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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2006 and constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) galloping test (9.7) has been added to the type tests list;
- b) update of definitions clause; maximum installation tension (MIT) defined and used in the sheave test description;

- c) definition of characterization of OPGW's mechanical behaviour in order to provide information useful for electrical power transmission lines designers;
- d) improved definition of lightning test parameters and conditions to improve reproducibility among different laboratories.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60794-4, which is a family specification, covers cable construction, test methods and optical, mechanical, environmental and electrical performance requirements for OPGW (optical ground wire) which is used for the protection of electrical power lines against atmospheric discharges or short-circuits and, at the same time, as a high bandwidth transport media for communications-and-control optical signals. The corresponding environmental declaration may be built according to IEC TR 62839-1.

The OPGW is a substitute for a conventional ground-/shield-wire containing optical fibres for control and/or telecommunication purposes. Usually the fibres are embedded loosely in protective buffer tubes. To fulfil mechanical and electrical requirements; an armouring of one or more layers with aluminium, aluminium alloy, and aluminium clad steel, galvanized steel or a mixture of them is helically stranded. If the construction contains an aluminium tube or an aluminium slotted core, this cross section is considered as a conductive part.

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IEC 60104, *Aluminium-magnesium-silicon alloy wire for overhead line conductors*

IEC 60304, *Standard colours for insulation for low-frequency cables and wires*

IEC 60793 (all parts), *Optical fibres*

IEC 60793-1-40, *Optical fibres – Part 1-40: Measurement methods and test procedures – Attenuation*

IEC 60793-1-44, *Optical fibres – Part 1-44: Measurement methods and test procedures – Cut-off wavelength*

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IEC 60793-2-50, *Optical fibres – Part 2-50: Product specifications – Sectional specifications for class B single-mode fibres*

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