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## OPTICAL FIBRES –

### Part 2-10: Product specifications – Sectional specification for category A1 multimode fibres

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 is applicable to optical fibre sub-categories A1-OM1, A1-OM2, A1-OM3, A1-OM4, A1-OM5, and A1d. These fibres are used or can be incorporated in information transmission equipment and optical fibre cables.

Sub-categories A1-OM2, A1-OM3, A1-OM4 and A1-OM5 apply to 50/125  $\mu\text{m}$  graded index fibre in four bandwidth grades. Each of these bandwidth grades is defined for two levels of macrobend loss performance that are distinguished by "a" or "b" suffix. Those sub-categories with suffix "a" are specified to meet traditional macrobend loss performance levels. Those sub-categories with suffix "b" are specified to meet enhanced macrobend loss (i.e. lower loss) performance levels.

Sub-category A1-OM5 is specified to support single wavelength or multi-wavelength transmission systems in the vicinity of 850 nm to 950 nm. Although not normatively specified, bandwidth information covering this wavelength range is also included for A1-OM3 and A1-OM4.

Sub-category A1-OM1 applies to 62,5/125  $\mu\text{m}$  graded index fibre and sub-category A1d applies to 100/140  $\mu\text{m}$  graded index fibre.

Other applications include, but are not restricted to, the following: short reach, high bit-rate systems in telephony, distribution and local networks carrying data, voice and/or video services; on-premises intra-building and inter-building fibre installations including data centres, local area networks (LANs), storage area networks (SANs), private branch exchanges (PBXs), video, various multiplexing uses, outside telephone cable plant use, and miscellaneous related uses.

Three types of requirements apply to these fibres:

- general requirements, as defined in IEC 60793-2;
- specific requirements common to the category A1 multimode fibres covered in this document and which are given in Clause 5;
- particular requirements applicable to individual fibre sub-categories and models, or specific applications, which are defined in the normative specification Annexes A to D.

Table 1 shows the cross reference between the IEC A1 multimode optical fibre designations used in this document compared to those used in IEC 60793-2-10:2017. The table also refers to the normative annexes A, B and C for the A1 sub-category multimode fibres in this document that contains the detailed specification.

**Table 1 – Cross reference IEC A1 multimode fibre designations to IEC 60793-2-10:2017**

Annex	Sub-category	Sub-category/Model	Core diameter (nominal)	ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017
	This document designations	IEC 60793-2-10:2017 designations		Usage of cabled OMx fibres
A	A1-OM2	A1a.1	50 µm <sup>a</sup>	OM2 <sup>b</sup>
	A1-OM3	A1a.2	50 µm	OM3
	A1-OM4	A1a.3	50 µm	OM4
	A1-OM5	A1a.4	50 µm	OM5
B	A1-OM1	A1b	62,5 µm <sup>c</sup>	OM1 <sup>d</sup>
C	A1d	A1d	100 µm	-
<sup>a</sup> Historically, ISO/IEC 11801:2002 also defined OM2 cables made with 62,5/125 µm fibres having a minimum overfilled launch bandwidth of 500 MHz·km at 850 nm and 500 MHz·km at 1 300 nm. This specific bandwidth combination of 62,5/125 µm fibre is not part of this document. <sup>b</sup> OM2 cables are not supported for new installations within ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017. <sup>c</sup> Historically, ISO/IEC 11801:2002 also defined OM1 cables made with 50/125 µm fibres having a minimum overfilled launch bandwidth of 200 MHz·km at 850 nm and 500 MHz·km at 1 300 nm. This specific bandwidth combination of 50/125 µm fibre is not part of this document. <sup>d</sup> OM1 cables are not supported for new installations within ISO/IEC 11801-1:2017.				

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IEC 60793-1-31, *Optical fibres – Part 1-31: Measurement methods and test procedures – Tensile strength*

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IEC 60793-1-33, *Optical fibres – Part 1-33: Measurement methods and test procedures – Stress corrosion susceptibility*

IEC 60793-1-40, *Optical fibres – Part 1-40: Measurement methods and test procedures – Attenuation*

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IEC 60793-2, *Optical fibres – Part 2: Product specifications – General*

IEC 61280-4-1:2009, *Fibre-optic communication subsystem test procedures – Part 4-1: Installed cable plant – Multimode attenuation measurement*

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