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- a) changes to remove redundant overlap with IEC 60876-1;
- b) clarifications to definitions and diagrams;
- c) generalization of the detection apparatus beyond an oscilloscope.

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# FIBRE OPTIC INTERCONNECTING DEVICES AND PASSIVE COMPONENTS – BASIC TEST AND MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES –

## Part 3-21: Examinations and measurements – Switching time

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61300 describes a method to measure the switching time and related performance parameters of a fibre optic spatial switch when the actuation energy is applied or removed to change the state of the switch.

### 2 Normative references

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#### 3.1

##### latency time

<switching from isolated state to conducting state> elapsed time until the output power of a specified output port reaches 10 % of its steady-state value from the time the actuation energy is applied for a normally-off switch or is removed for a normally-on switch

#### 3.2

##### latency time

<switching from conducting state to isolated state> elapsed time until the output power of a specified output port reaches 90 % of its steady-state value from the time the actuation energy is removed for a normally-off switch or is applied for a normally-on switch

Note 1 to entry: For a latch type optical switch, when switching from conducting state to isolated state, actuation energy is applied or removed.

#### 3.3

##### rise time

elapsed time for the output power of the specified output port to rise from 10 % of the steady-state conducting value to 90 % of the steady-state conducting value