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This Final version does not show where the technical content is modified by amendment 1. A separate Redline version with all changes highlighted is available in this publication.

International Standard IEC 60794-1-21 has been prepared by subcommittee 86A: Fibres and cables, of IEC technical committee 86: Fibre optics.

This first edition constitutes a technical revision.

It has been decided to split the second edition of IEC 60794-1-2 into six new documents:

– IEC 60794-1-2, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-2: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures*

– IEC 60794-1-20, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-20: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – General and definitions*

– IEC 60794-1-21, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-21: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – Mechanical tests methods*

– IEC 60794-1-22, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-22: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – Environmental tests methods*

– IEC 60794-1-23, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-23: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – Cable elements tests methods*

– IEC 60794-1-24, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-24: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – Electrical tests methods*

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This standard is intended to be used in conjunction with IEC 60794-1-1.

A list of all parts in the IEC 60794 series, published under the general title *Optical fibre cables*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of the base publication and its amendment will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC web site under "http://webstore.iec.ch" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

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INTRODUCTION to Amendment

This Amendment adds new test methods and revises existing ones in a timely fashion until the next full revision of IEC 60794-1-21:2015.

Both the E-series numbering of the test methods, clause numbers, figures and equations of the technical section are aligned with IEC 60794-1-21:2015.

As part of the ongoing rationalization of the test methods specification set, several tests of IEC 60794-1-21 were determined to be more properly aligned with others of the set and have been moved. To that end, the proposed text to affect these moves has been inserted in this document.

Clause 7 has been redesignated as a cable element test method. It has been moved to IEC 60794-1-23 Ed2 and given the test method number G10A.

Clause 8 has been redesignated as a cable element test method. It has been moved to IEC 60794-1-23 Ed2 and given the test method number G10B.

Clause 18 has been redesignated as an environmental test method. It has been moved to IEC 60794-1-22 Ed2 and given the test method number F16.

Clause 19 has been redesignated as a cable element test method. It has been moved to IEC 60794-1-23 Ed2 and given the test method number G9.

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1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60794 applies to optical fibre cables for use with telecommunication equipment and devices employing similar techniques, and to cables having a combination of both optical fibres and electrical conductors.

The object of this standard is to define test procedures to be used in establishing uniform requirements for mechanical requirement performance.

Throughout this standard the wording “optical cable” may also include optical fibre units, microduct fibre units, etc.

See IEC 60794-1-2 for general requirements and definitions and for a complete reference guide to test methods of all types.

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 60227-2, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 2: Test methods*

IEC 60793-1-22:2001, *Optical fibres – Part 1-22: Measurement methods and test procedures – Length measurement*

IEC 60793-1-32:2010, *Optical fibres – Part 1-32: Measurement methods and test procedures – Coating strippability*

IEC 60793-1-40, *Optical fibres – Part 1-40: Measurement methods and test procedures – Attenuation*

IEC 60793-1-46:2001, *Optical fibres – Part 1-46: Measurement methods and test procedures – Monitoring of changes in optical transmittance*

IEC 60794-1-1, *Optical fibres – Part 1-1: Generic specification – General*

IEC 60794-1-2:2013, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-2: Generic specification – Cross reference table for optical cable test procedures*

IEC 60794-1-20:2014, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-20: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – General and definitions*