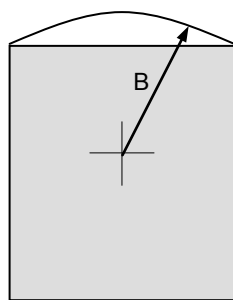
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radius of curvature

B

radius of curvature of the portion of the spherically polished ferrule end face which is domed for physical contact

Note 1 to entry: It is assumed that the end face is spherical, although in practice the end face is often aspherical (see Figure 1).



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Figure 1 – Radius of curvature of a spherically polished ferrule end face

2.2

apex offset

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distance between the axis of the ferrule and the line parallel to the axis which passes through the vertex (or highest point on the dome), formed by spherically polishing the ferrule, as shown in Figure 2

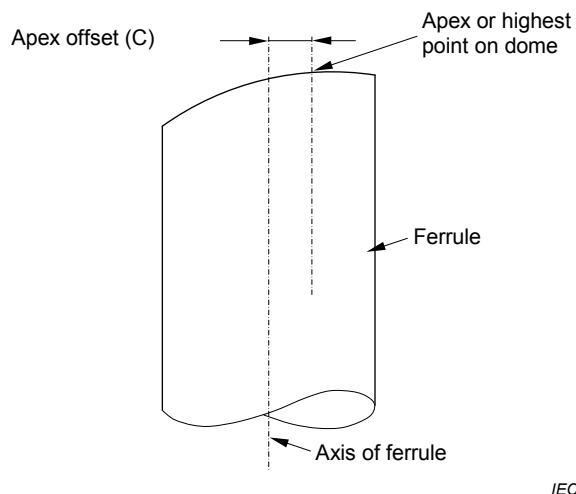


Figure 2 – Apex offset of a spherically polished ferrule end face

2.3 fibre height

average distance between the fibre end face and a virtual spherical surface which is fitted to the spherically polished ferrule end face (see Annex C)

Note 1 to entry: It is assumed that a circular region of the ferrule end face, which is centred to the ferrule axis, is spherical although in practice the end face is often aspherical. A positive value indicates fibre undercut (see Figure 3a). A negative value indicates fibre protrusion (see Figure 3b).

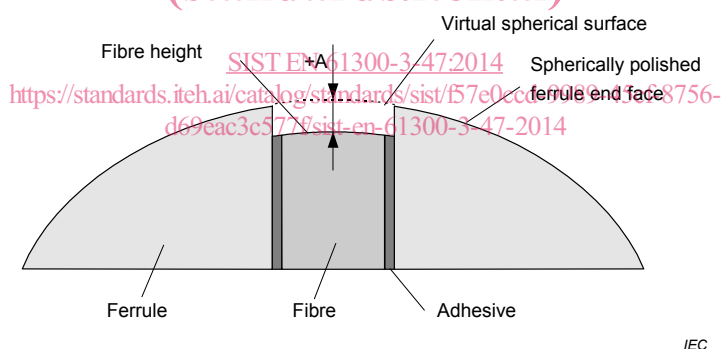


Figure 3a – Fibre height +A

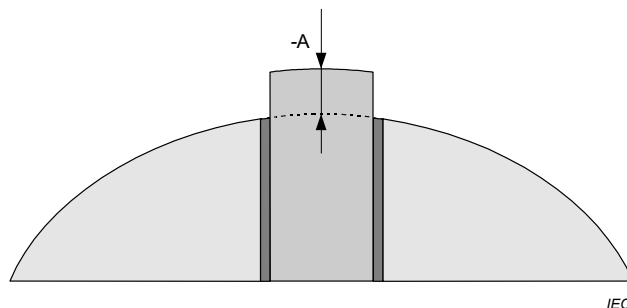


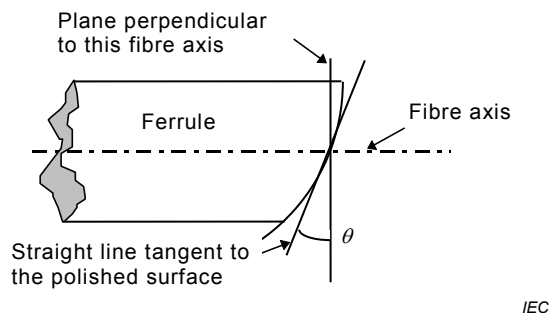
Figure 3b – Fibre height -A (protrusion)

