

# MINI LOOSETUBE - SINGLE MODE External Mini Loose Tube Optical Cable for use in micro ducts

#### DESCRIPTION

This loose tube dielectric optical cable is designed for external underground installations in (micro) ducts by pulling, blowing or floating techniques. Polyamide provides anti-termite protection. Optimised for blowing in mini ducts of 10mm diameter (internal).

### **STANDARDS**

- IEC/EN 60793-2-50 Category B-652.D
- ITU-T Recommendation G.652.D
- EN 50 173-1: Category OS2 and OS1a
- ISO / IEC 11801: Category OS2 and OS1a

#### **FEATURES**

- Multi-loose tube construction Single layer 2 to 144 fibres
- Central strength member (CSM): Glass fibre reinforced plastic material (GRP)with or without over-sheathing
- Tube: Thermoplastic material, containing up to 12 optical fibres filled with a low viscosity, thixotropic, non-melting gel fully compatible with fibre coating and tube material
- Stranding: The required numbers of elements (tubes and fillers) are SZ stranded around the central strength member
- Longitudinal water tightness: Water swellable elements (drycore)
- Sheath: UV stabilised polyethylene in compliance with AS 1049. Two ripcords provided beneath the sheath for easy removal
- Outer jacket: UV stabilised polyamide (Nylon) in compliance with AS 1049 integrally bonded to PE sheath

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Number of Fibres		2 to 72	96	114
Number of elements		6	8	12
Tube / Filler diameter	mm	1.55		1.35
Cable nominal diameter	mm	6.3	7.4	8.4
Cable nominal weight	kg/km	33	49	62
Max. installation tension	kN	1.0	2.0	2.0
Max. crush resistance	kN/100mm	2.0	2.0	2.0
Min. bending radius				
At full load	]	130	220	220
At no load	mm	65	110	110
Temperature range	°C	Installation -0 -> +50	Transport & Storage -20 -> +70	Operation -10 -> +70

#### **IDENTIFICATION**

#### **Fibre and Buffer Tube Colours**

No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Colour	blue	orange	green	brown	grey	white	red	black	yellow	violet	pink	aqua

Fillers are either natural (opaque) or black.



#### **Sheath Colour:**

The outer sheath colour is blue.

### MAIN MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Parameter	Test method	Test conditions	Acceptance criteria*
Tensile strength	IEC 60794-1-21-E1	Load: As per cable maximum installation tension in technical data table above	Fibre strain ≤ 0.6%. No physical damage and no change in attenuation after test.
Crush	IEC 60794-1-21-E3	Load: As per maximum crush resistance in technical data table above Duration: 10 min	No physical damage. No change in attenuation after test.
Impact	IEC 60794-1-21-E4	Impact energy: 1 J Anvil radius: 300 mm	No physical damage. No change in attenuation after test.
Torsion	IEC 60794-1-21-E7	Sample length: 1 m Rotation: +/- 180 degree, 10 cycles	No physical damage. No change in attenuation after test.
Bend	IEC 60794-1-21-E11	Mandrel radius: As per Min. bending radius at no load in technical data table above No. of turns/helix: 4, No. of cycles: 3	No physical damage. No change in attenuation after test.
Bend under tension	Concurrent to tensile test	Mandrel radius: As per Min. bending radius at full load in technical data table above Bend: 360°, 1 turn	No physical damage. No change in attenuation after test.
Temperature cycling	IEC 60794-1-22-F1	Sample length: 1000 m (minimum) Temperature range: As per Operation temperature range in technical data table above	No change in attenuation between 10°C & 30°C. Max. change in attenuation ≤0.15dB/km between Min. & Max. operation temperatures.
Cable aging	IEC 60794-1-22-F9	85°C for 168 h followed by Temperature cycling	Max. change in attenuation ≤0.10dB/km after test
Water penetration	IEC 60794-1-22-F5C	Sample length=3m, Water height=1m	No water leakage after 24 hours
* All optical med	asurements for singlem	ode fibres performed at 1550 nm.	

