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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) addition of two new sub-categories A3f and A3g indicated “under consideration” as they have not yet been fully standardized at the moment of finalizing this document;
- b) modification of the Numerical aperture heading in Table 3 in line with recent modifications in all A1, A2, A3 and A4 multimode product specifications (NA<sub>ff</sub> only).

This standard is to be read in conjunction with the IEC 60793-1 series.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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## OPTICAL FIBRES –

### Part 2: Product specifications – General

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 contains the general specifications for both multimode and single-mode optical fibres.

Sectional specifications for each of the four categories multimode fibres: A1, A2, A3, and A4 (part of the multimode fibre class A) contain requirements specific to each category.

Sectional specifications for each of the two single-mode fibre classes, B and C, contain requirements common to each class.

Each sectional specification includes family specifications (in normative annexes) that contain requirements for the applicable category or sub-categories. These sub-categories are distinguished on the basis of different fibre types or applications.

The requirements of this standard apply to all classes.

Each sectional specification contains the requirements that are common to all the family specifications that are within it. These common requirements are copied to the family specification for ease of reference.

Tests or measurement methods are defined for each specified attribute. Where possible, these definitions are by reference to an IEC standard – otherwise the test or measurement method is outlined in the relevant sectional specification.

Table 1 defines the sectional specifications. The relevant family specifications are defined within the sectional specifications as normative annexes (see Tables 2 to 5).

Annexes A and B summarize the existing fibre specifications.

**Table 1 – Sectional specifications**

Document	Fibre category / class	Cladding material	Core material	Index profile
IEC 60793-2-10	A1 multimode	Glass	Glass	Graded
IEC 60793-2-20	A2 multimode	Glass	Glass	Quasi-step or step
IEC 60793-2-30	A3 multimode	Plastic	Glass	Step or graded (under consideration)
IEC 60793-2-40	A4 multimode	Plastic	Plastic	Step, multi-step or graded
IEC 60793-2-50	B single-mode	Glass	Glass	Not applicable
IEC 60793-2-60	C single-mode	Glass	Glass	Not applicable