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- b) introduction of x116 and x132 ROI to support MT-16 and MT-32 ferrule types;
- c) preparation of GL parameters tables for 16, 24 and 32-fibre ferrules;
- d) clarification of the neighbouring fibres definition when computing adjacent height;

105 e) improvement of figures in Annexes.

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# FIBRE OPTIC INTERCONNECTING DEVICES AND PASSIVE COMPONENTS – BASIC TEST AND MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES

## Part 3-30: Examinations and measurements – Endface geometry of rectangular ferrule

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### 135 1 Scope

136 This part of IEC 61300 describes a method for measuring the endface geometry of rectangular  
137 multifibre ferrules having an IEC defined optical interface. The primary attributes are fibre  
138 position relative to the endface, endface angle relative to the guide holes, fibre tip radii and  
139 core dip for multimode fibres.

### 140 2 Normative references

141 There are no normative references in this document.

### 142 3 Terms and definitions

143 No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

- 146 • IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- 147 • ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

### 148 4 General description

149 Guide pin based multifibre connector plugs typically have a rectangular endface with a long axis  
150 and a short axis. Ideally a flat polish is desired on the endface with the fibres protruding slightly  
151 and all in the same plane to assure physical contact of the fibre cores when two connectors are  
152 intermated. In practice, the endface typically has two different curvatures across the surface  
153 along the long and short axis. Since mated ferrules are aligned by pins in the guide holes, the  
154 endface of the ferrule shall be properly oriented ( $SX$  and  $SY$  angles) with respect to the guide  
155 holes to achieve positive contact. The endface angle  $SX$  in the long axis ( $X$ -axis) and the endface  
156 angle  $SY$  in the short axis ( $Y$ -axis) (as defined in Annex B) are measured by finding the best fit  
157 plane ( $P_j$ ), based on a percentage of the highest points in a specified region of interest. The  
158 highest points typically show the greatest modulation from an interferometric standpoint. This  
159 allows for more robust measurements and greater repeatability between different  
160 interferometers.

161 The angle of the best fit plane  $P_j$  is calculated by comparing it to the reference plane  $P$  which  
162 is perpendicular to the averaged axis of the guide holes. The height  $H$  (positive is a protrusion)  
163 of the fibres is a planar height defined as the distance between the fibre endface and the best  
164 fit plane. Core dip is of more relevance to multimode fibres because the large core is softer  
165 than the cladding of the fibre and tends to polish away faster. Core dip is calculated using the  
166 paraboloid method described in Annex E.

167 One method is described for measuring the polish angle and fibre position for a single ferrule  
168 multifibre connector by analysing the endface with a three-dimensional interferometry type  
169 surface analyser.

