

Testing Times Ahead

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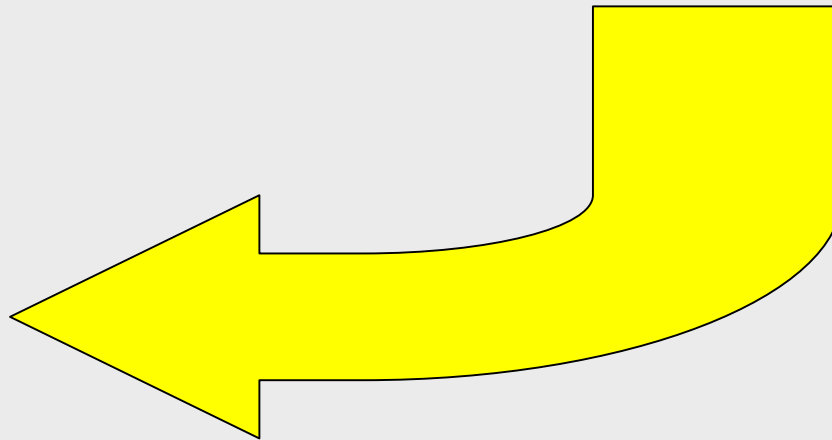
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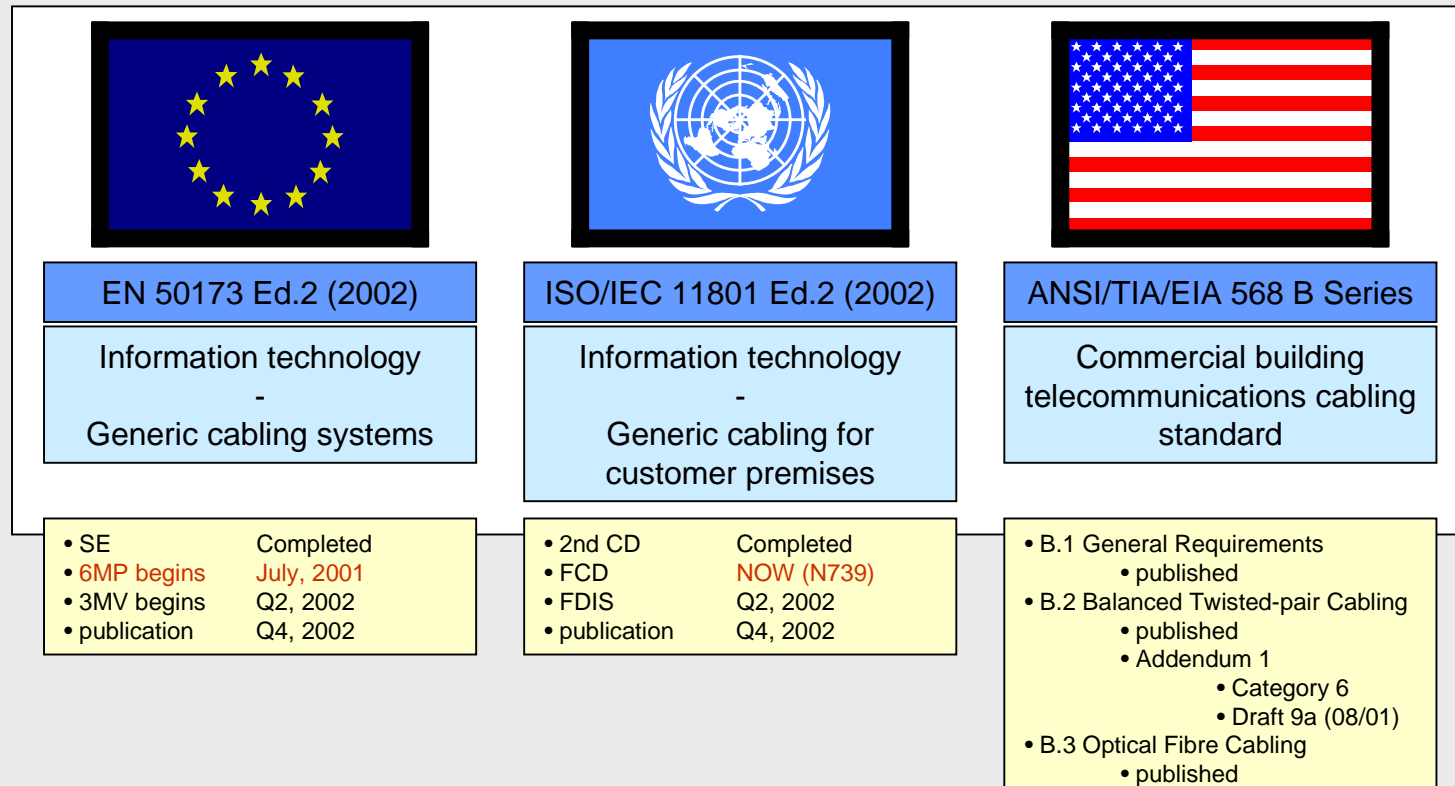
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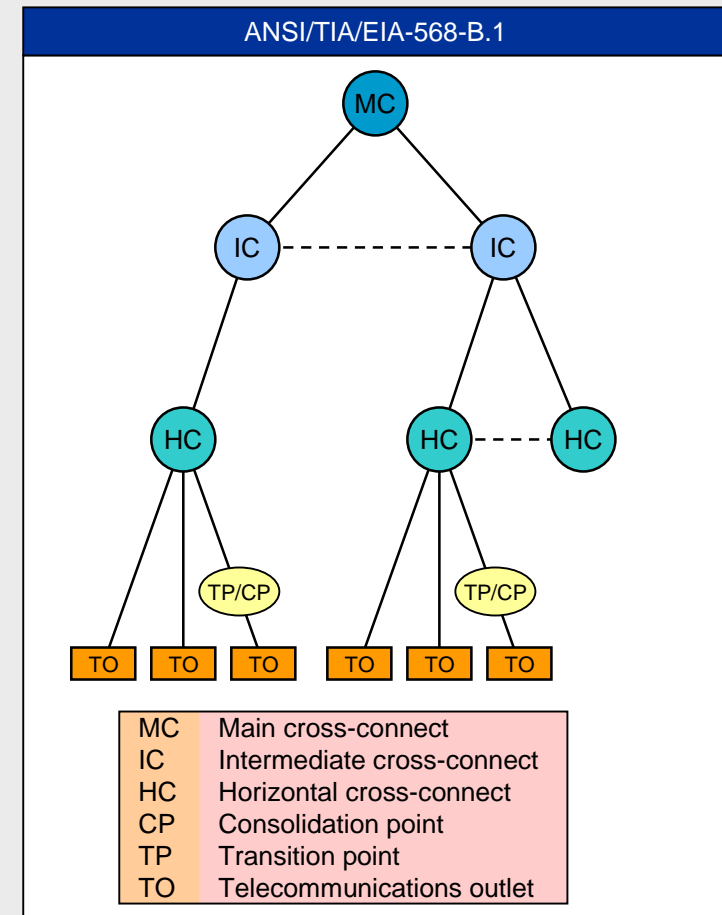
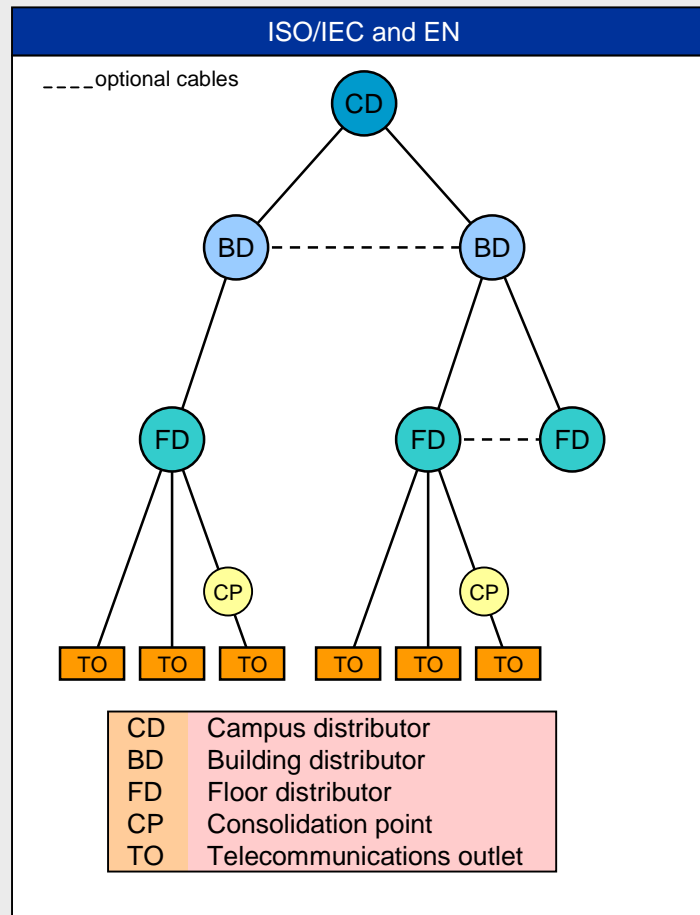
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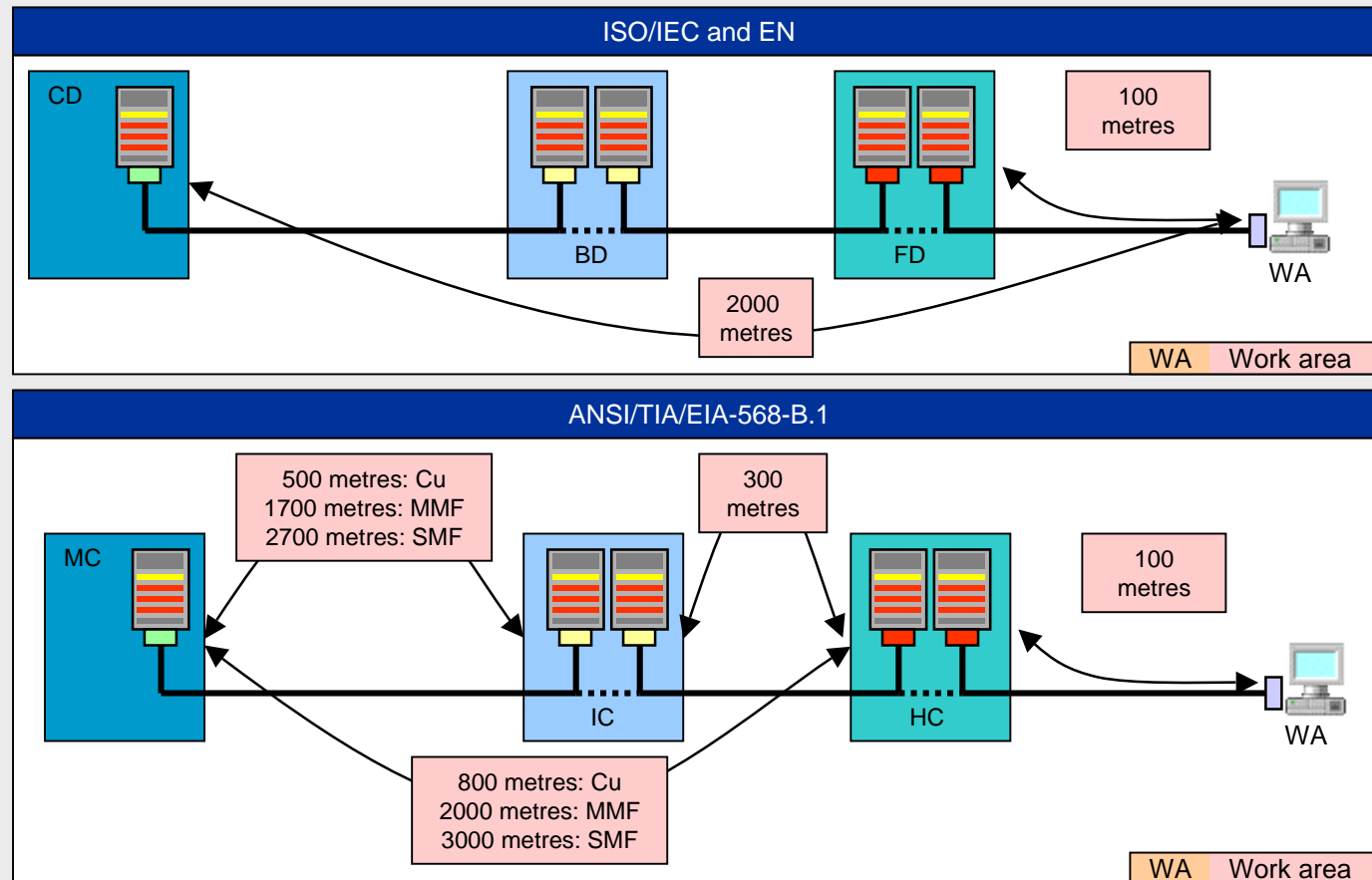
