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- a) harmonization of terminology within the IEC 60793-2 series;
- b) added measurement parameters for numerical aperture and fibre geometry.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793-2 is applicable to category A4 optical multimode fibres and the related sub-categories A4a, A4b, A4c, A4d, A4e, A4f, A4g and A4h. These fibres have a plastic core and plastic cladding and may have step-index, multi-step index or graded-index profiles. The fibres are used in information transmission equipment and other applications employing similar light transmitting techniques, and finally in fibre optic cables. Table 1 summarizes some of the salient characteristics and applications of these fibres.

Table 1 – Characteristics and applications of category A4 fibres

Sub-category	A4a	A4b	A4c	A4d	A4e	A4f	A4g	A4h
Core diameter (µm)	See Note 1	See Note 1	See Note 1	See Note 1	≥ 500	200	120	62,5
Cladding diameter (µm)	1 000	750	500	1 000	750	400	490	245
Numerical aperture Na_{ff}	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,30	0,25	0,190	0,190	0,190
Operating wavelength (s) (nm)	650 See Note 2	650	650	650	650	650 850 1 300	650 850 1 300	850 1 300
Applications	Digital audio interface, automobile, industrial, sensor and data transmission	Industrial and sensor	Sensor, audio visual interface and data transmission	Digital audio visual interface and data transmission	Digital audiovisual interface and data transmission	Industrial and mobile; compatible with A3 transmission equipment	Data transmission	Data transmission; primarily used in ribbon structures
NOTE 1 Typically 10 µm to 35 µm smaller than the cladding diameter.								
NOTE 2 Other potential wavelengths for A4a fibre are described in Annex J.								

In addition to the applications shown in Table 1, other applications for A4 fibres include, but are not restricted to, the following: support for short reach, high bit-rate systems in telephony, distribution and local networks, carrying data, voice and/or video services and on-premises intrabuilding and interbuilding fibre installations, including LANs, PBXs, video, various multiplexing uses and miscellaneous related uses, such as consumer electronics and industrial and mobile networks.

Three types of requirements apply to A4 fibres:

- general requirements, as defined in IEC 60793-2;
- specific requirements common to category A4 multimode fibres covered in this standard and which are given in Clause 3;