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- b) added Annex D related to cut-off curve artifacts;
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OPTICAL FIBRES –

Part 1-44: Measurement methods and test procedures – Cut-off wavelength

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 establishes uniform requirements for measuring the cut-off wavelength of single-mode optical fibre, thereby assisting in the inspection of fibres and cables for commercial purposes.

This document gives methods for measuring the cut-off wavelength for uncabled or cabled single mode telecom fibre. These procedures apply to all category B and C fibre types.

There are three methods of deployment for measuring the cut-off wavelength:

- method A: cable cut-off using uncabled fibre 22 m long sample, λ_{CC} ;
- method B: cable cut-off using cabled fibre 22 m long sample, λ_{CC} ;
- method C: fibre cut-off using uncabled fibre 2 m long sample, λ_c .

All methods require a reference measurement. There are two reference-scan techniques, either or both of which can be used with all methods:

- bend-reference technique;
- multimode-reference technique using category A1(OM1-OM5) multimode fibre.

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