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- b) addition of a new subcategory A4i;
- c) deletion of the subcategory A4f and of Annex F.

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## OPTICAL FIBRES –

### Part 2-40: Product specifications – Sectional specification for category A4 multimode fibres

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 is applicable to category A4 optical multimode fibres and the related subcategories A4a, A4b, A4c, A4d, A4e, A4g, A4h and A4i. 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 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	A4i
	A4a.1	A4a.2								
Core diameter (µm)	a		a	a	a	≥ 500	c	120	62,5	55
Cladding diameter (µm)	1 000		750	500	1 000	7 000	c	490	245 <sup>d</sup>	490
Numerical aperture $Na_{ff}$	0,50	0,53	0,50	0,50	0,3	0,25	c	0,190	0,190	0,24
Operating wave-length(s) (nm)	650 <sup>b</sup>		650	650	650	650	c	650 850 1 300	850 1 300	850
Applications	Digital audio interface, automobile, industrial, sensor and data transmission		Industrial and sensor	Sensor	Digital audio-visual interface and data transmission	Digital audio-visual interface and data transmission	c	Data transmission	Data transmission; primarily used in ribbon structures	Industrial data transmission
<p><sup>a</sup> Typically 15 µm to 35 µm smaller than the cladding diameter.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> Other potential wavelengths for A4a fibre are described in Annex K.</p> <p><sup>c</sup> This sub-category is outdated and therefore no more specified.</p> <p><sup>d</sup> Cladding diameters of 400 µm and 750 µm are also possible.</p> <p><sup>e</sup> <math>Na_{ff}</math> is numerical aperture measured by far field pattern method.</p>										

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 local area networks (LANs), private branch exchanges (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 document and which are given in Clause 4;