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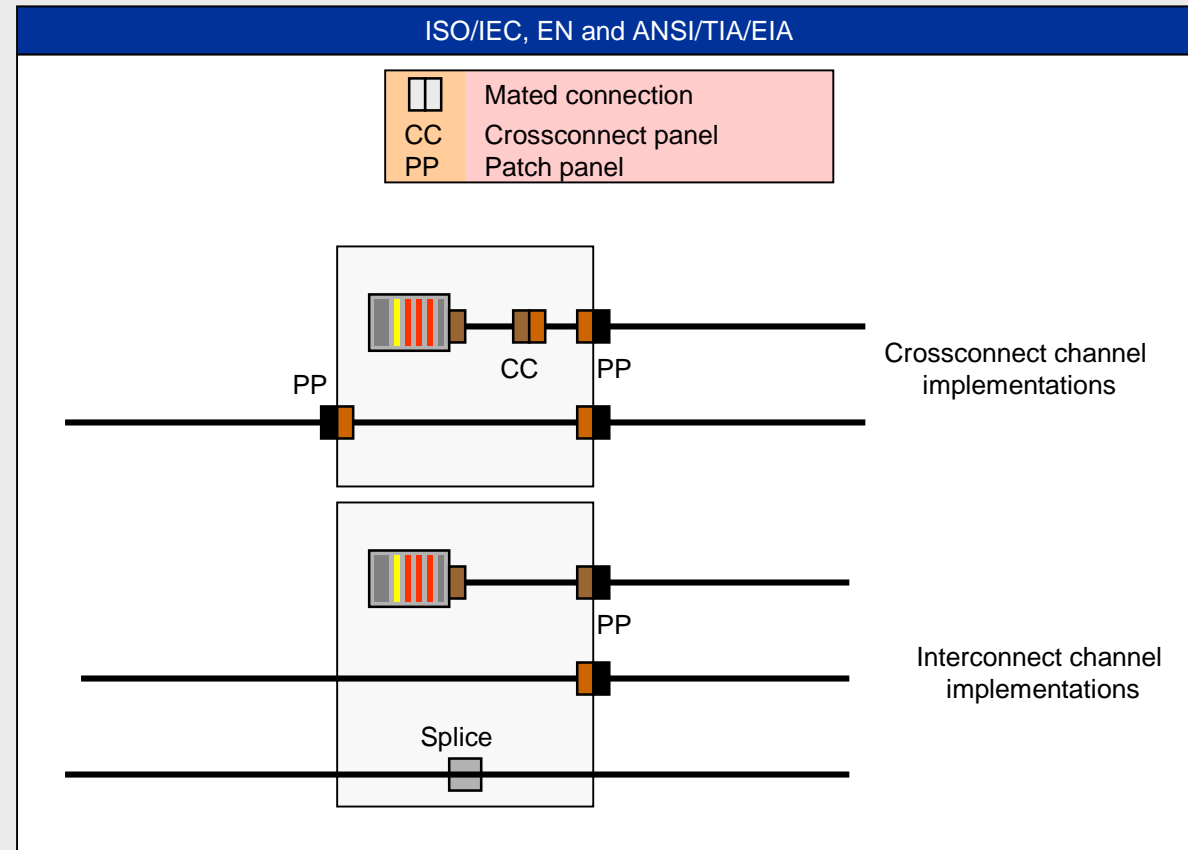
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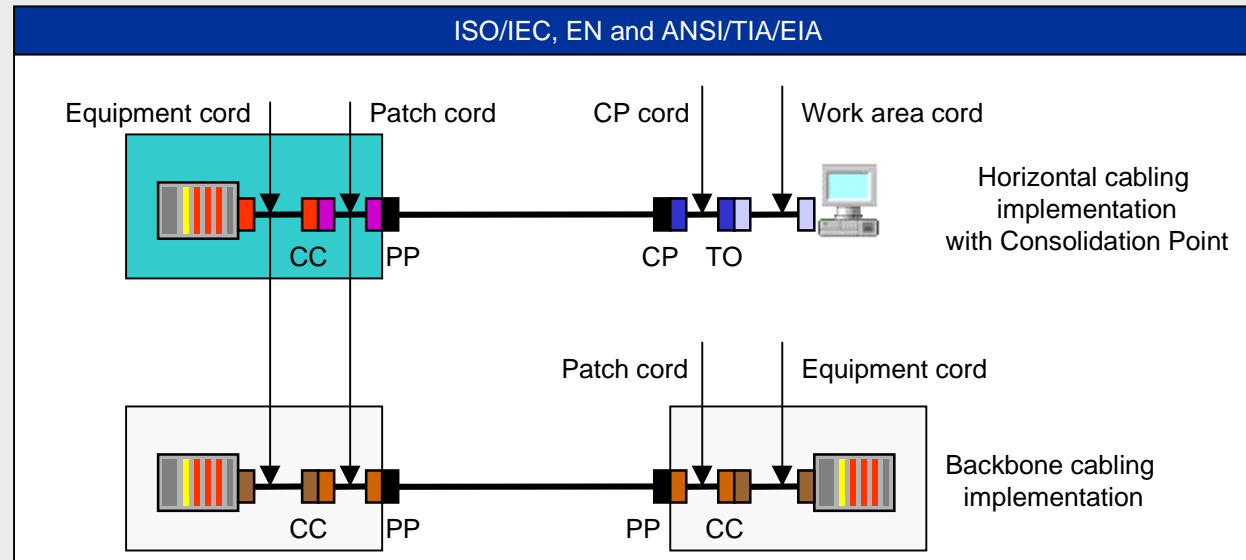
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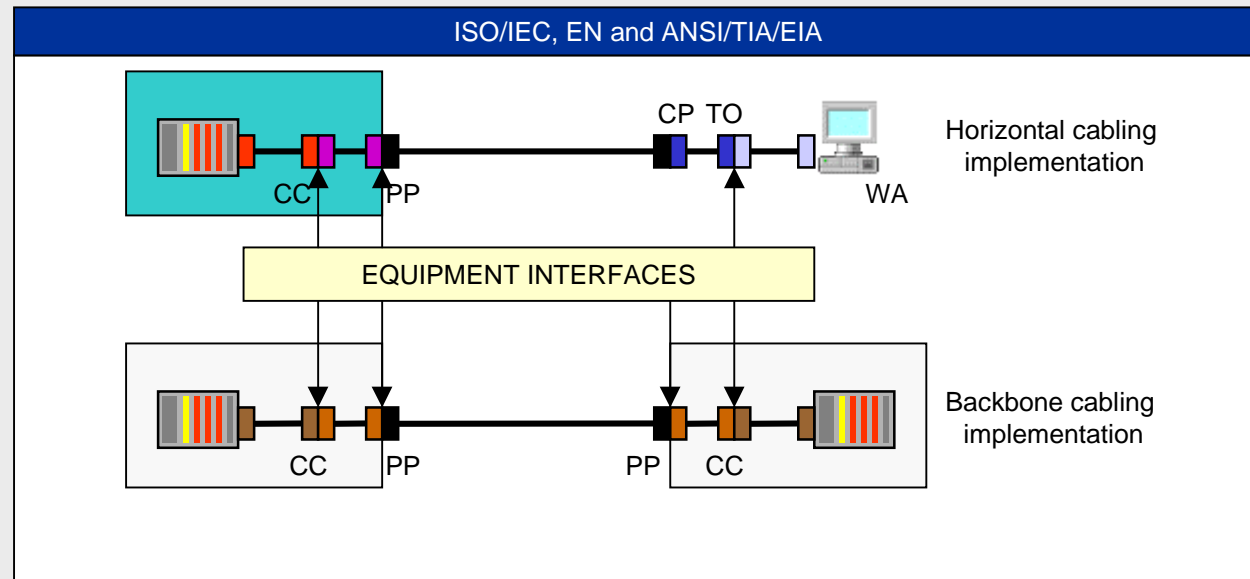
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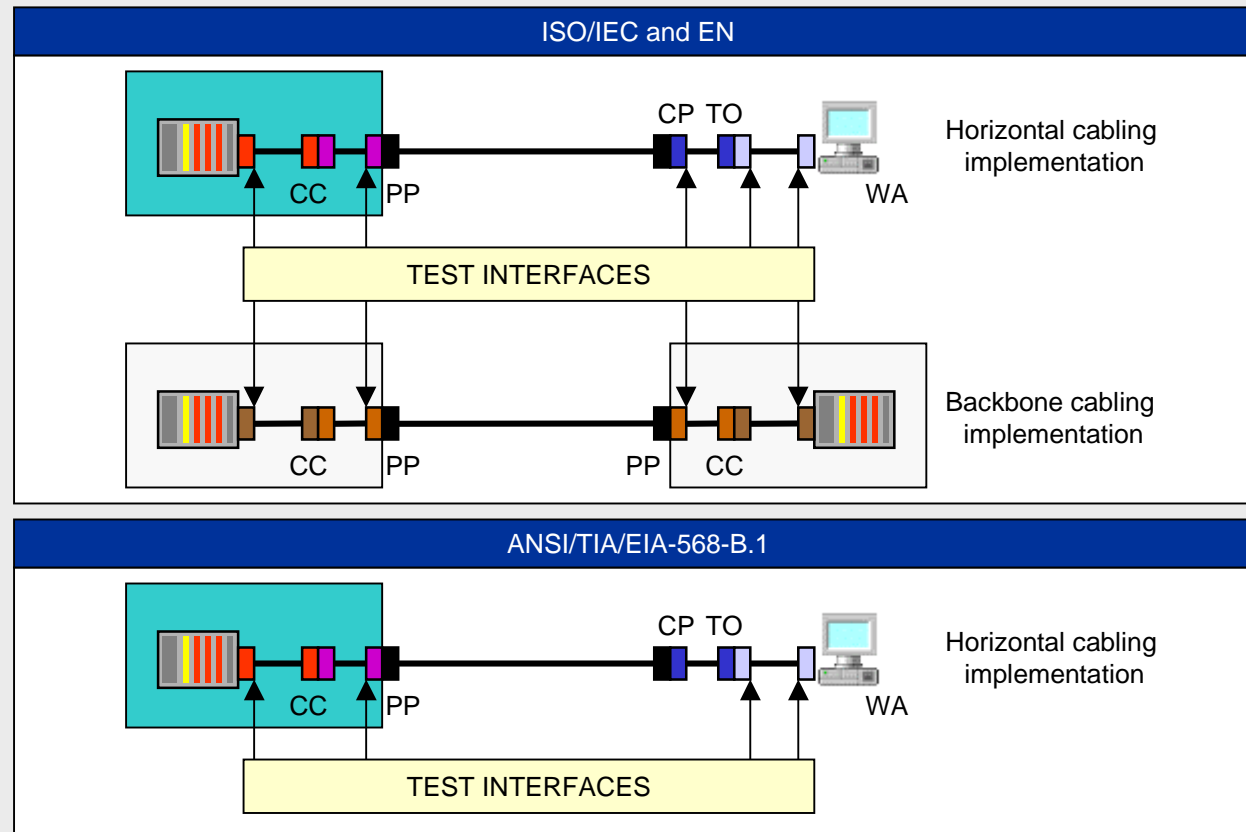
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Implementation Rules

