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SUB-CATEGORIES**

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- a) global uniformity of terminology concerning fibre classes, categories and sub-categories throughout the document;
- b) updating and aligning to the new naming convention of IEC 60793-2-50 for class B fibre categories and sub-categories;
- c) updating and aligning with IEC 60793-2-50 as per supported fibre sub-categories;
- d) additional guidelines concerning combination of fibre parameters: chromatic dispersion and slope, polarization mode dispersion;
- e) additional guidelines concerning non-linear affects;
- f) updating of bibliographical references.

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## GUIDELINES FOR COMBINING DIFFERENT SINGLE-MODE FIBRE SUB-CATEGORIES

### 1 Scope

This document provides guidelines concerning single-mode fibre inter-compatibility.

A given category of single-mode fibre, for example B-655, can have different implementations by suitably optimising several of the following parameters: mode field diameter (hence effective area), chromatic dispersion coefficient, slope of the chromatic dispersion curve, cable cut-off wavelength.

These guidelines indicate the items that are taken into account when planning to connect

- 1) different implementations of single-mode fibres of the same category, for example different implementations of Class B single-mode fibres, and
- 2) single-mode fibres of different sub-categories, for example B-652.B with B-655.C.

See IEC 60793-2-50 for the attributes and definitions of single-mode fibre. The attributes and definitions of fibres covered in this document are given in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Correspondence table of various single-mode fibres**

Common name	Use (IEC 60793-2-50)	IEC sub-category	ITU-T Recommendation
<b>Dispersion unshifted fibre</b>	Optimised for use in the 1 310 nm region but can be used in the 1 550 nm region.	B-652.B	G.652.B
<b>Extended band dispersion unshifted fibre</b>	Optimised for use in the 1 310 nm region but can be used in the O, E, S, C and L-band (i.e. throughout the 1 260 nm to 1 625 nm range).	B-652.D	G.652.D
<b>Dispersion shifted fibre</b>	Optimised for single channel transmission in the 1 550 nm region. Multiple channels can only be transmitted if care is taken to avoid non-linear effects such as four wave mixing by, for example, moderating the power levels or appropriate spacing or placement of the channels.	B-653.A	G.653.A
		B-653.B	G.653.B
<b>Cut-off shifted fibre</b>	Optimised for low loss in the 1 550 nm region, with cut off wavelength shifted above the 1 310 nm region.	B-654.A	G.654.A
		B-654.B	G.654.B
		B-654.C	G.654.C
		B-654.D	G.654.D
		B-654.E	G.654.E
<b>Non-zero dispersion-shifted fibre</b>	Optimised for multiple channel transmission in the 1 530 to 1 625 nm region with a positive or negative, non-zero chromatic dispersion and a cut off wavelength that can be shifted above the 1 310 nm region.	B-655.C	G.655.C
		B-655.D	G.655.D
		B-655.E	G.655.E
<b>Wideband non-zero dispersion-shifted fibre</b>	Optimised for multiple channel transmission in the wavelength range of 1 460 nm to 1 625 nm with the positive value of the chromatic dispersion coefficient that is greater than some non-zero value over the same wavelength range.	B-656	G.656