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### Part 1: Generic specification

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## Part 1: Generic specification

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61978 applies to fibre optic passive chromatic dispersion compensators, all exhibiting the following features:

- they are optically passive;
- they have an optical input and an optical output for transmitting optical power;
- the ports are optical fibres or optical fibre connectors;
- they are wavelength sensitive;
- they may be polarization sensitive.

This standard establishes uniform requirements for the passive chromatic dispersion compensator.

### 2 Normative references

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

IEC 60027 (all parts), *Letter symbols to be used in electrical technology*

IEC 60050-731, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 731: Optical fibre communication*

IEC 60617 (all parts), *Graphical symbols for diagrams*

IEC 60695-11-5, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-5: Test flames – Needle-flame test method – Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance*

IEC 60793-2-50:2012, *Optical fibres – Part 2-50: Product specifications – Sectional specification for class B single-mode fibres*

IEC 60825 (all parts), *Safety of laser products*

IEC 61300 (all parts), *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures*

IEC 61300-3-38, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-38: Examinations and measurements – Group delay, chromatic dispersion and phase ripple*

IEC TR 61930, *Fibre optic graphical symbology*

IEC Guide 102, *Electronic components – Specification structures for quality assessment (Qualification approval and capability approval)*

ISO 129-1, *Technical drawings – Indication of dimensions and tolerances – Part 1: General principles*

ISO 286-1, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) – ISO coding system for tolerances of linear sizes – Part 1: Bases of tolerances and fits*

ISO 1101, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) – Geometrical tolerancing – Tolerances of form, orientation, location and run-out*

ISO 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats – Information interchange – Representation of dates and times*