ISO/IEC and EN

$F = F_1 + F_2$

$X = \text{cord attenuation premium}$
 $Y = \text{CP cable attenuation premium (if any)}$

No. of connections	Class D/Category 5	Class E/Category 6	Class F/Category 7
2	$H = (109-FX)/T$	$H = (107-3^1-FX)/T$	$H = (107-2^1-FX)/T$
3 w/o. CP	$H = (107-FX)/T$	$H = (106-3^1-FX)/T$	$H = (106-3^1-FX)/T$
3 inc. CP	$H = (107-FX-CY)/T$	$H = (106-3^1-FX-CY)/T$	$H = (106-3^1-FX-CY)/T$
4	$H = (105-FX-CY)/T$	$H = (105-3^1-FX-CY)/T$	$H = (105-4^1-FX-CY)/T$
$T = 1 + (t-20) \times \alpha$ where $t = \text{maximum design temperature within link}$			
	for screened cables		for unscreened cables
X and Y	1.5 typically		1.2 typically
α	= 0.2 for $t > 20^\circ\text{C}$		= 0.4 for $20^\circ\text{C} < t < 40^\circ\text{C}$ = 0.6 for $40^\circ\text{C} < t < 60^\circ\text{C}$
Note 1: this length reduction is provides margin for insertion loss deviation.			

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ANSI/TIA/EIA-568-B.1

$F = F_1 + F_2$

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No. of connections	Class D/Category 5	Class E/Category 6
2,3 or 4	$H = (102 - FX)$	
	for screened cables	for unscreened cables
X	1.5 typically	1.2 typically

