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a) addition of sealed hardened connectors;
b) recommended test severities from IEC 61753-1;
c) test configurations for hardened connectors and adaptors.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61300 presents ~~a~~ two methods for testing the sealing performance of a fibre optic sealed closure and ~~sealing system of the closures, when required by the relevant specification~~ hardened connector using air pressure.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

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3.1
hardened fibre optic connector
water and dust tight connector

Note 1 to entry: A hardened fibre optic connector is typically used for a connection in outside plant.

[SOURCE: IEC 61753-1:2018, 3.8]

3.2
sealed closure
watertight and dust-tight housing that can hold a varying overpressure or underpressure caused by temperature changes or atmospheric pressure changes

Note 1 to entry: There is no exchange of air with the outside environment when exposed to temperatures over the specified operating temperature range.

Note 2 to entry: Although often referred to as hermetic sealed closures, humidity can enter the inner closure by diffusion.

Note 3 to entry: Sealed boxes or sealed wall outlets shall be treated as sealed closures.