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

a) addition of a new test method G9: Bleeding and evaporation (formerly known as method E15 in IEC 60794-1-21:2015);
b) addition of a new test method G10A: Stripping force stability of cabled optical fibres (formerly known as method E5A in IEC 60794-1-21:2015);
c) addition of a new test method G10B: Strippability of optical fibre ribbons (formerly known as method E5B in IEC 60794-1-21:2015);
d) addition of a new test method G10C: Strippability of buffered optical fibres (formerly known as method E5C in IEC 60794-1-21:2015);

e) addition of a new test method G11A: Tensile strength and elongation of buffer tubes (included in IEC 60811-501);

f) addition of a new test method G11B: Elongation of buffer tubes at low temperature (included in IEC 60811-505);

g) clarification of the sample preparation procedure in method G5: Ribbon tear (separability);

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60794 describes test procedures to be used in establishing uniform requirements for the geometrical, material, mechanical, environmental properties of optical fibre cable elements.

This document applies to optical fibre cables for use with telecommunication equipment and devices employing similar techniques, and to cables having a combination of both optical fibres and electrical conductors.

Throughout the document, the wording "optical cable" can also include optical fibre units, microduct fibre units, etc.

NOTE The environmental testing of optical fibre ribbon would be valuable for some applications. Useful information about suitable test methods can be found in the optical fibre standards IEC 60793-1-50, IEC 60793-1-51, IEC 60793-1-52, and IEC 60793-1-53.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60794-1-2, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-2: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – General guidance*

IEC 60794-1-31:2018, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-31: Generic specification – Optical cable elements – Optical fibre ribbon*

IEC 60793-1-32:2018, *Optical fibres – Part 1-32: Measurement methods and test procedures – Coating strippability*

IEC 60793-1-40, *Optical fibres – Part 1-40: Attenuation measurement methods*

IEC 60793-1-46, *Optical fibres – Part 1-46: Measurement methods and test procedures – Monitoring of changes in optical transmittance*

IEC 60811-401, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 401: Miscellaneous tests – Thermal ageing methods – Ageing in an air oven*

3 Terms and definitions

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