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This introduction is not part of IEEE Std 1594™-2020, IEEE Standard for Helically-Applied Fiber Optic Cable Systems (WRAP Cable) for Use on Overhead Utility Lines.

This standard is the first standard focused on fiber optic cables that are wrapped around either an overhead conductor, the ground wire (sometimes called earth wire), or a messenger wire. This type of system is typically utilized where optical fiber is desired to be installed in the overhead transmission line right-of-way and where other fiber optic options either cannot be utilized or there is some constraint preventing their use.

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## 1. Overview

### 1.1 Scope

This standard covers an all-dielectric fiber optic (WRAP) cable designed to be helically wrapped around a conductor or other messenger on overhead power facilities. This covers the mechanical, electrical, and optical performance; installation guidelines; acceptance criteria; test requirements; environmental considerations; packaging and shipping guidelines; and accessories.

### 1.2 Purpose

Other existing standards do not cover all-dielectric fiber optic (WRAP) cable designed to be helically wrapped around a conductor or other messenger on overhead power facilities. This standard simplifies procurement, standardizes testing, assures product quality, and assists usage.

## 2. Normative references

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ASTM E29-06b, Standard Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications.<sup>1</sup>

IEC 60068-1, Environmental Testing—Part 1: General and Guidance.<sup>2</sup>

IEC 60068-2-5, Environmental Testing—Part 2: Tests. Test S: Simulated Solar Radiation at Ground Level and Guidance for Solar Radiation Testing and Weathering.

IEC 60068-2-38, Basic Environmental Testing Procedures—Part 2: Tests—Test Z/AD: Composite Temperature/Humidity Cyclic Test.

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