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## OPTICAL FIBRES –

**Part 1-46: Measurement methods and test procedures –  
Monitoring of changes in attenuation**

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2001. This revision constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) inclusion of class C single mode intraconnection fibre;
- b) replacement of 'optical transmittance' by 'attenuation';

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
86A/xxx/FDIS	86A/xxx/RVD

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

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

Annexes A and B form an integral part of this standard.

IEC 60793-1-1 and IEC 60793-1-2 cover generic specifications.

79 IEC 60793-1-4X consists of the following parts, under the general title: Optical fibres:

- 80 – Part 1-40: Measurement methods and test procedures – Attenuation
- 81 – Part 1-41: Measurement methods and test procedures – Bandwidth
- 82 – Part 1-42: Measurement methods and test procedures – Chromatic dispersion
- 83 – Part 1-43: Measurement methods and test procedures – Numerical aperture
- 84 – Part 1-44: Measurement methods and test procedures – Cut-off wavelength
- 85 – Part 1-45: Measurement methods and test procedures – Mode field diameter
- 86 – Part 1-46: Measurement methods and test procedures – Monitoring of changes in  
87 attenuation
- 88 – Part 1-47: Measurement methods and test procedures – Macrobending loss
- 89 – Part 1-48: Measurement methods and test procedures – Polarization mode dispersion
- 90 – Part 1-49: Measurement methods and test procedures – Differential mode delay

91 The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until  
92 20xx. At this date, the publication will be

- 93 • reconfirmed;
- 94 • withdrawn;
- 95 • replaced by a revised edition, or
- 96 • amended.

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## INTRODUCTION

Publications in the IEC 60793-1 series concern measurement methods and test procedures as they apply to optical fibres.

Within the same series several different areas are grouped, as follows:

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- IEC 60793- 1-20 to IEC 60793-1-29: Measurement methods and test procedures for dimensions
- IEC 60793- 1-30 to IEC 60793-1-39: Measurement methods and test procedures for mechanical characteristics
- IEC 60793- 1-40 to IEC 60793-1-49: Measurement methods and test procedures for transmission and optical characteristics
- IEC 60793-1-50 to IEC 60793-1-59: Measurement methods and test procedures for environmental characteristics.
- IEC 60793-1-60 to IEC 60793-1-69: Measurement methods and test procedures for polarization-maintaining fibres.

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## OPTICAL FIBRES –

### Part 1-46: Measurement methods and test procedures – Monitoring of changes in attenuation

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 establishes uniform requirements for the monitoring of changes in attenuation, thereby assisting in the inspection of fibres and cables for commercial purposes.

This standard gives two methods for monitoring the changes in attenuation of optical fibres and cables that occur during mechanical or environmental testing, or both. It provides a monitor in the change of attenuation characteristics arising from optical discontinuity, physical defects and modifications of the attenuation slope:

- method A: change in attenuation by transmitted power;
- method B: change in attenuation by backscattering.

Methods A and B apply to the monitoring of all categories of the following fibres:

- class A: multimode fibres;
- class B: single-mode fibres;
- class C: single-mode intraconnection fibres.

Information common to both measurements is contained in clauses 1 to 10, and information pertaining to each individual method appears in annexes A, and B respectively.

#### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60793-1-40, *Optical fibres – Part 1-40: Measurement methods and test procedures – Attenuation*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

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

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

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>



## 4 Reference test method

There is not a reference test method indicated in this document.

## 5 Apparatus

Annexes A and B include layout drawings and other equipment requirements that individually apply for each of the methods, respectively.

## 6 Sampling and specimens

### 6.1 Specimen length

The minimum length of the specimen shall be such that the changes in attenuation are compatible with the resolution of the applicable test method (method A or method B), measurement apparatus, and the non-linearities at the beginning and end of it shall not affect the results.

### 6.2 Specimen end face

Prepare a flat end face, orthogonal to the fibre axis, at the input and output ends of each specimen.

### 6.3 Specimen preparation

Prepare the specimen as described in the appropriate mechanical, environmental, or other test method specified.

### 6.4 Reference specimen

In methods where a reference specimen is used, it shall comprise an identical kind of optical fibre or cable to the specimen and shall be linked between the optical divider and detector, as shown in figure A.1. It may be a short length of fibre. The condition of the reference specimen shall be constant during the whole test.

## 7 Procedure

For individual procedures, see appropriate annex: A and B, respectively.

## 8 Calculations

For calculation procedures, see the appropriate annex: A and B, respectively.

## 9 Results

### 9.1 Information to be provided with each measurement

Report the following information with each measurement:

- date and title of measurement;
- identification of specimen;
- optical source wavelength,  $\lambda$ ;
- specimen length;
- conditions of the environment and measurement equipment;

- 189 – changes in attenuation,  $A_n$ ;  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  preferably plotted in a graph versus test  
190 parameters.

## 191 **9.2 Information available upon request**

192 The following information shall be available upon request:

- 193 – measurement method used: A or B;
- 194 – type of optical source used and its spectral width (FWHM);
- 195 – launching technique used;
- 196 – description of all key equipment;
- 197 – details of computation technique;
- 198 – date of latest calibration of measurement equipment.

## 199 **10 Specification information**

200 The detail specification shall specify the following information:

- 201 – type of fibre to be measured;
- 202 – failure or acceptance criteria;
- 203 – information to be reported;
- 204 – any deviations from the procedure that apply.

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