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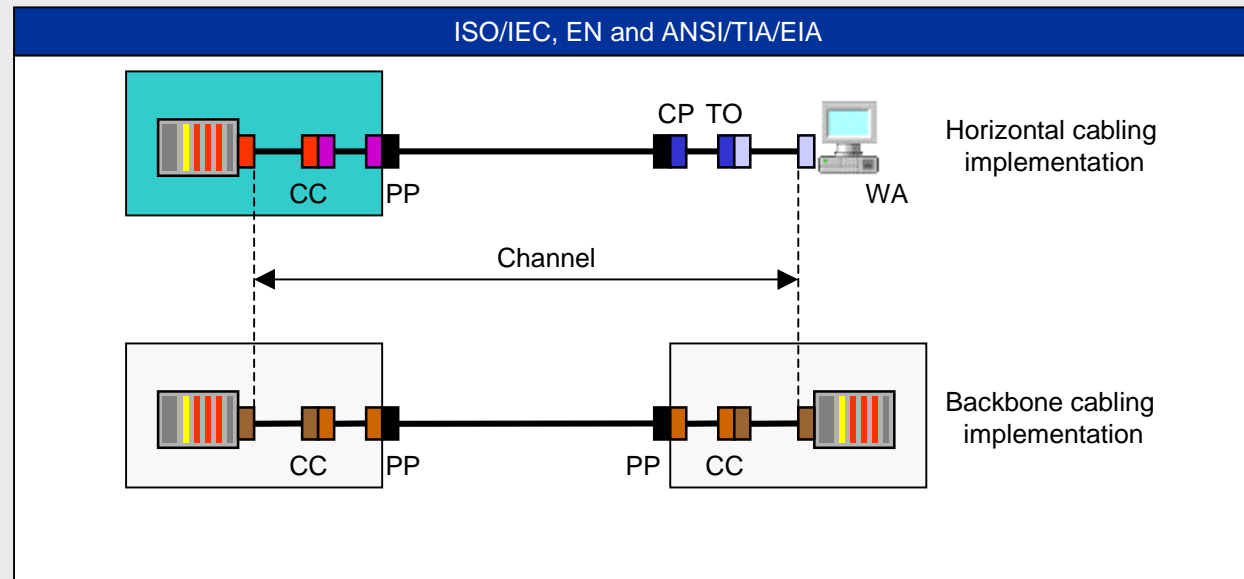
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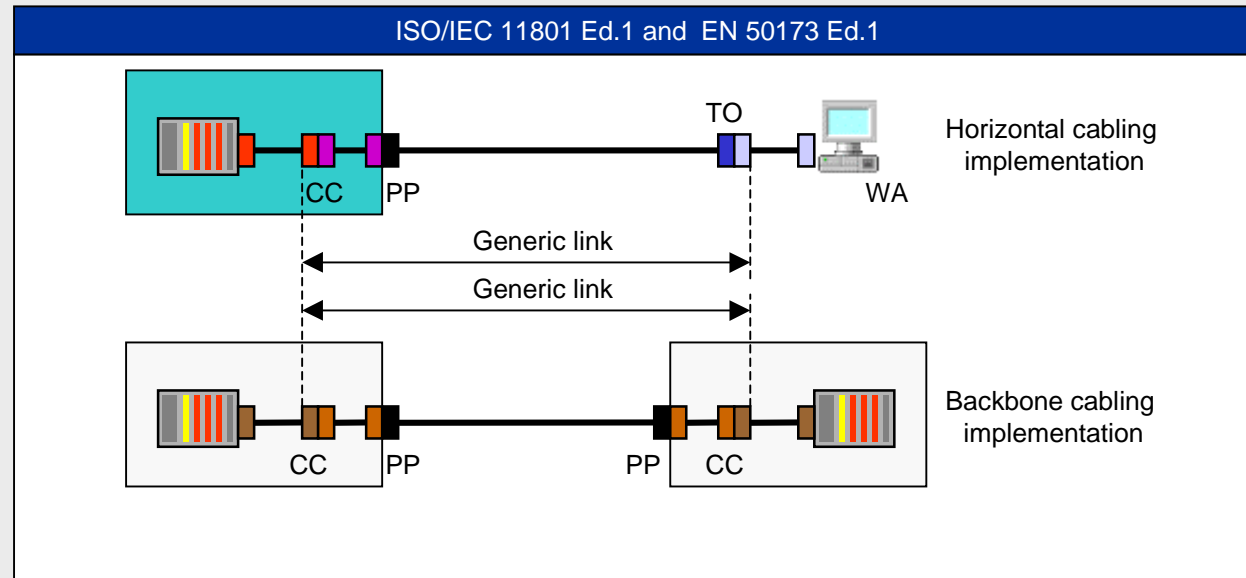
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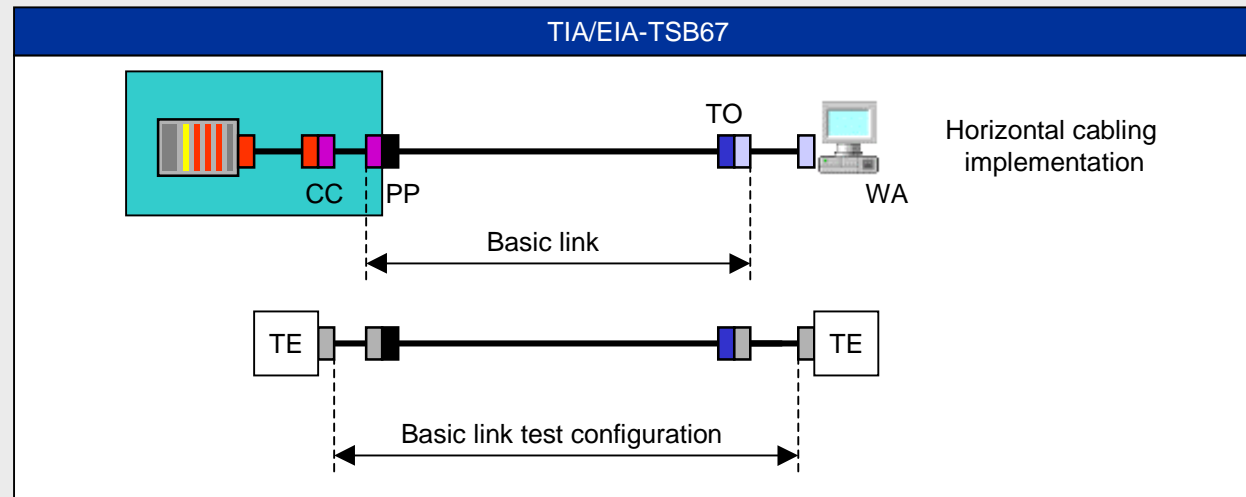
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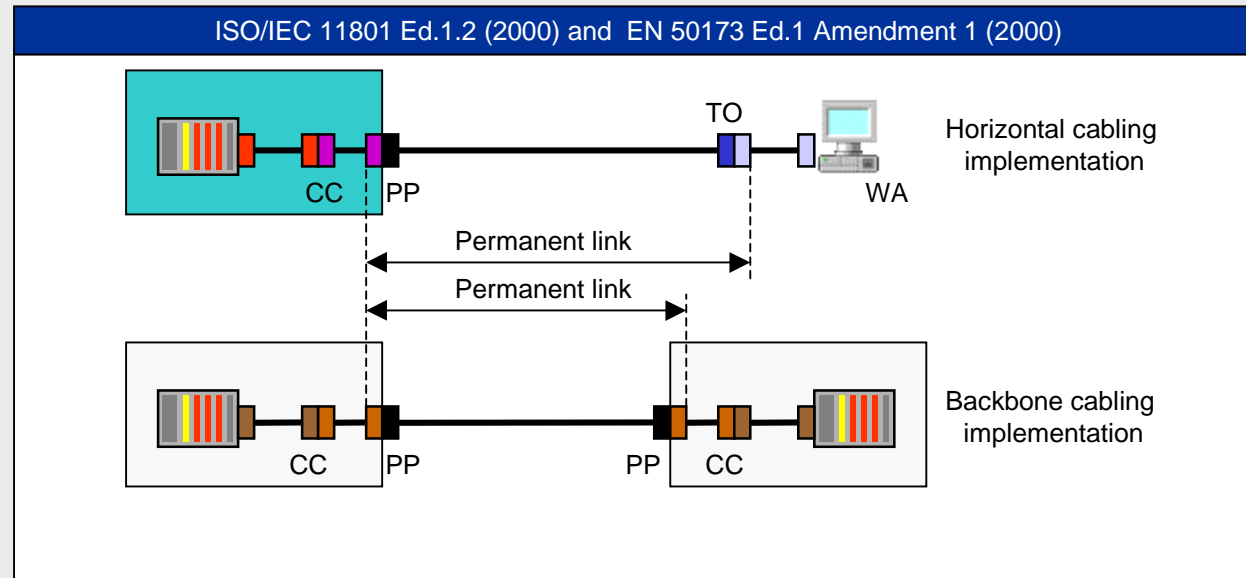
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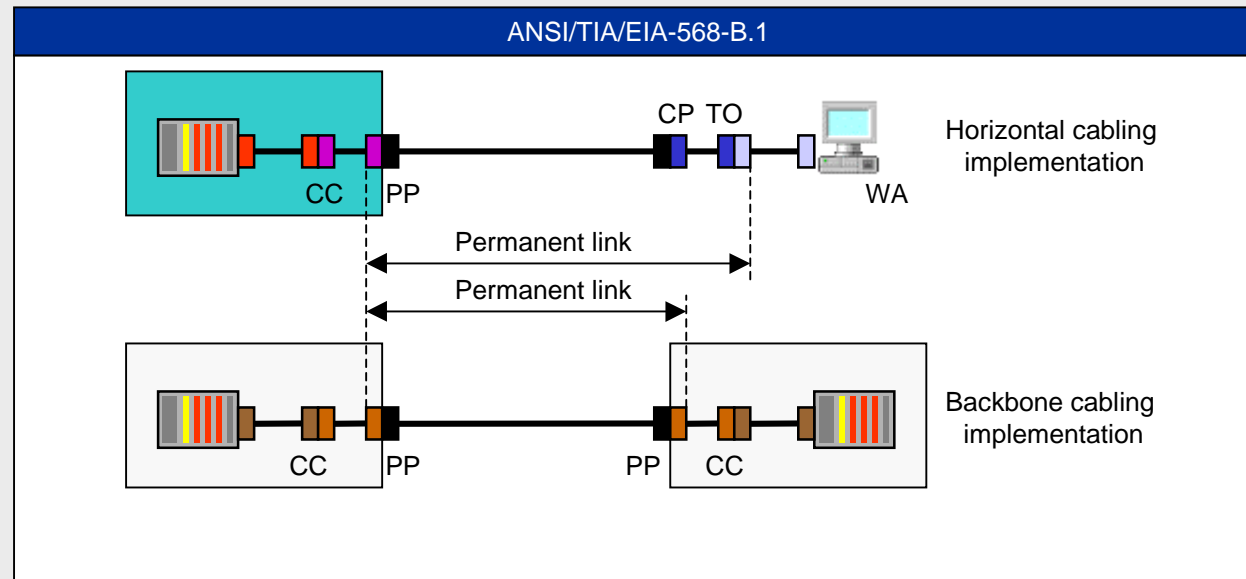
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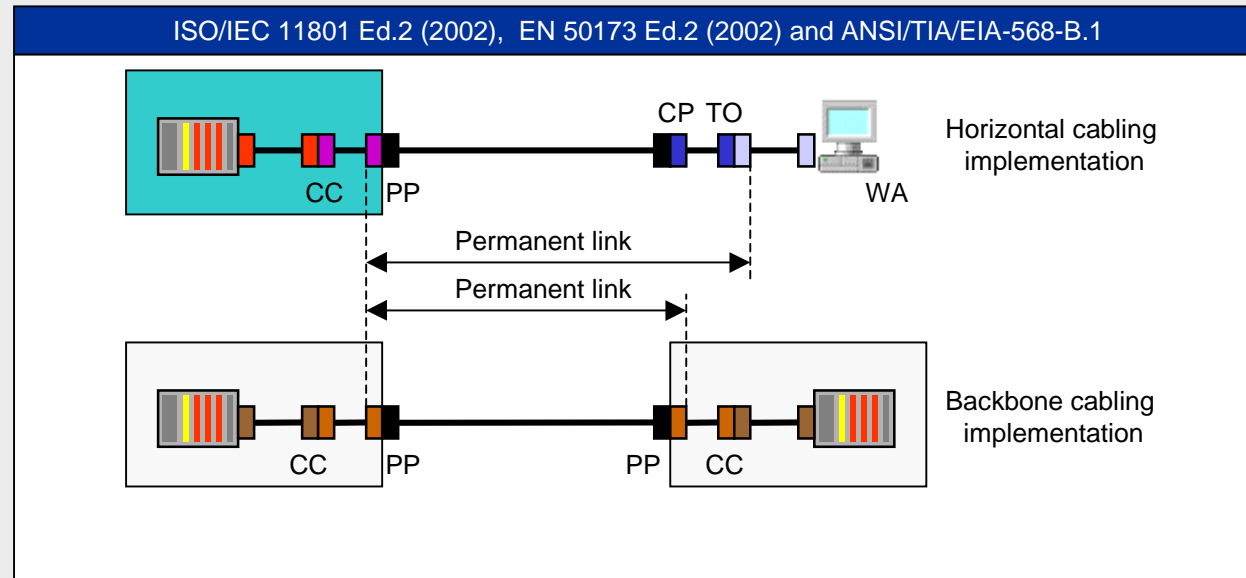
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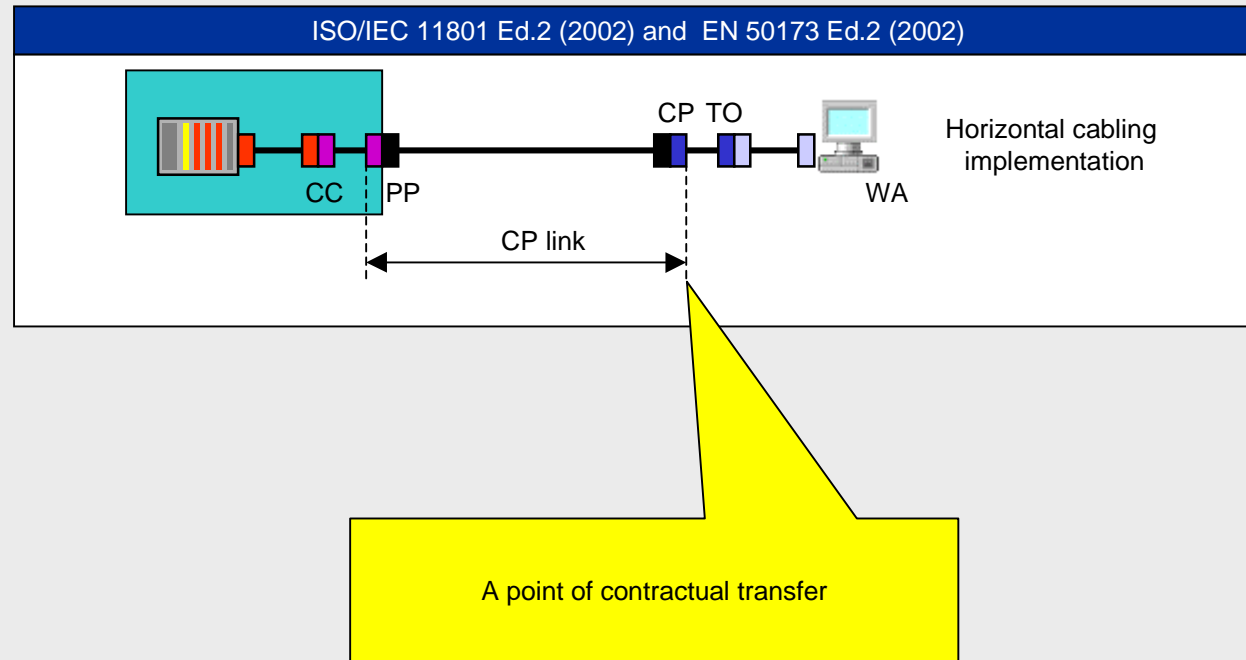
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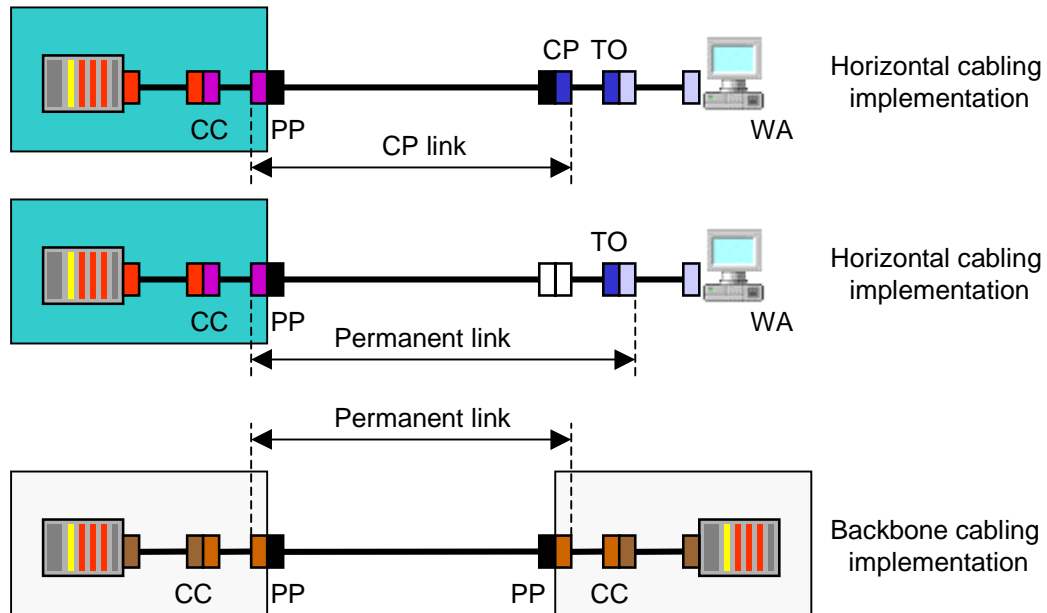
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Link Limit Definition

