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### Part 1-44: Measurement methods and test procedures – Cut-off wavelength

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 establishes uniform requirements for measuring the cut-off wavelength of single-mode optical fibre, thereby assisting in the inspection of fibres and cables for commercial purposes.

This document gives methods for measuring the cut-off wavelength ~~of fibre and cable~~ for uncabled or cabled single mode telecom fibre. These procedures apply to all category B and C fibre types.

~~There are two methods for measuring cable cut-off wavelength,  $\lambda_{cc}$ :~~

- ~~• Method A: using uncabled fibre;~~
- ~~• Method B: using cabled fibre.~~

~~There is only one method (Method C) for measuring fibre cut-off wavelength,  $\lambda_c$ .~~

~~The test method in this standard describes procedures for determining the cut-off wavelength of a sample fibre in either an uncabled condition ( $\lambda_c$ ) or in a cable ( $\lambda_{cc}$ ). Three default configurations are given here: any different configuration will be given in a detail specification. These procedures apply to all category B and C fibre types (see Normative references).~~

There are three methods of deployment for measuring the cut-off wavelength:

- method A: cable cut-off using uncabled fibre 22 m long sample,  $\lambda_{cc}$ ;
- method B: cable cut-off using cabled fibre 22 m long sample,  $\lambda_{cc}$ ;
- method C: fibre cut-off using uncabled fibre 2 m long sample,  $\lambda_c$ .

All methods require a reference measurement. There are two reference-scan techniques, either or both of which ~~may~~ can be used with all methods:

- bend-reference technique;
- multimode-reference technique using category A1(OM1-OM5) multimode fibre.

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