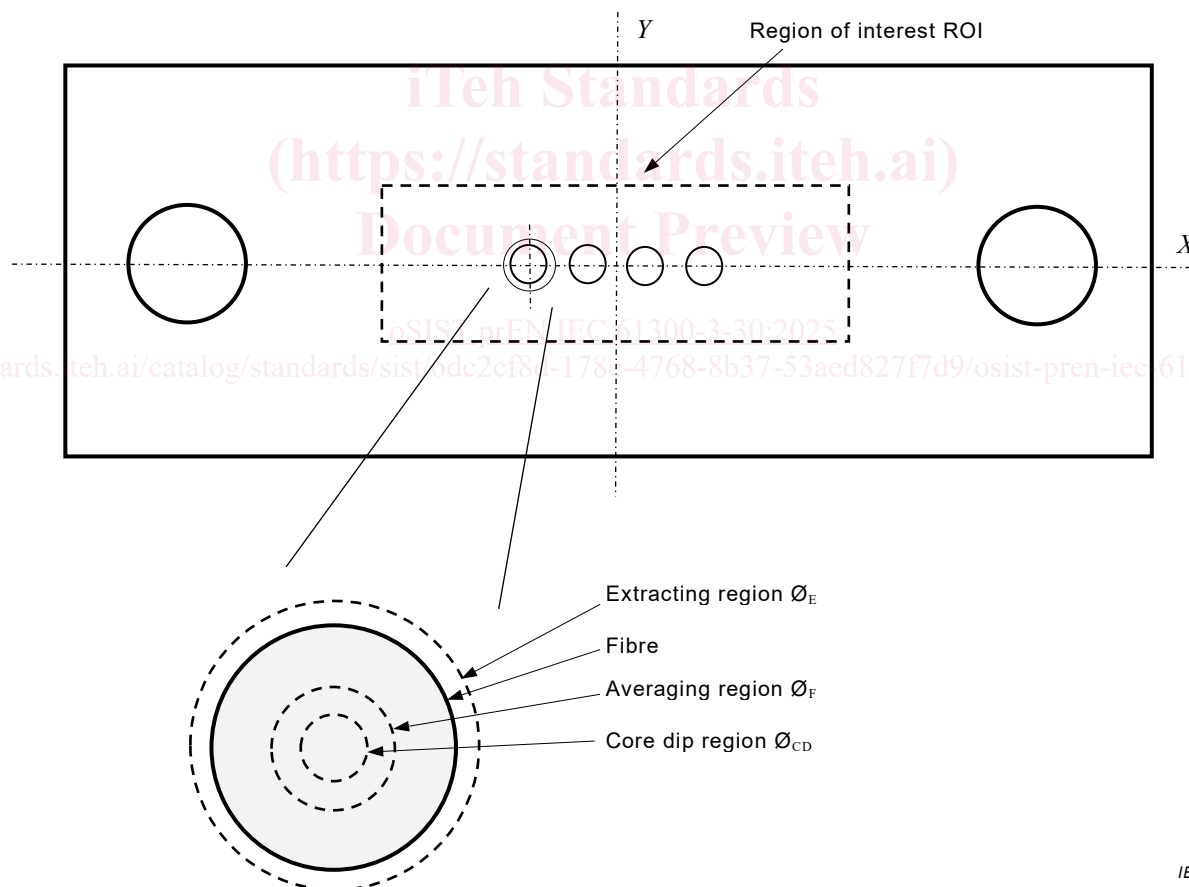


## 170 5 Measurement regions

171 The following regions shall be defined on the ferrule endface.

- 172 a) Region of interest (ROI): the ROI is set on the ferrule surface and defined by a rectangular  
 173 region having a long axis ( $X$ -axis) and a short axis ( $Y$ -axis). The region of interest is chosen  
 174 to cover the intended contact zone of the ferrule endface when the ferrules are mated. The  
 175 region of interest shall be centred on the fibre array. See Figure 1. Refer to Table 1 for  
 176 measurement areas to be used for different connectors.
- 177 b) Extracting region: the extracting region, which includes the fibre endface regions and the  
 178 associated adhesive regions, is defined by circles having a diameter  $\varnothing_E$ , centred on each  
 179 fibre.
- 180 c) Averaging region: the averaging region is set on the fibre surfaces to be used to calculate  
 181 the fibre height, and is defined by a circle having a diameter  $\varnothing_F$ . The averaging region is  
 182 the same for single-mode (SM) fibres and multimode (MM) fibres.
- 183 d) Core dip region: the core dip region is set on the fibre surfaces to be used to calculate the  
 184 fibre core dip using the paraboloid method, and is defined by circles having a diameter  $\varnothing_{CD}$ ,  
 185 centred on each fibre.

186 Additionally, core dip adjustment constant: the calculated core dip amplitude following the fit of  
 187 a paraboloid function to the fibre endface is adjusted by means of constant  $R_1$ .



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**Figure 1 – Measurement regions on ferrule and fibre**

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**Table 1 – Ferrule measurement areas and parameters**

