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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to IEC 62614:

- a) increase of the value of the uncertainty attenuation variation coefficient Y for 50 μm core fibre at 1 300 nm, due to launch conditions, to twice the previous value;
- b) changes to 3.4, 5.6, including Table 5, and some references to remain consistent with IEC 61280-4-1:2019;
- c) changes to multimode fibre references to be consistent with IEC 60793-2-10:2019.

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FIBRE OPTICS – MULTIMODE LAUNCH CONDITIONS –

Part 1: Launch condition requirements for measuring multimode attenuation

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62614 describes the launch condition requirements used for measuring multimode attenuation in passive components and in installed cable plants.

In this document, the fibre types that are addressed include category A1-OM_x, where $x = 2, 3, 4$ and 5 ($50\ \mu\text{m}/125\ \mu\text{m}$), and A1-OM₁ ($62,5\ \mu\text{m}/125\ \mu\text{m}$) multimode fibres, as specified in IEC 60793-2-10. The nominal test wavelengths detailed are 850 nm and 1 300 nm. This document can be suitable for multimode attenuation measurements for other multimode categories and/or other wavelengths, but the source condition for other categories and wavelengths are not defined here.

The purpose of these requirements is as follows:

- to ensure consistency of field measurements when different types of test equipment are used;
- to ensure consistency of factory measurements when different types of test equipment are used;
- to ensure consistency of field measurements when compared with factory measurements.

This document describes launch condition requirements for optical attenuation using sources with a controlled encircled flux (EF).

2 Normative references

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IEC 61280-1-4, *Fibre optic communication subsystem test procedures – Part 1-4: General communication subsystems – Light source encircled flux measurement method*

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