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There are no restrictions on the length of:

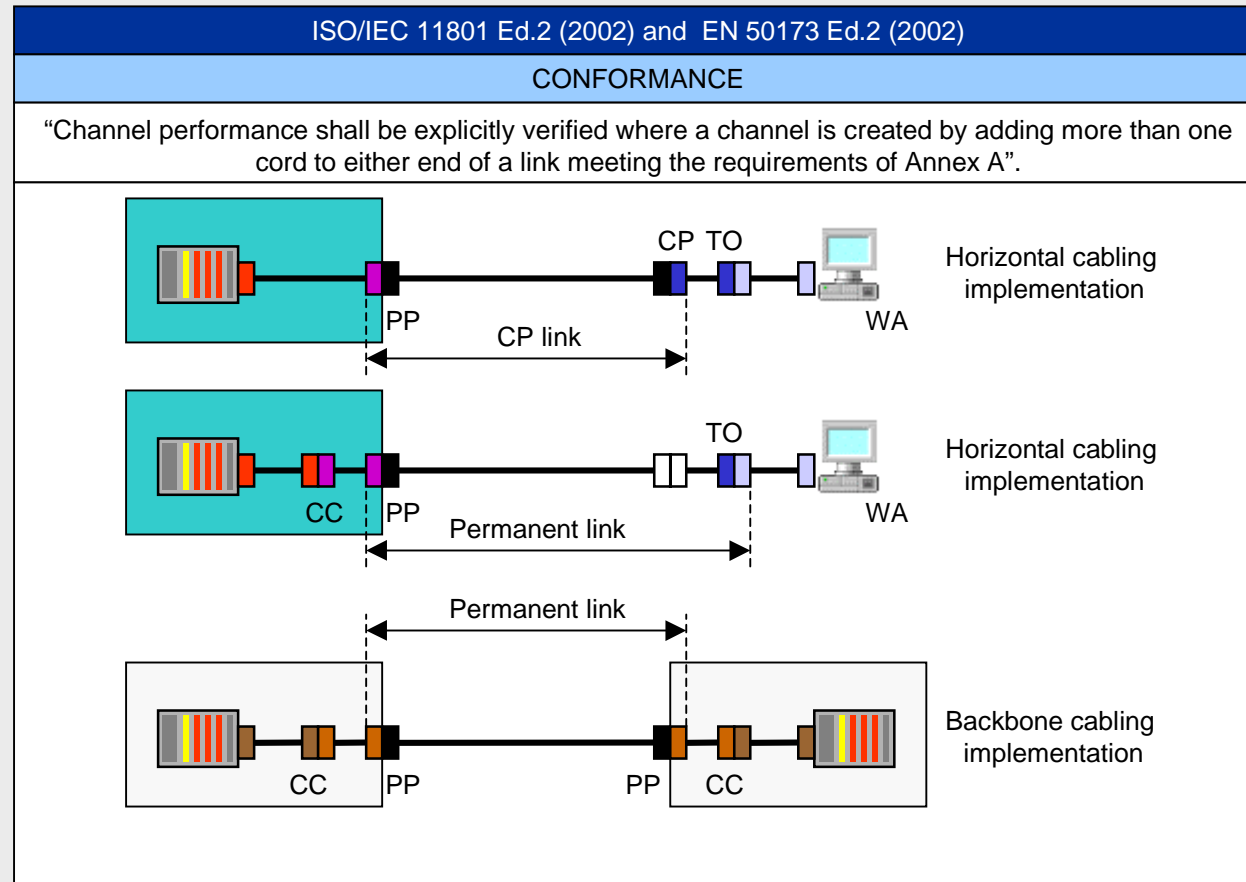
- equipment and patch cords;
- CP cords/cables;
- work area cords.



