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- b) update of the normative references and bibliography;
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## INTRODUCTION

A fibre optic sensor contains an optical or optically powered sensing element in which the information is created by reaction of light to a measurand. The sensing element can be the fibre itself or an optically powered element inserted along the optical path. In a fibre optic sensor, one or more light parameters are directly or indirectly modified by the measurand somewhere in the optical path, contrary to an optical data link where the information is merely transmitted from the transmitter to the receiver.

Generic tests or measurement methods for fibre optic sensors are defined in this document. Where possible, these definitions are by reference to an IEC standard – otherwise the test or measurement method is outlined in the relevant standard of the fibre optic sensor standard series.

Annex A gives examples of fibre optic sensors to better illustrate the classification scheme. The examples given are illustrative only and are not limitative, nor do they constitute a recommendation or endorsement of a particular transduction principle.