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### **CABLE PROPERTIES**

## **Optical Properties**

Attribute	Measurement	Units	Limits			
Mode field diameter at 1310 nm	IEC/EN 60793-1-45	μm	9.0 ± 0.4			
Mode field diameter at 1550 nm	1LC/LIN 60/73-1-43	μm	10.1 ± 0.5			
Chromatic dispersion coefficient: In the interval 1285 nm – 1330 nm At 1550 nm At 1625 nm	IEC/EN 60793-1-42	ps/km • nm ps/km • nm ps/km • nm	≤  3.5  ≤ 18 ≤ 22			
Zero dispersion wavelength, λ0		nm	1302-1322			
Zero dispersion slope		ps/(nm2 • km)	≤ 0.092			
Cut-off wavelength	IEC/EN 60793-1-44	λcc nm	≤ 1260 *			
Polarisation mode dispersion (PMD) coefficient	IEC/EN 60793-1-48	ps/√km	≤ 0.1			
PMDQ Link Design Value (computed with Q=0.01%, N=20)	IEC/EN 60794-3	ps/√km	≤ 0.06			
* guaranteed value according to ITU-T (ATM G650) method						

### Attenuation

Attribute	Measurement	Units	Limits		
Maximum attenuation cabled fibre at 1310 nm	IEC/EN 60793-1-40	dB/km	≤ 0.35		
Maximum attenuation cabled fibre at 1383 nm**	IEC/EN 60793-1-40	dB/km	≤ 0.35		
Maximum attenuation cabled fibre at 1550 nm	IEC/EN 60793-1-40	dB/km	≤ 0.21		
Maximum attenuation cabled fibre at 1625 nm	IEC/EN 60793-1-40	dB/km	≤ 0.24		
Local discontinuity at 1310 and 1550 nm	IEC/EN 60793-1-40	dB	± 0.1		
* * Including H2-ageing according to IEC 60793-2-50, type B.1.3, @1383 nm					

## Attenuation variation vs Bending

Attribute	Measurement	Units	Limits
100 Turns on a R = 25 mm mandrel @ 1310 & 1550 nm	IEC/EN 60793-1-47	dB	≤ 0.05
100 Turns on a R = 30 mm mandrel @ 1625 nm	IEC/EN 60793-1-47	dB	≤ 0.05

### Group index of refraction

Attribute	Measurement	Units	Values
1310 nm	IEC/EN 60793-1-22	-	1.467
1550 nm	IEC/EN 60793-1-22	-	1.468
1625 nm	IEC/EN 60793-1-22	-	1.468



# Rayleigh Backscatter coefficient (1ns pulse width)

Attribute	Measurement	Units	Values
1310 nm	-	dB	-79.4
1550 nm	-	dB	-81.7
1625 nm	-	dB	-82.5

## Geometrical properties

Attribute	Measurement	Units	Limits
Cladding diameter	IEC/EN 60793-1-20	μm	125.0 ± 0.7
Cladding non-circularity	IEC/EN 60793-1-20	%	≤ 0.7
Core-cladding concentricity error	IEC/EN 60793-1-20	μm	≤ 0.5
Coating nominal diameter - ColorLockXS	IEC/EN 60793-1-21	μm	245
Coating non-circularity	IEC/EN 60793-1-21	%	≤ 5
Coating-cladding concentricity error	IEC/EN 60793-1-21	μm	≤ 12

# Mechanical properties

Attribute	Measurement	Units	Limits
Proof stress level	IEC/EN 60793-1-30	GPa	≥ 0.7 (≈ 1 %)
Strip force (average)	IEC/EN 60793-1-32	Ν	1 ≤ Faverage strip ≤ 3
Strip force (peak)	IEC/EN 60793-1-32	N	1.2 ≤ Fpeak.strip ≤ 8.9
Dynamic Fatigue Resistance aged and unaged	IEC/EN 60793-1-33	-	nd ≥ 20

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