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IEC 60793-2-40	-	Optical fibres - Part 2-40: Product specifications - Sectional specification for category A4 multimode fibres	EN 60793-2-40	-
IEC 60794-1-1	-	Optical fibre cables - Part 1-1: Generic specification - General	EN 60794-1-1	-
IEC 60794-1-21	2015	Optical fibre cables - Part 1-21: Generic specification - Basic optical cable test procedures - Mechanical tests methods	EN 60794-1-21	2015
IEC 60794-1-22	2017	Optical fibre cables - Part 1-22: Generic specification - Basic optical cable test procedures - Environmental test methods	EN IEC 60794-1-22	2018
IEC 60794-1-23	2019	Optical fibre cables - Part 1-23: Generic specification - Basic optical cable test procedures - Cable element test methods	EN IEC 60794-1-23	2019
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#### **Part 1-2: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – General guidance**

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

- a) addition of cross-reference tables listing the new test method numbers and the previous test method numbers.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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86A/2009/CDV	86A/2057/RVC

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This International Standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 60794-1-1.

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## INTRODUCTION

A decision has been reached to reorganize the IEC 60794-1-2 set of test methods into single-subject documents. This will be a migration as the existing test methods are revised and as new test methods are promulgated, rather than a wholesale rewrite. Part of this migration is a decision to maintain the traditional letter-number classification and to use a numbering system which maintains connection to the existing numbering system.

The new test method numbering format has been agreed, in line with IEC Secretariat guidelines, to help the cross-referencing from old to new and that will make the updating of the relevant sectional and product specifications easier. Cross-reference tables listing the new test method numbers and the previous test method numbers have been included (see Annex A, Table A.1 to Table A.8).

The format agreed is as follows:

IEC 60794-1-Xnn

where

X = 2<sup>nd</sup> digit of the old 2-digit reference;

nn = incremental number (starting with old test method number).

For example:

IEC 60794-1-21 method E1 (tensile) becomes IEC 60794-1-101;

IEC 60794-1-22 method F5 (water penetration) becomes IEC 60794-1-205;

IEC 60794-1-23 method G7 (tube kinking) becomes IEC 60794-1-307;

IEC 60794-1-24 method H2 (lightning) becomes IEC 60794-1-402.

Annex A has been added to this document containing a cross-reference between the old and new number scheme.

## OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES –

### Part 1-2: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – General guidance

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60794-1 applies to optical fibre cables for use with telecommunications equipment and devices employing similar techniques, and to cables having a combination of both optical fibres and electrical conductors.

An objective of this document is to define general requirements and methodology guidance applicable to all of the cable test methods of IEC 60794-1 (all parts).

A second objective of this document is to provide the end user with an overview of the different test methods contained in the different parts of the IEC 60794-1 series, numbered -Xnn. Table 1 shows the different parts.

**Table 1 – Document overview**

Test methods	IEC reference	Previous compendium reference	Test method category reference letter
General guidance	IEC 60794-1-2	IEC 60794-1-2	-
Mechanical	IEC 60794-1-1nn	IEC 60794-1-21:2015	Methods E
Environmental	IEC 60794-1-2nn	IEC 60794-1-22:2017	Methods F
Cable elements	IEC 60794-1-3nn	IEC 60794-1-23:2019	Methods G
Electrical	IEC 60794-1-4nn	IEC 60794-1-24:2014	Methods H

NOTE 1 The compendium reference specifications detailed in column 3 will continue in force until all of the test methods therein are revised into the single-subject documents using the new numbering scheme.

NOTE 2 For existing test methods, "nn" is the test method number. For new test methods, "nn" is an incremental number following the last test method number for that test category.

NOTE 3 Several numbers in the test method numbering sequence are missing. The reasons for these omissions are historical. To avoid confusion, the existing numbering sequence has been retained.

These documents define test procedures to be used in establishing uniform requirements for the geometrical, transmission, material, mechanical, ageing (environmental exposure) and climatic properties of optical fibre cables, and electrical requirements where appropriate.

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

The secondary objective of this document is to provide the end user with useful guidance when testing optical fibre cables.



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