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

- a) measurement of the individual fibre tip radii;
- b) introduction of the geometry limit (GL) metric;
- c) introduction of the minus coplanarity metric;
- d) new method for measuring the core dips;
- e) all measurement regions are now identical for MM and SM fibres;

f) the ferrule surface angle sign convention has been changed.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61300 describes a method of measuring the end face geometry of rectangular multifibre ferrules having an IEC defined optical interface. The primary attributes are fibre position relative to the end face, either withdrawal or protrusion, end face angle relative to the guide pin bores, fibre tip radii and core dip for multimode fibres.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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4 General description

Guide pin based multifibre connector plugs typically have a rectangular end face with a long axis and a short axis. Ideally, a flat polish is desired on the end face with the fibres protruding slightly and all in the same plane to assure physical contact of the fibre cores when two connectors are intermated. In practice, the end face typically has two different curvatures across the surface along the long and short axis. Since mated ferrules are aligned by pins in the guide holes, the end face of the ferrule shall be properly oriented (S_x and S_y angles) with respect to the guide holes to achieve positive contact. The end face angle S_x in the x axis and the end face angle S_y in the y axis are measured by finding the best fit plane based on a percentage of the highest points in a specified region of interest. The highest points typically show the greatest modulation from an interferometric standpoint. This allows for more robust measurements and greater repeatability between different interferometers.

The angle of the best fit plane is calculated by comparing it to the reference plane which is perpendicular to the axis of each guide hole. The height H (positive is a protrusion) of the fibres is a planar height defined as the distance between the fibre end face and the best fit plane. Core dip is of more relevance to multimode fibres because the large core is softer than the cladding of the fibre and tends to polish away faster. Core dip is calculated using the paraboloid method described in Annex E.

One method is described for measuring polish angle and fibre position for a single ferrule multifibre connector by analysing the endface with a three-dimensional interferometry type surface analyser.