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This standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 60794-1-1, IEC 60794-1-2 and IEC 60794-2.

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

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86A/1204/FDIS	86A/1223/RVD

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

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Part 2-50: Indoor cables – Family specification for simplex and duplex cables for use in terminated cable assemblies

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60794 is a family specification that covers requirements for simplex and duplex optical fibre cables for use in terminated cable assemblies or for termination with optical fibre passive components.

2 Normative references

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

They complete the normative references already listed in the generic specification (IEC 60794-1-1and IEC 60794-1-2) or in the sectional specification (IEC 60794-2 series).

IEC 60068-2-14, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests. Test N: Change of temperature*

IEC 60189-1, *Low-frequency cables and wires with PVC insulation and PVC sheath – Part 1: General test and measuring methods*

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

IEC 60793-1-20, *Optical fibres – Part 1-20: Measurement methods and test procedures – Fibre geometry*

IEC 60793-1-21, *Optical fibres – Part 1-21: Measurement methods and test procedures – Coating geometry*

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

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

IEC 60793-2-10, *Optical fibres – Part 2-10: Product specifications – Sectional specification for category A1 multimode fibres*

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

IEC 60794-1-1, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-1: Generic specification – General*

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

IEC 60794-2, *Optical fibre cables – Part 2: Indoor cables – Sectional specification*

IEC 60811-1-3, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric and optical cables – Part 1-3: General application – Methods for determining the density – Water absorption tests – Shrinkage test*

IEC 60811-1-4, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables – Part 1: Methods for general application – Section Four: Tests at low temperature*

ISO/IEC 11801, *Information technology – Generic cabling for customer premises*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1
terminated cable assembly
short length of cable provisioned with a connector at both ends

NOTE Examples from ISO/IEC 11801 are:

Patchcords are used to establish connections on a patch panel. Typical length of the patchcord 1m to 10 m.

Work area cords are used to connect outlet to the terminal equipment. Typical length of the work area cords according to this specification is between 1m and 35 m.

Equipment cords should fulfill the requirements of patchcords or work area cords depending on their application.

4 Construction

4.1 General

In addition to the constructional requirements in IEC 60794-2, the following considerations apply to simplex and duplex indoor cables for use in terminated cable assemblies.

It is not the intention of this standard to specify the finished terminated cable assembly complete with terminations.

The cable shall be designed and manufactured for an expected operating lifetime of 15 years. The materials in the cable shall not present a health hazard within its intended use.

There shall be no fibre splice in a delivery length. It shall be possible to identify each individual fibre throughout the length of the cable.

4.2 Optical fibres and primary coating

Multimode or single-mode optical fibres meeting the requirements of IEC 60793-2-10, type A1a and A1b, and IEC 60793-2-50, type B, shall be used.

4.3 Buffer

If a tight or semi-tight (loosely applied) buffer is required, it shall consist of one or more layers of inert material. Semi-tight tubes may be filled. Unless otherwise specified, the buffer shall be removable in one operation over a length of 15 mm.

Buffer dimensions are shown in Table 1.