| Ferrule type (variant number) | Description | Region of interest-ROI (X × Y)<br>mm × mm | % top pixels excluded | Next % top pixels used | Extracting region (diameter $\varnothing_E$ )<br>mm | Averaging region-SM+MM (diameter $\varnothing_F$ )<br>mm | Core dip fitting region (diameter $\varnothing_{CD}$ )<br>mm | Core dip adjustment constant $R_1$ (see Annex E) |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---|-----------------------|------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| x104                          | MT-04       | 2,900 × 0,675                             | 3                     | 20                     | 0,140   | 0,05   | 0,03   | 0,03   |
| x108                          | MT-08       | 2,900 × 0,675                             | 3                     | 20                     | 0,140   | 0,05   | 0,03   | 0,03   |
| x112                          | MT-12       | 2,900 × 0,675                             | 3                     | 20                     | 0,140   | 0,05   | 0,03   | 0,03   |
| x116                          | MT-16       | 3,900 × 0,675                             | 3                     | 20                     | 0,140   | 0,05   | 0,03   | 0,03   |
| x124                          | MT-24       | 2,900 × 1,160                             | 3                     | 20                     | 0,140   | 0,05   | 0,03   | 0,03   |
| x132                          | MT-32       | 3,900 × 1,160                             | 3                     | 20                     | 0,140   | 0,05   | 0,03   | 0,03   |
| 1002                          | MiniMT      | 0,900 × 0,675                             | 3                     | 20                     | 0,140   | 0,05   | 0,03   | 0,03   |

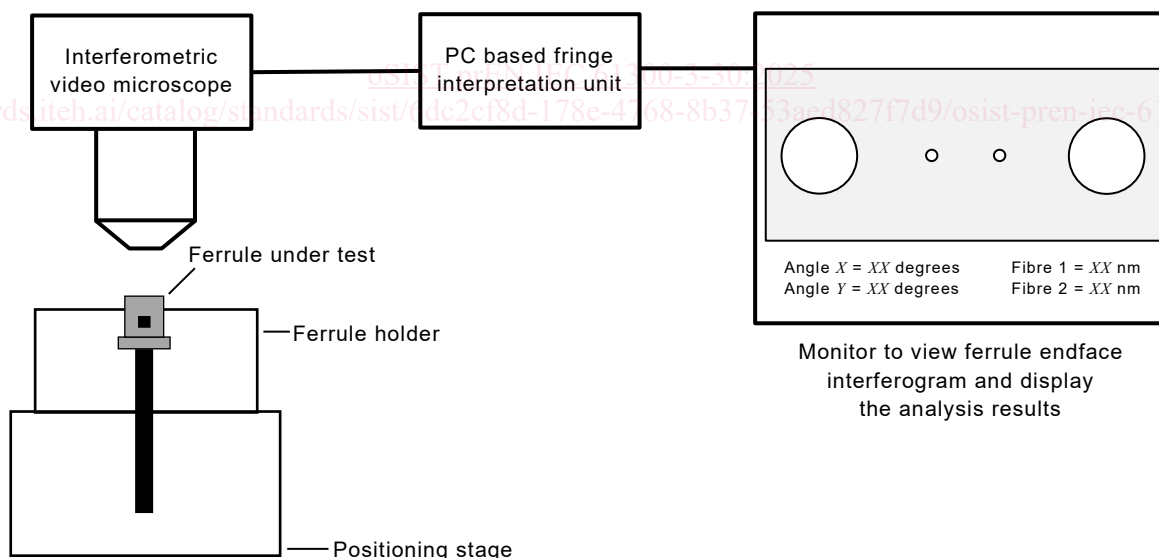
NOTE The x defines 1 for Poly Phenylene Sulfide Resin (PPS) ferrule materials and 2 for thermoset materials; the second digit represents 2,45 mm x 4,4 mm with 0 and 2,45 mm x 6,4 mm with 1; and the last two digits designates the number of fibres (see Table 1 of IEC 61755-3-31:2015 and IEC 61755-3-32:2015).

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192 **6 Apparatus**

193 **6.1 General**

194 The apparatus shown in Figure 2 consists of a positioning stage, a ferrule holder, an  
 195 interferometric video microscope, a PC based fringe interpretation unit and a monitor to view  
 196 the ferrule endface interferogram and display the analysis results.



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**Figure 2 – Measurement setup**

199 **6.2 Ferrule holder**

200 The ferrule holder is a suitable device to hold the ferrule in a fixed position, either vertical or  
 201 horizontal, or in a tilted position in the case of an angled ferrule type. Methods such as  
 202 mechanical alignment or interferometric measurement shall be used to determine the axis of  
 203 each guide hole and the average plane perpendicular to the guide hole axes. This plane shall  
 204 be considered as the reference plane *P* for reference to subsequent calculations.