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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 50411-3-6:2013) has been prepared by CLC/TC 86BXA "Fibre optic interconnect, passive and connectorised components".

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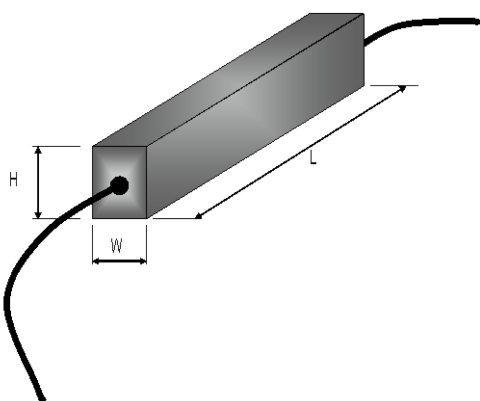
**Part 3-6: Multimode mechanical fibre splice for use in an outdoor protected environment (Cat U)**

Description		Performance	
Type:	Fibre splice	Application:	EN 61753-1, Category U with extension of lower temperature to -40 °C
Style:	Mechanical	Attenuation grades	≤ 0,25 dB maximum (97 %)
Operating wavelength:	850 nm and 1 300 nm	Return loss grades	≥ 20 dB
Fibre category	EN 60793-2-10 type A1a.1, A1a.2, A1a.3 and A1b		

**Related documents:**

EN 60793-2-10	Optical fibres – Part 2-10: Product specifications – Sectional specification for category A1 multimode fibres (IEC 60793-2-10)
EN 60794-2-50	Optical fibre cables – Part 2-50: Indoor cables – Family specification for simplex and duplex cables for use in terminated cable assemblies (IEC 60794-2-50)
EN 61300 series	Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures (IEC 61300 series)
EN 61753-1	Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components performance standard – Part 1: General and guidance for performance standards (IEC 61753-1)

**Outline and maximum dimensions:**



Variant	Dimension W mm	Dimension H mm	Dimension L mm
<b>Type M1</b>	3,8	6,4	38
<b>Type M2</b>	4,0	4,0	36
<b>Type M3</b>	3,2	3,2	45
<b>Type M4</b>	4,2	4,2	44
<b>Type M5</b>	4,0	4,0	40
<b>Type M6</b>	Ø 5,0		65

## 1 Scope

### 1.1 Product definition

This European Standard contains the initial, start of life dimensional, optical, mechanical and environmental performance requirements which a multimode mechanical splice will meet in order for it to be categorised as an EN standard product.

Since different variants and grades of performance are permitted, product marking and identification details are given in 3.5.

Although in this document the product is qualified for EN 60793-2-10 type A1a.1, A1a.2, A1a.3 and A1b multimode fibres, it may also be suitable for other fibre types.

### 1.2 Interoperability

The installed mechanical splice fits into a fibre management system with optical fibre splice cassettes or splice trays. This European Standard specifies the following two physical interface dimensions:

- cross sectional profile with width, height or diameter (in millimetres);
- length (in millimetres).

### 1.3 Expected performance

In this document, the performance of a mechanical splice is given with identical fibres only. Losses associated with fibre cladding diameter and mode field mismatch are not taken into account. The measured attenuation is a function of the core concentricity, cladding non-circularity and alignment capability. The optical return loss performance is a function of the index matching gel and the fibre end face preparation.

### 1.4 Operating environment

The tests selected combined with the severities and durations are representative of an outdoor enclosed environment defined as category U in EN 61753-1. To ensure that the product can be used in closures, boxes or street cabinet for categories A, G and S (as defined EN 61753-1) the specified lower temperature is extended to -40 °C and requirements for temporary flooding have been added.

### 1.5 Reliability

Whilst the anticipated service life expectancy of the product in this environment is 20 years, compliance with this specification does not guarantee the reliability of the product. This should be predicted using a recognised reliability assessment programme.

### 1.6 Quality assurance

Compliance with this specification does not guarantee the manufacturing consistency of the product. This should be maintained using a recognised quality assurance programme.

## 2 Normative references

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

EN 60793-2-10, *Optical fibres — Part 2-10: Product specifications — Sectional specification for category A1 multimode fibres (IEC 60793-2-10)*

EN 61753-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components performance standard — Part 1: General and guidance for performance standards (IEC 61753-1)*

EN 61300-2-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components — Basic test and measurement procedures — Part 2-1: Tests — Vibration (sinusoidal) (IEC 61300-2-1)*

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