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INTRODUCTION

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~~This document shows a practical application of these methods for the determination of the measurement uncertainty of the attenuation of fibre optic cabling using optical light sources and power meters as defined in IEC 61280-4-1 and IEC 61280-4-2.~~

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This document shows a practical application of these methods for the determination of the uncertainty in attenuation measurements of fibre optic cabling as defined in IEC 61280-4-1, IEC 61280-4-2, and IEC 61280-4-3, using optical light sources and power meters or OTDRs, with the exception of multimode OTDRs.

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The list of uncertainties presented in this document is related to this particular application and ~~should be reconsidered if~~ measurement conditions that are ~~not~~ compliant with measurement requirements defined by IEC 61280-4-1, IEC 61280-4-2, and IEC 61280-4-3.

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~~IEC 61280-4-1:2009, *Fibre-optic communication subsystem test procedures – Part 4-1: Installed cable plant – Multimode attenuation measurement*~~

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