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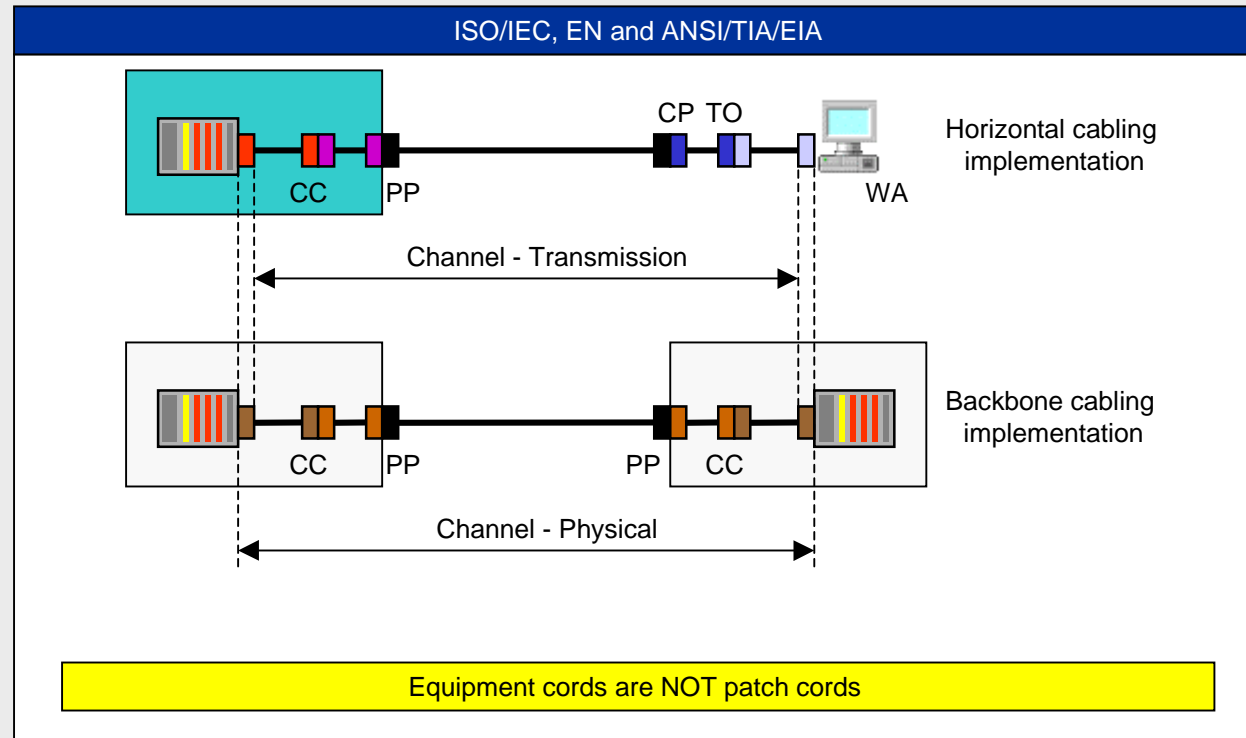
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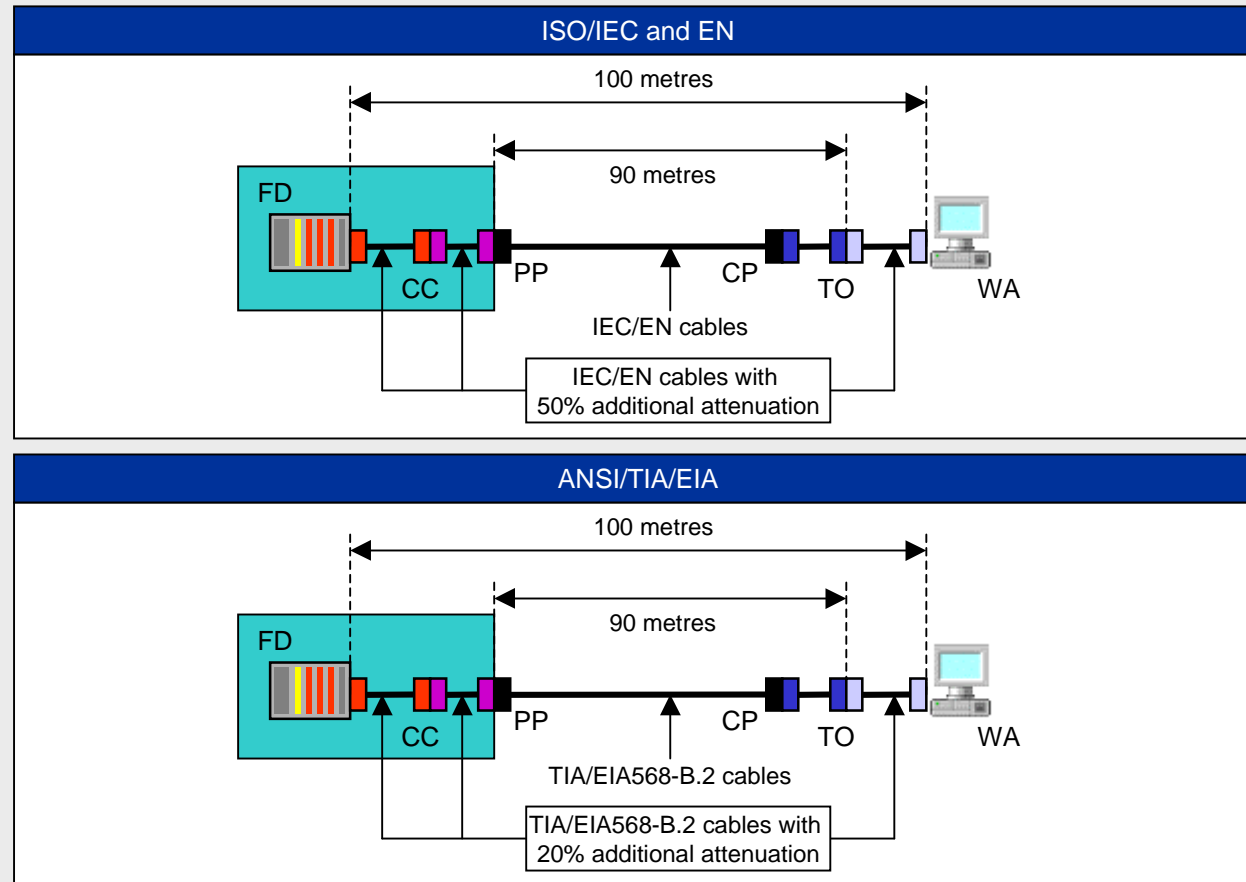
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Transmission parameters	Return loss	Harmonized ¹		Harmonized ¹	
	Attenuation/insertion loss	Not harmonized		Not harmonized	
	NEXT	Harmonized		Harmonized	
	PS NEXT	Harmonized		Harmonized	
	ACR	NEXT ²	Not specified	NEXT ²	Not specified
	PS ACR	PSNEXT ²	Not specified	PSNEXT ²	Not specified
	ELFEXT	Harmonized		Harmonized	
	PS ELFEXT	Harmonized		Harmonized	
	Protocol function parameters	Propagation delay	Harmonized		Harmonized
Delay skew		Harmonized		Harmonized	
Current carrying parameters	d.c. loop resistance		Not specified		Not specified
	d.c. resistance unbalance		Not specified		Not specified
	d.c. current carrying capacity		Not specified		Not specified
Other parameters	Length	Not specified		Not specified	

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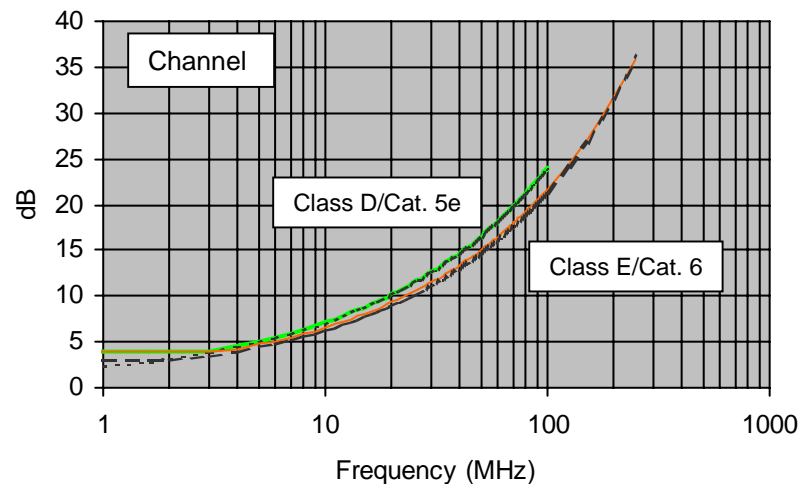


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Class D (2002)	Category 5e
$1,05 \cdot (1,9108 \cdot \sqrt{f} + 0,0222 \cdot f + 0,2 / \sqrt{f}) + 4 \cdot 0,04 \cdot \sqrt{f}$ 4dB min	$1,02 \cdot (1,967 \cdot \sqrt{f} + 0,023 \cdot f + 0,2 / \sqrt{f}) + 4 \cdot 0,04 \cdot \sqrt{f}$
Class E	568-B.2.1 Category 6
$1,05 \cdot (1,82 \cdot \sqrt{f} + 0,0169 \cdot f + 0,25 / \sqrt{f}) + 4 \cdot 0,02 \cdot \sqrt{f}$ 4dB min.	$1,02 \cdot (1,808 \cdot \sqrt{f} + 0,017 \cdot f + 0,2 / \sqrt{f}) + 4 \cdot 0,02 \cdot \sqrt{f} + 0,0003 \cdot f^{1.5}$ 3dB min.



