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INTRODUCTION

This standard gives two methods for measuring fibre geometry characteristics:

- Method A: Refracted near-field, described in Annex A;
- Method B: Transmitted near-field, described in Annex B.

Methods A and B apply to the geometry measurement of all class A multimode fibres, class B single-mode fibres and class C single-mode interconnection fibres. The fibre's applicable product specifications, IEC 60793-2-10, IEC 60793-2-20, IEC 60793-2-30, IEC 60793-2-40, IEC 60793-2-50 and IEC 60793-2-60, provide relevant measurement details, including sample lengths and k factors.

The geometric parameters measurable by the methods described in this standard are as follows:

- cladding diameter;
- cladding non-circularity;
- core diameter (class A fibre only);
- core non-circularity (class A fibre only);
- core-cladding concentricity error.

NOTE 1 The core diameter of class B and class C fibres is not specified. The equivalent parameter is mode field diameter, determined by IEC 60793-1-45.

NOTE 2 These methods specify both one-dimensional (1-D) and two-dimensional (2-D) data collection techniques and data analyses. The 1-D methods by themselves cannot determine non-circularity nor concentricity error. When non-circular bodies are measured with 1-D methods, body diameters suffer additional uncertainties. These limitations may be overcome by scanning and analysing multiple 1-D data sets. Clause 5 provides further information.

Information common to both methods appears in Clauses 2 through 10, and information pertaining to each individual method appears in Annexes A and B, respectively. Annex C describes normative methods used to find the optical boundaries of the core and the cladding, Annex D describes normative procedures to fit ellipses to sets of detected boundaries. Annex E provides an informative fitting procedure of power-law models to graded-index core profiles. Annex F describes an informative methodology relating to the transformation of core diameter measurements determined with methods other than the reference method to approximate reference method values.

OPTICAL FIBRES –

Part 1–20: Measurement methods and test procedures – Fibre geometry

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 establishes uniform requirements for measuring the geometrical characteristics of uncoated optical fibres.

The geometry of uncoated optical fibres directly affect splicing, connectorization and cabling and so are fundamental parameters requiring careful specification, quality control, and thus measurement.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60793-2-40, *Optical fibres – Part 2-40: Product specifications – Specification for category A4 multimode fibres*

IEC 60793-2-50, *Optical fibres – Part 2-50: Product specifications – Sectional specification for class B single-mode fibres*

IEC 60793-2-60, *Optical fibres – Part 2-60: Product specifications – Sectional specification for category C single-mode intraconnection fibres*

IEC 61745, *End-face image analysis procedure for the calibration of optical fibre geometry test sets*

3 Terms, definitions and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

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

3.1.1

body

general term describing an entity whose geometry is measured (i.e. cladding or core)