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#### Part 3: Testing of optical fibre cabling

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International Standard ISO/IEC 14763-3 was prepared by subcommittee 25: Interconnection of information technology equipment, of ISO/IEC joint technical committee 1: Information technology.

This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- general requirements (Clause 5) have been revised and the concept of normalization has been replaced by reference measurements;
- OTDR characterization (6.2) and requirements for cabling interface adapters (6.3) and test cords have been revised and requirements for single-mode fibre test cords (6.3.4) have been removed;
- enhanced three-test-cord reference method has been introduced (9.1.1.2);
- requirements for the attenuation measurement of cords (10.6) have been revised;
- Annex A "Launched modal distribution (LMD)" has been simplified and the new title now reads "Launched modal conditions for testing multimode optical fibre cabling";
- visual inspection criteria for connectors have been reworked (Annex B);
- information on optical time domain reflectometry (Annex C) has been revised;
- examples of calculations of channel and permanent link limits (Annex G) have been revised;
- and information regarding cleaning and inspection of fibre optic connections have been added (Annex H).

A list of all parts in the ISO/IEC 14763 series, published under the general title *Information technology – Implementation and operation of customer premises cabling*, can be found on the IEC website.

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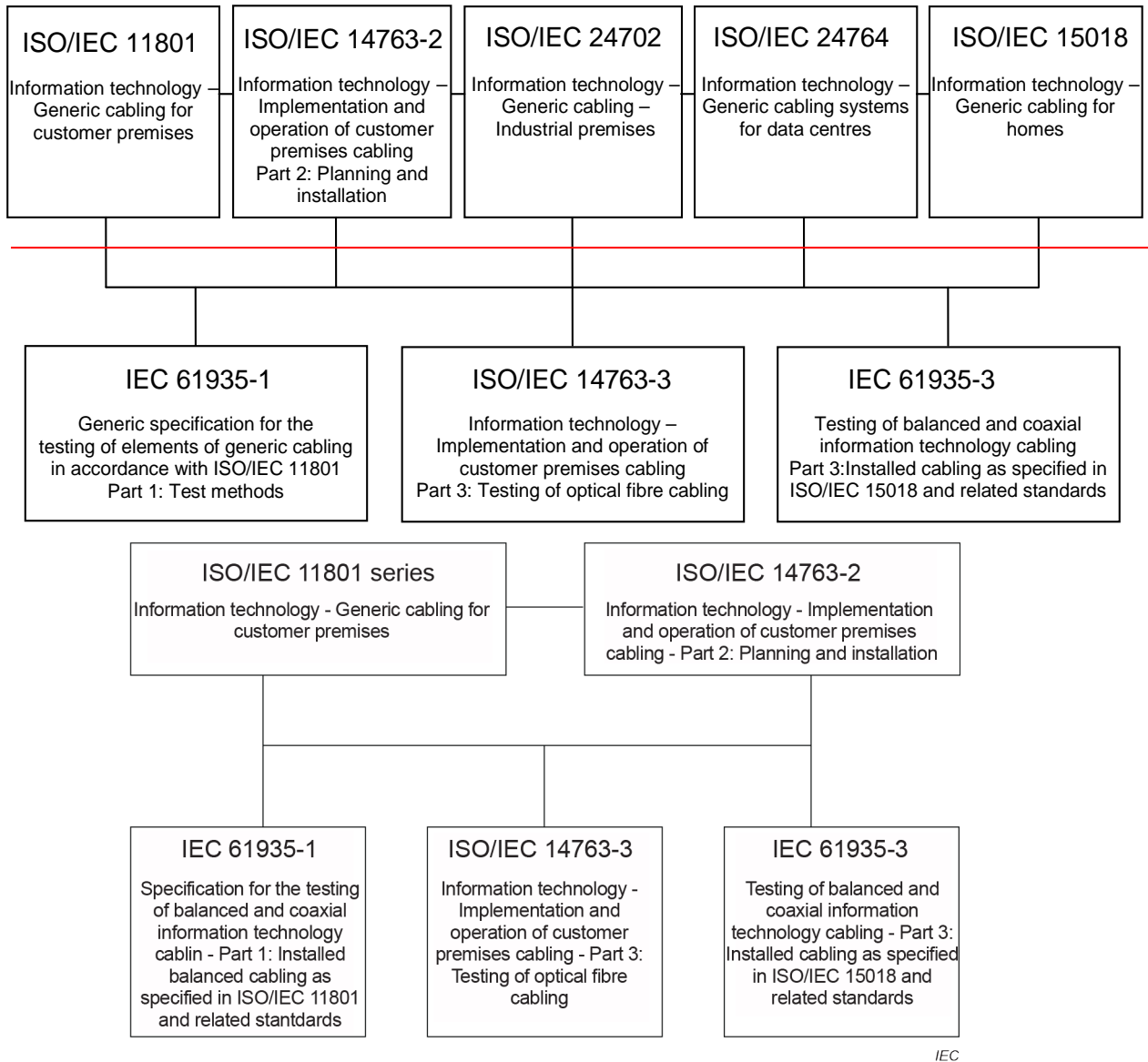
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## INTRODUCTION

This International Standard ~~is one of four~~ has been prepared in support of International Standard series ISO/IEC 11801 ~~and other cabling standards~~.

Figure 1 below shows the inter-relationship between ISO/IEC 11801 series and other International Standards and for cabling systems with related standards.



NOTE ISO/IEC 15018 has been replaced by ISO/IEC 11801-4.

**Figure 1 – Relationship of related International Standards**

ISO/IEC 14763-3 details the inspection and test procedures for optical fibre cabling,

- designed in accordance with premises cabling standards including the ISO/IEC 11801 series, ~~ISO/IEC 24764, ISO/IEC 24702 and ISO/IEC 15018~~, and
- installed according to the requirements and recommendations of ISO/IEC 14763-2.

Users of this International Standard should be familiar with relevant premises cabling standards and ISO/IEC 14763-2.

The quality plan for each installation will define the acceptance tests and sampling levels selected for that installation. Requirements and recommendations for the development of a quality plan are described in ISO/IEC 14763-2.

NOTE JTC 1/SC 25, in cooperation with IEC/TC 86, is currently developing an overall quantitative model to calculate total measurement uncertainty as stated in the reference planes of ISO/IEC 11801-1. When such a model has been verified, it is expected to be incorporated into this standard in form of an Amendment, thereby removing pertinent clauses currently marked “ffs” (for further study).

## INTRODUCTION to the amendment

This document contains information for inspecting end faces of the different kinds of installed fibre optic cabling interfaces and connectors of test cords and recommendations for cleaning these interfaces, and replaces the normative Annex B and deletes the informative Annex H of ISO/IEC 14763-3:2014.

Additional information regarding channel and link testing is provided to Annex E.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF CUSTOMER PREMISES CABLING –

### Part 3: Testing of optical fibre cabling

#### 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 14763 specifies systems and methods for the inspection and testing of installed optical fibre cabling designed in accordance with premises cabling standards including the ISO/IEC 11801 series, ~~ISO/IEC 24764, ISO/IEC 24702 and ISO/IEC 15018~~. The test methods refer to existing standards-based procedures where they exist.

#### 2 Normative references

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

ISO/IEC 11801-1, *Information technology – Generic cabling for customer premises – Part 1: General requirements*

ISO/IEC 14763-2, *Information technology – Implementation and operation of customer premises cabling – Part 2: Planning and installation*

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

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

IEC 60874-14-3, *Connectors for optical fibres and cables – Part 14-3: Detail specification for fibre optic adapter (simplex) type SC for single-mode fibre*

IEC 60874-19-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Connectors for optical fibres and cables – Part 19-1: Fibre optic patch cord connector type SC-PC (floating duplex) standard terminated on multimode fibre type A1a, A1b – Detail specification*

IEC 61280-1-3, *Fibre optic communication subsystem test procedures – Part 1-3: General communication subsystems – Central Wavelength and spectral width measurement*

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*

IEC 61280-4-2, *Fibre optic communication subsystem basic test procedures – Part 4-2: Fibre optic cable plant – Single-mode fibre optic cable plant attenuation*

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

IEC 61300-3-6, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-6: Examinations and measurements – Return loss*

IEC 61300-3-35-2009, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-35: Examinations and measurements – Visual inspection of fibre optic connectors – ~~endface visual~~ and ~~automated inspection~~ fibre-stub transceivers*

IEC 61300-3-42, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-42: Examinations and measurements – Attenuation of single mode alignment sleeves and or adaptors with resilient alignment sleeves*

IEC 61755-3-1, *Fibre optic connector optical interfaces – Part 3-1: Optical interface, 2,5 mm and 1,25 mm diameter cylindrical full zirconia PC ferrule, single mode fibre*

IEC 61755-3-2, *Fibre optic connector optical interfaces – Part 3-2: Optical interface, 2,5 mm and 1,25 mm diameter cylindrical full zirconia ferrules for 8 degrees angled-PC single mode fibres*

IEC 62614, *Fibre optics – Launch condition requirements for measuring multimode attenuation*

IEC 62664-1-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Fibre optic connector product specifications – Part 1-1: LC-PC duplex multimode connectors terminated on IEC 60793-2-10 category A1a fibre*



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- general requirements (Clause 5) have been revised and the concept of normalization has been replaced by reference measurements;
- OTDR characterization (6.2) and requirements for cabling interface adapters (6.3) and test cords have been revised and requirements for single-mode fibre test cords (6.3.4) have been removed;
- enhanced three-test-cord reference method has been introduced (9.1.1.2);
- requirements for the attenuation measurement of cords (10.6) have been revised;
- Annex A "Launched modal distribution (LMD)" has been simplified and the new title now reads "Launched modal conditions for testing multimode optical fibre cabling";
- visual inspection criteria for connectors have been reworked (Annex B);
- information on optical time domain reflectometry (Annex C) has been revised;
- examples of calculations of channel and permanent link limits (Annex G) have been revised;
- and information regarding cleaning and inspection of fibre optic connections have been added (Annex H).

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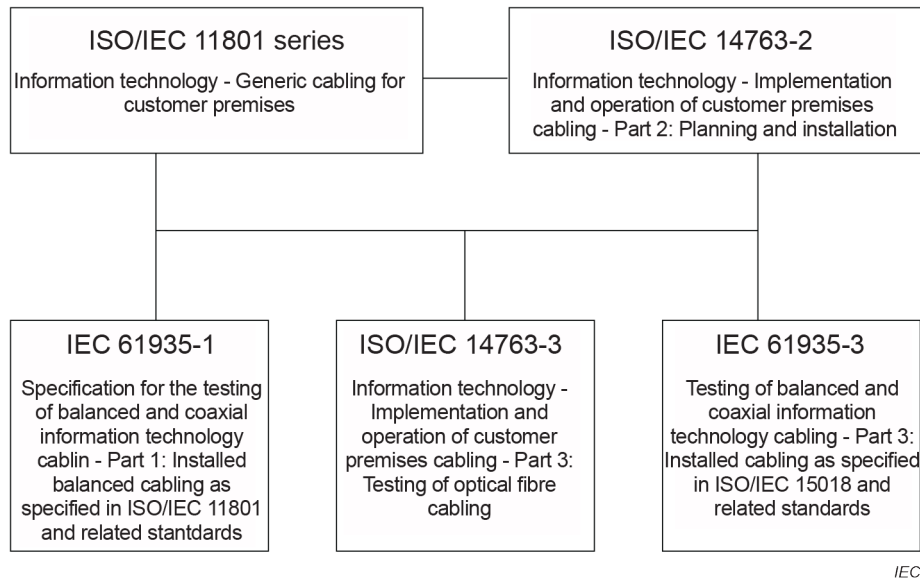
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## INTRODUCTION

This International Standard has been prepared in support of International Standard series ISO/IEC 11801.

Figure 1 below shows the inter-relationship between ISO/IEC 11801 series and other International Standards and for cabling systems with related standards.



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NOTE ISO/IEC 15018 has been replaced by ISO/IEC 11801-4.

**Figure 1 – Relationship of related International Standards**

ISO/IEC 14763-3 details the inspection and test procedures for optical fibre cabling,

- a) designed in accordance with premises cabling standards including the ISO/IEC 11801 series, and
- b) installed according to the requirements and recommendations of ISO/IEC 14763-2.

Users of this International Standard should be familiar with relevant premises cabling standards and ISO/IEC 14763-2.

The quality plan for each installation will define the acceptance tests and sampling levels selected for that installation. Requirements and recommendations for the development of a quality plan are described in ISO/IEC 14763-2.

NOTE JTC 1/SC 25, in cooperation with IEC/TC 86, is currently developing an overall quantitative model to calculate total measurement uncertainty as stated in the reference planes of ISO/IEC 11801-1. When such a model has been verified, it is expected to be incorporated into this standard in form of an Amendment, thereby removing pertinent clauses currently marked “ffs” (for further study).

## INTRODUCTION to the amendment

This document contains information for inspecting end faces of the different kinds of installed fibre optic cabling interfaces and connectors of test cords and recommendations for cleaning these interfaces, and replaces the normative Annex B and deletes the informative Annex H of ISO/IEC 14763-3:2014.

Additional information regarding channel and link testing is provided to Annex E.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF CUSTOMER PREMISES CABLING –

### Part 3: Testing of optical fibre cabling

#### 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 14763 specifies systems and methods for the inspection and testing of installed optical fibre cabling designed in accordance with premises cabling standards including the ISO/IEC 11801 series. The test methods refer to existing standards-based procedures where they exist.

#### 2 Normative references

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

ISO/IEC 11801-1, *Information technology – Generic cabling for customer premises – Part 1: General requirements*

ISO/IEC 14763-2, *Information technology – Implementation and operation of customer premises cabling – Part 2: Planning and installation*

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

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

IEC 60874-14-3, *Connectors for optical fibres and cables – Part 14-3: Detail specification for fibre optic adapter (simplex) type SC for single-mode fibre*

IEC 60874-19-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Connectors for optical fibres and cables – Part 19-1: Fibre optic patch cord connector type SC-PC (floating duplex) standard terminated on multimode fibre type A1a, A1b – Detail specification*

IEC 61280-1-3, *Fibre optic communication subsystem test procedures – Part 1-3: General communication subsystems – Central Wavelength and spectral width measurement*

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*

IEC 61280-4-2, *Fibre optic communication subsystem basic test procedures – Part 4-2: Fibre optic cable plant – Single-mode fibre optic cable plant attenuation*

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



IEC 61300-3-6, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-6: Examinations and measurements – Return loss*

IEC 61300-3-35, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-35: Examinations and measurements – Visual inspection of fibre optic connectors and fibre-stub transceivers*

IEC 61300-3-42, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-42: Examinations and measurements – Attenuation of single mode alignment sleeves and or adaptors with resilient alignment sleeves*

IEC 61755-3-1, *Fibre optic connector optical interfaces – Part 3-1: Optical interface, 2,5 mm and 1,25 mm diameter cylindrical full zirconia PC ferrule, single mode fibre*

IEC 61755-3-2, *Fibre optic connector optical interfaces – Part 3-2: Optical interface, 2,5 mm and 1,25 mm diameter cylindrical full zirconia ferrules for 8 degrees angled-PC single mode fibres*

IEC 62614, *Fibre optics – Launch condition requirements for measuring multimode attenuation*

IEC 62664-1-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Fibre optic connector product specifications – Part 1-1: LC-PC duplex multimode connectors terminated on IEC 60793-2-10 category A1a fibre*