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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61753 specifies the test requirements for finished cable assemblies for use as patchcords, work area cords and equipment cords for applications in a uncontrolled (U) environment according to IEC 61753-1, where the connectors already comply with the Category U requirements of IEC 61753-1. The assemblies consist of simplex or duplex fibre optic cable terminated at each end of the cable with non-angled (PC) or angled (APC) polished single-mode fibre optic connectors with cylindrical ferrules. The wavelength of operation is between 1 260 nm¹ and 1 625 nm.

The relevant requirements for mechanical and optical connectivity systems are covered by mechanical and optical interface standards IEC 61754 series and IEC 61755 series respectively. The relevant requirements for connector sets are covered by IEC 61753 series. The relevant requirements for cable are covered by IEC 60794-2-50.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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

IEC 60794-1-2, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-2: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures*

IEC 60794-2-50, *Optical fibre cables – Part 2-50: Indoor optical fibre cables – Family specification for simplex and duplex cables for use in patchcords*

IEC 61300 series, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures*

IEC 61300-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 61300-2-4, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-4: Tests – Fibre/cable retention*

IEC 61300-2-5, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-5: Tests – Torsion*

¹ Low wavelength limit depends on maximum cabled fibre cut-off wavelength specification.

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IEC 61300-2-42, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-42: Tests – Static side load for connectors*

IEC 61300-2-44, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-44: Tests – Flexing of the strain relief of fibre optic devices*

IEC 61300-3-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-1: Examinations and measurements – Visual examination*

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IEC 61755-2-1, *Fibre optic connector optical interfaces – Part 2-1: Optical interface standard single mode non-angled physically contacting fibres*

IEC 61755-2-2, *Fibre optic connector optical interfaces – Part 2-2: Optical interface standard single mode angled physically contacting fibres*

IEC/TR 61931, *Fibre optic – Terminology*