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Part 3-7: Examinations and measurements – Wavelength dependence of attenuation and return loss of single mode components

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61300-3 describes the various methods available to measure the wavelength dependence of attenuation $A(\lambda)$ and return loss $RL(\lambda)$, of single-mode passive optical components (POC) used in fibre-optic (FO) telecommunications. It is not, however, applicable to dense wavelength division multiplexing (DWDM) devices. Measurement methods of wavelength dependence of attenuation of DWDM devices are described in IEC 61300-3-29. Definition of WDM device types is given in IEC 62074-1.

Three measurement cases are herein considered:

- Measurement of $A(\lambda)$ only;
- Measurement of $RL(\lambda)$ only;
- Measurement of $A(\lambda)$ and $RL(\lambda)$ at the same time.

These measurements may be performed in one direction (unidirectional) or bi-directionally.

2 Normative references

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IEC 61300-3-29, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-29: Examinations and measurements – Measurement techniques for characterising the amplitude of the spectral transfer function of DWDM components*

IEC 62074-1, *Fibre optic WDM devices – Part 1: Generic specification*