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a) addition of IEC 61315, *Calibration of fibre-optic power meters* as normative reference;
b) addition of Clause 3 containing terms, definitions and abbreviated terms;
c) addition of notes for permission of repeatability definition with 2σ;

d) correction of error in Figure 1 a) and Figure 1 b);

e) addition of a clear statement on EF launch condition requirement for MM source;

f) change of “Detector” to “Power meter”;

g) combination of Clause 7 and Clause 8 into a new Clause 8 titled “Details to be specified and reported”;

h) addition of uncertainty considerations in Clause 7;

i) correction of error in Formula (B.3).

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61300 provides a method to measure the error and repeatability of the attenuation value settings of a variable optical attenuator (VOA). There are two control technologies for VOAs: manually controlled and electrically controlled. This document covers both VOA control technologies and also both single-mode fibres and multimode fibres VOAs. For electrically controlled VOAs, the hysteresis characteristics of attenuation are sometimes important. The hysteresis characteristics can be measured as stated in Annex B.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 61300-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 61300-3-4, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 3-4: Examinations and measurements - Attenuation*

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