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#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 establishes uniform requirements for measuring the polarization crosstalk of polarization-maintaining (PM) fibres.

This document gives two methods for measuring the polarization crosstalk of PM fibres. Method A is the power ratio method, which uses the maximum and minimum values of output power at a specified wavelength, and Method B is the in-line method, which uses an analysis of the Poincaré sphere.

Details of each method are described in Clause 6.

Crosstalk values obtained by Methods A and B are based on different definitions.

The crosstalk measured by Method A is defined as an "averaged" value over a measured wavelength range. In contrast, the crosstalk value obtained from Method B shows the "worst case" crosstalk value.

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IEC 60793-2-70<sup>1</sup>, *Optical fibres – Part 2-70: Product specifications – Sectional specifications for polarization-maintaining fibres*

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