Figure 3 – Fibre height of a spherically polished ferrule end face

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end face angle

angle (θ) between the plane perpendicular to the axis of the ferrule, and the straight line tangent to the polished surface at the fibre centre in the direction of the nominal angle (see Figure 4)



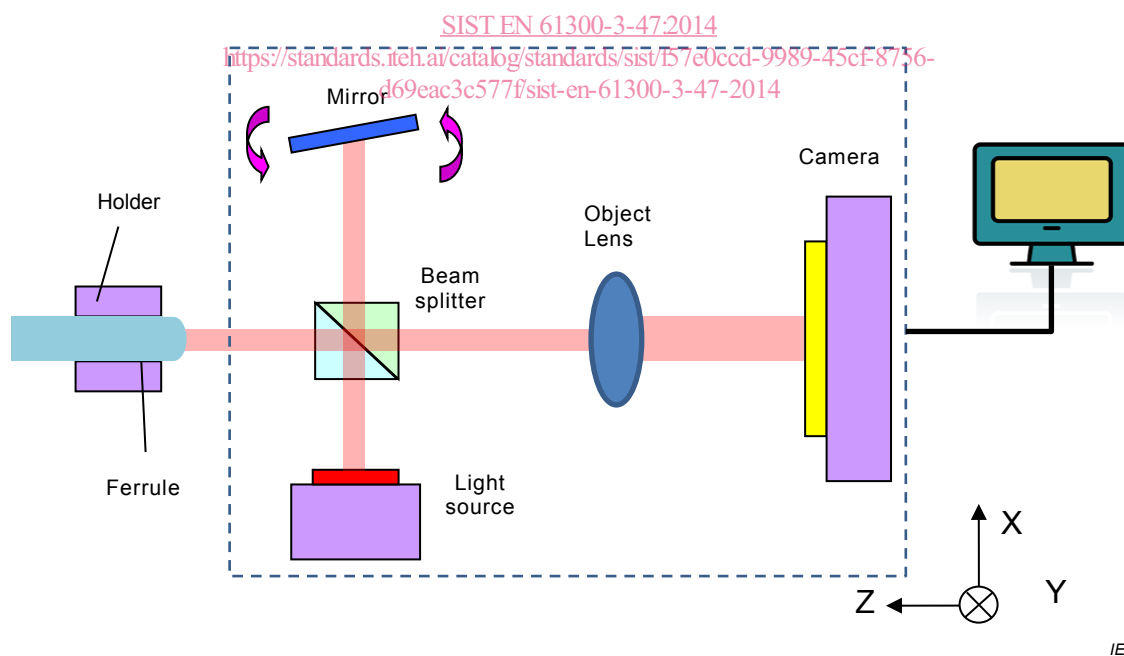
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Figure 4 – Ferrule end face angle for spherically polished ferrules

3 Measurement by interferometer

3.1 General

A typical interferometer configuration is shown in Figure 5. The apparatus consists of a suitable ferrule/connector holder, an optical interferometric system combined with a microscope and a camera.



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Figure 5 – Interferometer

3.2 Ferrule/connector holder

This is a suitable device to hold the ferrule/connector in a fixed alignment position with respect to the optical axis of the interferometer. The holder is designed such that the portion of the ferrule closest to the end face is secured by the holder. The ferrule shall be aligned by holding it over a distance of at least twice the ferrule diameter. The ferrules axis should be adjustable in order to make it parallel to the optical axis of the interferometer. Alternatively,