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BASIC TEST AND MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES –**

**Part 1: General and guidance**

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## INTRODUCTION

The publications in the IEC 61300 series contain information on environmental testing procedures and measurement procedures relating to fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components. They are intended to be used to achieve uniformity and reproducibility in environmental testing procedures and measurement procedures.

The term "test procedure" refers to procedures commonly known as environmental tests. The expressions "environmental conditioning" and "environmental testing" refer to the environments to which components or equipment may be exposed so that an assessment may be made of their performance under the conditions of use, transport and storage.

The term "measurement procedure" refers to those measurements which are necessary to assess the physical and optical characteristics of a component and may also be used before, during or after a test procedure to measure the effects of environmental conditioning or testing. The return loss and attenuation tests are examples of measurement procedures.

The requirements for the performance of components or equipment subjected to the test and measurement procedures described in this standard are not included. The relevant specification for the device under test defines the allowed performance limits.

When drafting a specification or purchase contract, only those tests which are necessary for the relevant components or equipment taking into account the technical and economic aspects should be specified.

The environmental test procedures are contained in the IEC 61300-2 series and the measurement procedures in the IEC 61300-3 series. Each test or measurement procedure is published as a stand-alone publication so that it may be modified, expanded or cancelled without having an effect on any other test or measurement procedure. However it should be noted that, where practical, reference is made to other standards as opposed to repeating all or part of already existing standards. As an example, the cold test for fibre optic apparatus refers to IEC 60068-2-1, but it also provides other needed information such as purpose, recommended severities and a list of items to be specified.

Multiple methods may be contained in a test or measurement procedure. As an example, several methods of measuring attenuation are contained in the attenuation measurement procedure.

If more than one method is contained in a test or measurement procedure, the reference method is identified.

The tests in this standard permit the performance of sample components or equipment to be compared. To assess the overall quality of a production lot, the test procedures should be applied in accordance with a suitable sampling plan and may be supplemented by appropriate additional tests, if necessary.

To provide tests appropriate to the different intensities of an environmental condition, some of the test procedures have a number of degrees of severity. These different degrees of severity are obtained by varying the time, temperature or some other determining factor separately or in combination.

# FIBRE OPTIC INTERCONNECTING DEVICES AND PASSIVE COMPONENTS – BASIC TEST AND MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES –

## Part 1: General and guidance

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61300 contains a series of environmental test and measurement procedures and, in some cases, preferred severities designed to assess the ability of fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components to perform under expected service conditions. Although the severities are primarily intended for land-based communications, the procedures may be used for other applications. The object of this standard is to provide uniform and reproducible environmental test procedures and measurement procedures, for those preparing specifications for fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components.

These test and measurement procedures are designed to provide information on the following properties of components and equipment, such as connectors, splices, switches, attenuators, etc.:

- a) ability to operate within specified limits of temperature, pressure, humidity, mechanical stress or other environmental conditions and certain combinations of these conditions;
- b) ability to withstand storage and transport;
- c) ability to meet the specified levels of optical performance.

This standard should be used in combination with the relevant specification which will define the tests to be used, the required degree of severity for each of them, their sequence, if relevant, and the permissible performance limits. In the event of conflict between this basic standard and the relevant specification, the latter will take precedence.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050-731, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 731: Optical fibre communication*

IEC 60617, *Graphical symbols for diagrams*

IEC 60825-1, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 60825-2, *Safety of laser products – Part 2: Safety of optical fibre communication systems (OFCS)*

IEC 61280-1-4, *Fibre optic communication subsystem test procedures – Part 1-4: General communication subsystems – Light source encircled flux measurement method*

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