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BASIC TESTS FOR POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING OPTICAL FIBRES**

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2005. It constitutes a technical revision.

In this edition, guidance of measurement methods and test procedures for dimensional characteristics, cut-off wavelength, mode field diameter and beat length of polarization-maintaining optical fibres have been added. Thus, the title of the technical report is changed to "Guidance of measurement methods and test procedures – Basic tests for polarization-maintaining optical fibres" from "Guidance for polarization crosstalk measurement of optical fibre".

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GUIDANCE OF MEASUREMENT METHODS AND TEST PROCEDURES – BASIC TESTS FOR POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING OPTICAL FIBRES

1 Scope and object

This technical report applies to polarization-maintaining (PM) optical fibres.

The object of this report is to define test procedures to be used in establishing uniform requirements for the geometrical and transmission properties of PM fibres.

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 60068-1, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60793-1-20:2001, *Optical fibres – Part 1-20: Measurement methods and test procedures – Fibre geometry*

IEC 60793-1-44, *Optical fibres – Part 1-44: Measurement methods and test procedures – Cut-off wavelength*

IEC 60793-1-45:2001, *Optical fibres – Part 1-45: Measurement methods and test procedures – Mode field diameter*

IEC 60793-1-48, *Optical fibres – Part 1-48: Measurement methods and test procedures – Polarization mode dispersion*

3 Terms and definitions

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

NOTE IEC 60793-1-41¹ provides general definitions for testing.

3.1 polarization-maintaining optical fibre

PM fibre
optical fibre capable of transmitting, under external perturbations such as bending or lateral pressure, both independently of or either of the polarization modes $HE_{x,11}^X$ and $HE_{y,11}^Y$ whose directions of electric field vector intersect orthogonally with each other and which have different propagation constants

¹ Numbers in square brackets refer to the bibliography.