	Class D	Cat. 5e
f	dB	dB
16	9,1	9,1
100	24,0	24,0

	Class E	Cat. 6
f	dB	dB
16	8,3	8,0
100	21,7	21,3
200	31,7	31,5
250	35,9	36,0

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	Parameter	ISO/IEC and EN	568-B.1	ISO/IEC and EN	568-B.2.1
		Class D (2002)	Category 5e	Class E	Category 6
Transmission parameters	Return loss	Harmonized ^{1,3}		Harmonized ^{1,3}	
	Attenuation/insertion loss	Not harmonized		Not harmonized	
	NEXT	Harmonized		Harmonized	
	PS NEXT	Harmonized		Harmonized	
	ACR	NEXT ^{2,3}	Not specified	NEXT ^{2,3}	Not specified
	PS ACR	PSNEXT ^{2,3}	Not specified	PSNEXT ^{2,3}	Not specified
	ELFEXT	Harmonized		Harmonized	
	PS ELFEXT	Harmonized		Harmonized	
	Protocol function parameters	Propagation delay	Harmonized		Harmonized
Delay skew		Harmonized		Harmonized	
Current carrying parameters	d.c. loop resistance	Specified	Not specified	Specified	Not specified
	d.c. resistance unbalance	Channel	Not specified	Channel	Not specified
	d.c. current carrying capacity	Channel	Not specified	Channel	Not specified
Other parameters	Length	Not specified		Not specified	

NOTE 1: 3dB get-out clause in ISO/IEC and EN
NOTE 2: 4dB get-out clause in ISO/IEC and EN
NOTE 3: TO-CP get-out clause in EN 50173 6MP

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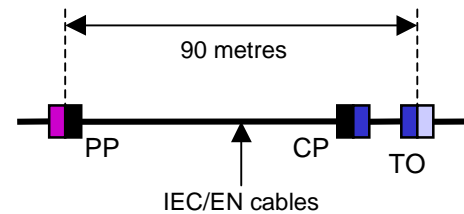
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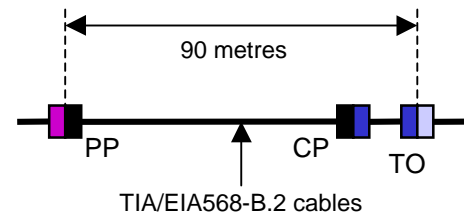
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Maximum PL Models

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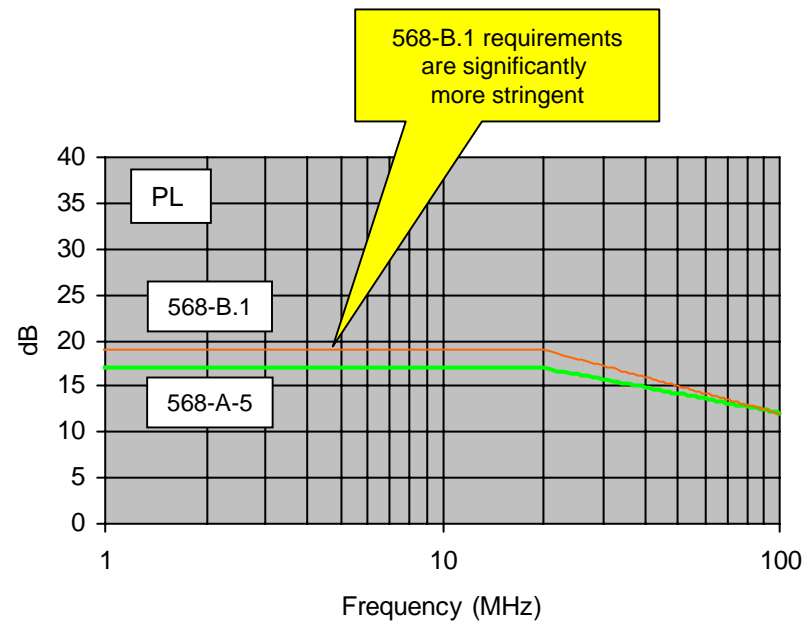
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Return Loss

568-A Addendum 5	568-B.1
Category 5e	Category 5e
$17-7\log(f/20)$, 17,0 dB max.	$19-10\log(f/20)$, 19,0 dB max.

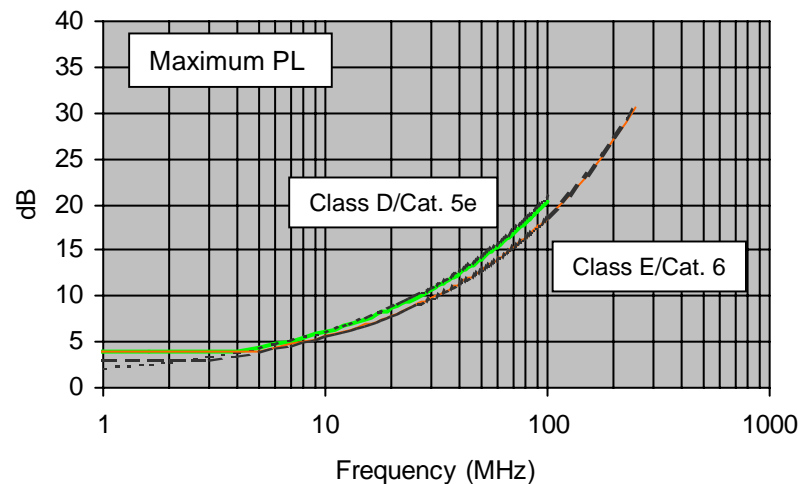


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Attenuation/Insertion Loss

ISO/IEC and EN	568-B.1
Class D (2002)	Category 5e
$0,9 \cdot (1,9108 \cdot \sqrt{f} + 0,0222 \cdot f + 0,2/\sqrt{f}) + 3 \cdot 0,04 \cdot \sqrt{f}$ 4dB min	$0,9 \cdot (1,967 \cdot \sqrt{f} + 0,023 \cdot f + 0,2/\sqrt{f}) + 3 \cdot 0,04 \cdot \sqrt{f}$
Class E	568-B.2.1 Category 6
$0,9 \cdot (1,82 \cdot \sqrt{f} + 0,0169 \cdot f + 0,25/\sqrt{f}) + 4 \cdot 0,02 \cdot \sqrt{f}$ 4dB min.	$0,9 \cdot (1,808 \cdot \sqrt{f} + 0,017 \cdot f + 0,2/\sqrt{f}) + 3 \cdot 0,02 \cdot \sqrt{f} + 0,00015 \cdot f^{1.5}$ 3dB min.



