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In this Redline version, a vertical line in the margin shows where the technical content is modified by amendment 1. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text. A separate Final version with all changes accepted is available in this publication.

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2017. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) addition of terms and definitions for optical multicast switches (3.8);
- b) revision of Clause 4, listing the requirements for standards in the IEC 62343 series;
- c) addition of Clause 6 (Safety requirements).

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## INTRODUCTION

This document applies to dynamic devices as defined in IEC TS 62538. This document contains general guidance for the IEC 62343 series related to dynamic devices and definitions which apply to dynamic devices. The dynamic module (DM), or device, has two distinguishing characteristics: dynamic and module.

"Dynamic" highlights the functions of the products to include "tuning, varying, switching, configuring, and other continuous optimization," often accomplished by electronics, firmware, software or their combinations. The dynamic device usually has a certain level of intelligence to monitor or measure its configuration or settings and make decisions for necessary (optimization) actions. The behaviour of dynamic modules can be characterized by transient characteristics as the dynamic module undergoes tuning, switching, configuring, and other continuous optimization. Characterization of transient characteristics will be considered in individual dynamic module standards.

"Module" defines that products covered by this document are the integration of active and passive components (either or both), through interconnecting materials or devices. The controlling electronics can be inside or outside the optical package that contains all or most of the optical components and interconnection. The product can be a small printed wiring board (PWB) or child-board with mounted optical module, or it can be a small box (e.g., housing) with optical components and electronics enclosed. In the former case, it is more like an assembly (i.e., generally not packaged in a box or housing) than a module (i.e., generally packaged in a box or housing).

For historical reasons and convenience, a dynamic module or device is referred to as a dynamic module in the IEC 62343 series.

The number of dynamic modules and devices is rapidly growing as optical communications networks evolve. The following list provides some examples of the products covered by the IEC 62343 series. It should be noted that the list is not exhaustive and the products to be covered are not limited by the listed examples:

- channel gain equalizer;
- dynamic channel equalizer;
- dynamic gain tilt equalizer;
- dynamic slope equalizer;
- tuneable chromatic dispersion compensator;
- polarization mode dispersion compensator;
- reconfigurable optical add-drop multiplexer;
- switch with monitoring and controls;
- variable optical attenuator with monitoring and controls;
- optical channel monitor;
- wavelength selective switch;
- optical multicast switch.

The IEC 62343 series covers performance templates, performance standards, reliability qualification requirements, hardware and software interfaces, and related testing methods.

The structure of the IEC 62343 series, under the general title *Dynamic modules*, is as follows:

- IEC 62343-1 series      Part 1: Performance standards
- IEC 62343-2 series      Part 2: Reliability qualification
- IEC 62343-3 series      Part 3: Performance specification templates
- IEC 62343-4 series      Part 4: Software and hardware interface
- IEC 62343-5 series      Part 5: Test methods
- IEC 62343-6 series      Part 6: Design guidelines

A complete set of standards related to a dynamic module or device should include the following:

- optical performance standards;
- reliability qualification standards;
- optical performance specification templates;
- hardware and software interface standards;
- test methods;
- technical reports.

The safety standards related to dynamic modules are mostly optical power considerations, which are covered by the IEC 60825 series.

Only those dynamic modules for which standards are complete or in preparation are included in Clause 3. To reflect the rapidly growing market for dynamic modules, additional terms and definitions will be added in subsequent revisions as the series expands.

It should be noted that optical amplifiers could be regarded as dynamic modules. They are not included in the IEC 62343 series but are covered in their own series of IEC standards.

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