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**Part 1-32: Measurement methods and test procedures –  
Coating strippability**

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## OPTICAL FIBRES –

### Part 1-32: Measurement methods and test procedures – Coating strippability

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 is intended primarily for testing either fibres as produced by a fibre manufacturer or subsequently overcoated (tight buffered) using various polymers. The test can be performed either on fibres as produced or after exposure to various environments.

This test applies to A1, A2, A3, B and C fibres.

The object of this standard is to establish uniform requirements for the mechanical characteristic – coating strippability. This test quantifies the force required to mechanically remove the protective coating from optical fibres along their longitudinal axis.

This test is not intended as a means to maximize fibre strength after the coating is removed nor is it intended to specify the best conditions for field stripping of optical fibres.

This test is designed for optical fibres having polymeric coatings with nominal outer diameters in the range of 240 µm to 900 µm. Application of this method to fibres with outer coating diameters outside the range of 230 µm to 930 µm is not recommended.

Warning – Fibres can fracture while being stripped and pierce skin and eyes. Use of protective eyewear is recommended.

#### 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.

IEC 60793-1 (all parts), *Optical fibres – Measurement methods and test procedures*

#### 3 Apparatus

##### 3.1 Tensile equipment

Use a suitable device, for example a vertical tensile tester, which provides relative motion between the test fibre and a stripping tool and is capable of imparting constant motion at the velocity found in 5.2, without jerking the fibre under test or the stripping tool.

Use a device capable of providing relative motion in two directions to allow resetting. Provide suitable means for clamping and maintaining the stripping tool blades perpendicular to the fibre axis or in a position that prevents fibre bending, and for securing one end of the test fibre. To prevent fibre breakage, secure the fibre at the clamping point without stressing the fibre excessively.

Examples of test arrangements are shown in Figure 2.

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