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European Foreword

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1.5.12 laser radiation	Entire standard	

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- a) [Subclause 3.1](#): definition of RIN was changed in order to harmonize with ISO 11145:2016.
- b) [Clause 4](#), note 3: Expression for dB calculation was corrected.
- c) [Figure 3](#): Explanation of M was modified.
- d) [Subclause 7.9](#): Measurement of RIN was added, and former content of [7.9](#) was moved to [7.10](#).
- e) [Subclause 7.10](#): Explanation for the measurement of small signal cut-off frequency was modified.
- f) [Subclause 8.9](#): Explanation for RIN was added and former content of [8.9](#) was moved to [8.10](#).
- g) [Clause 9](#), item 8): Parameters for RIN were added, and former content of item 8) was moved to item 9).
- h) Equation numbers were renumbered.

Introduction

The measurement of laser power (energy for pulsed lasers) is a common type of measurement performed by laser manufacturers and users. Power (energy) measurements are needed for laser safety classification, stability specifications, maximum laser output specifications, damage avoidance, specific application requirements, etc. This document provides guidance on performing laser power (energy) measurements as applied to stability characterization. The stability criteria are described for various temporal regions (e.g. short-term, medium term and long term) and provide methods to quantify these specifications. This document also covers pulse measurements where detector response speed can be critically important when analysing pulse shape or peak power of short pulses. To standardize reporting of power (energy) measurement results, a report template is also included.

This document is a Type B standard as stated in ISO 12100.

The provisions of this document may be supplemented or modified by a Type C standard.

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Optics and photonics — Lasers and laser-related equipment — Test methods for laser beam power, energy and temporal characteristics

1 Scope

This document specifies test methods for determining the power and energy of continuous wave and pulsed laser beams, as well as their temporal characteristics of pulse shape, pulse duration and pulse repetition rate. Test and evaluation methods are also given for the power stability of cw-lasers, energy stability of pulsed lasers and pulse duration stability.

The test methods given in this document are used for the testing and characterization of lasers.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

ISO 11145, *Optics and photonics — Lasers and laser-related equipment — Vocabulary and symbols*

ISO/IEC Guide 99, *International vocabulary of metrology — Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM)*

IEC 61040:1990, *Power and energy measuring detectors, instruments and equipment for laser radiation*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11145, ISO/IEC Guide 99 and the following apply.

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3.1

relative intensity noise

RIN

$R(f)$

quotient of the radiant power mean square fluctuations to the mean square radiant power, normalized to a frequency band of unit width

$$R(f) = \frac{\langle \Delta P(f)^2 \rangle}{\langle P(f)^2 \rangle} \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta f} \quad (1)$$

Note 1 to entry: The relative intensity noise $R(f)$ or RIN [see [Formula \(1\)](#)] is explicitly spoken of as the “relative intensity noise spectral density”, but usually simply referred to as RIN.

Note 2 to entry: For further details, see [Annex A](#).

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