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INTRODUCTION

This document relates to the field of communications technologies and, in particular, to a high-density optical connector.

With the rapid development of the communications industry, the system capacity increasingly grows, resulting in a dramatic increase of the number of links between the backplane and the daughter cards. Therefore, the number of links for the next generation cards are greater than the current cards. One of the best ways to cut cost is to make the current cards work well in the next generation system, which means the connector of the next generation backplane should be intermateable with the connector of the current cards.

This document defines the standard interface dimensions for a terminated waveguide optical circuit board (OCB) assembly (referred to simply as "assembly") with a single-row thirty-two-channel polymer MT (PMT) connector, such a PMT connector being intermateable with the rectangular ferrule of a single-row type MPO 16 connector. The interconnection of the backplane is one of the potential applications of this PMT connector. The small pitch waveguides will enable new applications.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62496 defines the standard interface dimensions for a terminated waveguide optical circuit board (OCB) assembly (referred to simply as "assembly") with a single-row thirty-two-channel polymer MT (PMT) connector, such a PMT being intermateable with the rectangular ferrule of a single-row type MPO 16 connector.

2 Normative references

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IEC 61754-5, *Fibre optic connector interfaces - Part 5: Type MT connector family*

IEC 62496-1, *Optical circuit boards - Part 1: General*

IEC 62496-4, *Optical circuit boards - Part 4: Interface standards - General and guidance*

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4 Description

The assembly comprises a thirty-two-channel PMT connector and a waveguide OCB. The PMT connector shall have the same outer dimensions as the MT connector specified in IEC 61754-5. The PMT connector is aligned using guide pins and is normally secured by using a clamp spring and mates with the ferrule of a type MPO 16 connector as shown in Figure 1. Dimensions of components for the assembly are shown in Annex A. The waveguide OCB comprises a planar light-guide consisting of a core and cladding material appropriate to transmit light as the operational wavelengths require. The front of the OCB is supported on a substrate. Preferably, the substrate should be rigid to comply with the PMT connector. The cores of the waveguide in the PMT connector are aligned with the optical fibres of the MT connector by two guide pins and a clamp spring. Dimensions of a single-row thirty-two-channel MT ferrule (125 µm pitch) are shown in Annex B.

This PMT connector is intermateable with the 250 µm pitch ferrule of a single-row type MPO 16 connector. Channel positions of a waveguide OCB intermateable with a 250 µm pitch MPO 16 single-row ferrule are shown in Annex C.