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

- a) new test method designation F16 – Compound flow (drip) [E14 in IEC 60794-1-21];
- b) new test method F17 – Cable shrinkage test (fibre protrusion);

c) new test method F18 – Mid-span temperature cycling test.

NOTE Missing numbers in the test methods sequence are intentional. They can suggest a deleted test method or a test method that was never published.

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

OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES –

Part 1-22: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – Environmental test methods

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60794 defines test procedures to be used in establishing uniform requirements for the environmental performance of

- optical fibre cables for use with telecommunication equipment and devices employing similar techniques, and
- cables having a combination of both optical fibres and electrical conductors.

Throughout this document, the wording "optical cable" can also include optical fibre units, microduct fibre units, etc.

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

2 Normative references

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IEC 60068-2-14:2009, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

IEC 60304, *Standard colours for insulation for low-frequency cables and wires*

IEC 60544-1, *Electrical insulating materials – Determination of the effects of ionizing radiation – Part 1: Radiation interaction and dosimetry*

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

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

IEC 60793-1-54, *Optical fibres – Part 1-54: Measurement methods and test procedures – Gamma irradiation*

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

IEC 60811-503, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 503: Mechanical tests – Shrinkage test for sheaths*

ISO 4892-2, *Plastics – Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources – Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps*