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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 defines test methods for both the phase beat length, and the group beat length. These two parameters are defined differently, and will give different results depending on the type of polarization-maintaining (PM) fibre.

The phase beat length is the relevant parameter for the fibres ability to maintain a high extinction ratio. This is described in more details in Annexes A and B.

2 Normative references

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

IEC 60793-1-48, *Optical fibres – Part 1-48: Measurement methods and test procedures – Polarization mode dispersion*

IEC 60793-2-70¹, *Optical fibres – Part 2-70: Product specifications – Sectional specifications for polarization-maintaining fibres*

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3.1

phase beat length

$L_{B(\text{phase})}$

distance over which two orthogonal polarization modes are delayed by one cycle (2π)

3.2

group beat length

$L_{B(\text{group})}$

distance over which the group delay difference is one cycle (2π)

Note 1 to entry A group delay is based on group refractive index.

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