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- b) launching condition,

- c) detector,  
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# **FIBRE OPTIC INTERCONNECTING DEVICES AND PASSIVE COMPONENTS – BASIC TEST AND MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES –**

## **Part 3-3: Examinations and measurements – Active monitoring of changes in attenuation and return loss**

### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 61300 describes the procedure to monitor changes in either attenuation or return loss, or both, of a component, an interconnecting device, a fibre management system, or a protective housing, when subjected to an environmental or mechanical test. Such a procedure is commonly referred to as active monitoring. The procedure to monitor temporary changes (generally faster) during disruptive events is given in IEC 61300-3-28.

The procedure can be applied to measurements on single samples or to simultaneous measurements on multiple samples, both at single wavelengths and multiple wavelengths, by using either branching devices or switches, or both, as appropriate.

### **2 Normative references**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60050-731, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 731: Optical fibre communication*

IEC 61300-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 61300-2 (all parts), *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2: Tests*

IEC 61300-3-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-1: Examinations and measurements – Visual examination*

IEC 61300-3-2, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-2: Examinations and measurements – Polarization dependent loss in a single-mode fibre optic device*

IEC 61300-3-6, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-6: Examinations and measurements – Return loss*

IEC 61300-3-28, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-28: Examinations and measurements – Transient loss*

IEC 61300-3-35, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-35: Examinations and measurements – Visual inspection of fibre optic connectors and fibre-stub transceivers*



IEC 61280-1-3, *Fibre optic communication subsystem test procedures – Part 1-3: General communication subsystems – Measurement of central wavelength, spectral width and additional spectral characteristics*

### 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions are given in IEC 60050-731 and IEC 61300-1.

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#### 3.2 Abbreviations

BD	branching device
DUT	device under test
LED	light emitting diode
OTDR	optical time domain reflectometer
PDL	polarization dependent loss
TJ	temporary joint
WDM	wavelength-division multiplexing

### 4 General description

#### 4.1 Measurement method

The procedure describes active monitoring measurement methods. Method 1 describes the situation where a single sample is subject to mechanical or environmental stress testing. Methods 2 and 3 describe methods for monitoring changes in the optical performance of multiple samples. Methods 4 and 5 measure changes in the optical performance of samples using an optical time domain reflectometer (OTDR). Methods 4 and 5 may be used only when the OTDR averaging time is much less than the variation time of the test conditions. Where there is any form of uncertainty over the measurement method used, method 1 shall be the reference method.

All methods are capable of being configured to monitor changes in attenuation and return loss at the same time. The required optical test parameters shall be defined in the relevant IEC 61753-series performance standard or IEC 62005-series reliability document.

Where a group of samples is being monitored over a period of time, say several days or weeks, it is usual to employ some form of automated data acquisition. Since the changes in optical performance can be very small, it is important to ensure high measurement stability over time.

#### 4.2 Precautions

The following requirements shall be met.

- Precautions shall be taken to ensure that cladding modes do not affect the measurement as advised in IEC 61300-1.

- b) Precautions shall be taken to prevent movement in the position of the fibres between the sample(s) and the test apparatus, to avoid changes in optical performance caused by bending losses.
- c) The stability performance of the test equipment shall be  $\leq 0,05$  dB or 10 % of the attenuation to be measured, whichever is the lower value. The stability shall be maintained over the measurement time. The required measurement resolution for attenuation shall be 0,01 dB for both multimode and single-mode fiber.
- d) To achieve consistent results, all samples shall be cleaned and inspected prior to measurement, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Visual examination shall be undertaken in accordance with IEC 61300-3-1 and IEC 61300-3-35.
- e) The power in the fibre shall be at a level that does not generate non-linear scattering effects (typically  $< 3$  mW).
- f) It is common to be monitoring changes in optical performance that are small in comparison with the polarization dependence of the device under test (DUT) and of parts of the test apparatus such as branching devices, switches, and detectors. Since polarization along the fibres often changes over time, either an unpolarized or polarization scrambled source can be used to measure the polarization averaged attenuation, or the methods of IEC 61300-3-2 should be used to measure polarization dependent loss (PDL) and attenuation together.
- g) When measuring wavelength dependent components such as wavelength-division multiplexing (WDM) devices, it is necessary to use a light source that does not emit light at extraneous wavelengths at levels that can affect the measurement uncertainty.
- h) Reflected powers from the test apparatus shall be at a level that does not affect the measurement uncertainty.
- i) When using switches or branching devices for multimode measurements, ensure that the launch conditions to the DUT satisfy 5.1.2 and that these devices do not introduce unacceptable measurement uncertainty due to modal detection non-uniformity,

## 5 Apparatus

### 5.1 Methods 1, 2 and 3

#### 5.1.1 General

The apparatus used for methods 1, 2 and 3 of this procedure is shown in Figure 1, Figure 2 and Figure 3. The apparatus consists of elements listed in 5.1.2 to 5.1.11.

#### 5.1.2 Launch conditions (E) and source (S)

The launch conditions for light sources shall be in accordance with IEC 61300-1 and shall be measured at the output of the launch reference connector. For multimode fibre sources, a mode-conditioning device can be required to satisfy these conditions, as illustrated with device E in Figure 1 and the launch reference connector where the launch conditions are verified is at the temporary joint into the DUT.

The source unit consists of an optical emitter, the associated drive electronics and fibre pigtail (if any). Preferred source conditions are given in Table 1. The stability of the single-mode fibre source at 23 °C shall be  $\pm 0,01$  dB over the duration of the measurement. The stability of the multimode fibre source at 23 °C shall be  $\pm 0,05$  dB over the duration of the measurement. The source output power shall be  $\geq 20$  dB above the minimum measurable power level.

There are several methods of performing measurements at multiple wavelengths. One method, illustrated in Figure 3, shows independent light sources joined by optical Switch 3.