	Class D	Cat. 5e
f	dB	dB
16	7,7	7,9
100	20,4	21,0

	Class E	Cat. 6
f	dB	dB
16	7,0	7,1
100	18,5	18,6
200	27,1	27,4
250	30,7	31,1

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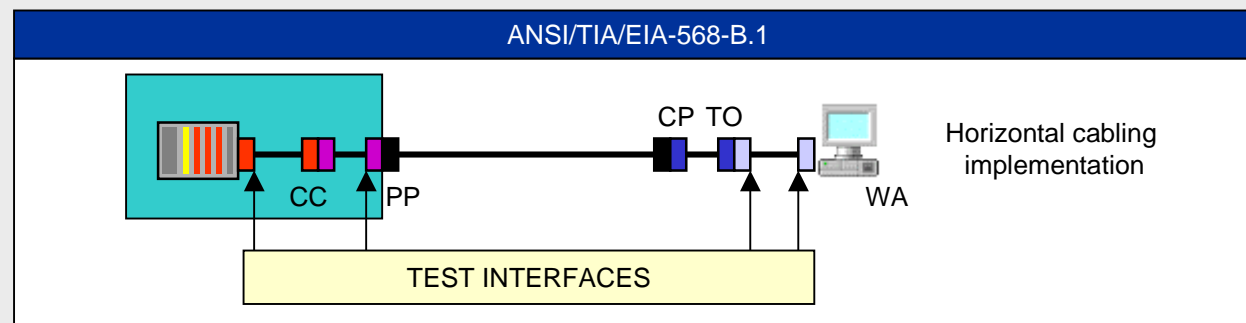
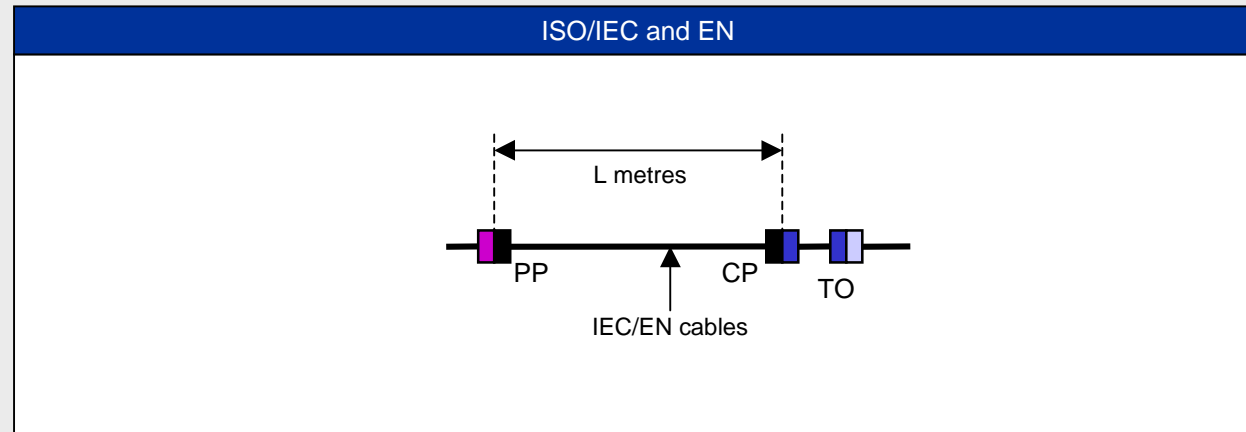
	Parameter	ISO/IEC and EN Class D (2002)	568-B.1 Category 5e	ISO/IEC and EN Class E	568-B.2.1 Category 6
Transmission parameters	Return loss	PL	Not specified	PL	Not specified
	Attenuation/insertion loss	Length dependent		Length dependent	
	NEXT	PL		PL	
	PS NEXT	PL		PL	
	ACR	NEXT ¹		NEXT ¹	
	PS ACR	PSNEXT ¹		PSNEXT ¹	
	ELFEXT	PL++		PL++	
	PS ELFEXT	PL++		PL++	
Protocol function parameters	Propagation delay	Length dependent	Length dependent		
	Delay skew	Length dependent	Length dependent		
Current carrying parameters	d.c. loop resistance	Length dependent	Length dependent		
	d.c. resistance unbalance	Channel	Channel		
	d.c. current carrying capacity	Channel	Channel		

NOTE 1: 4dB get-out clause in ISO/IEC and EN

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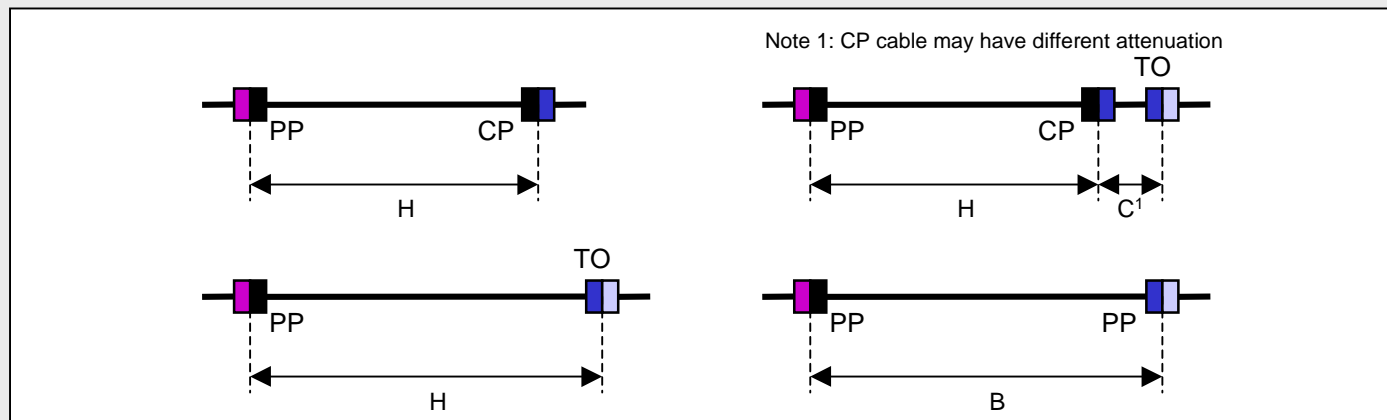
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Channel and Link Test Limits

	ISO/IEC and EN	ANSI/TIA/EIA-568-B
Channel	Design independent Fixed limit	Design independent Fixed limit
Permanent Link	Design dependent Fixed maximum implementation limit	Design independent Fixed limit
CP Link	Design dependent Fixed maximum implementation limit	No specified limits

Complex requirement
-
Difficult to verify

Simple requirement
-
Inadequate QA

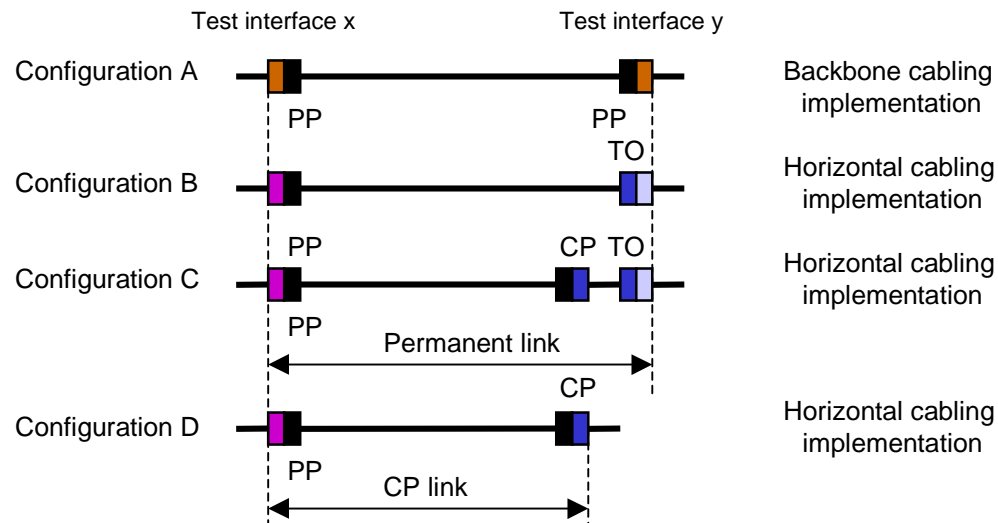


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Theoretical Link Limits - I

	Formulae taking the form
Return loss	Channel + 2 dB
NEXT	$-20 \cdot \log(10^{-0,05 \cdot (\text{function of } \log(f))} + N \cdot 10^{(\text{function of } \log(f))})$
PSNEXT	$-20 \cdot \log(10^{-0,05 \cdot (\text{function of } \log(f))} + N \cdot 10^{(\text{function of } \log(f))})$
ELFEXT	$-20 \cdot \log(10^{-0,05 \cdot (\text{function of } \log(f))} + n \cdot 10^{(\text{function of } \log(f))})$
PSELFEXT	$-20 \cdot \log(10^{-0,05 \cdot (\text{function of } \log(f))} + n \cdot 10^{(\text{function of } \log(f))})$
N = 1 for Configurations A, B and D N = 1 for Configuration C at "Test interface x" and N=2 at "Test interface y" n = 2 for Configurations A, B and D, n = 3 for Configuration C	

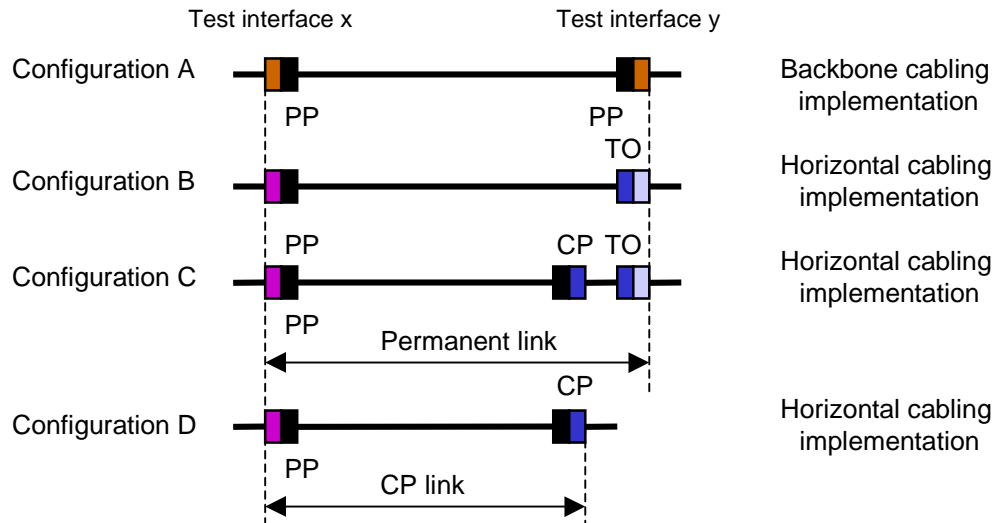


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Theoretical Link Limits - II

	Formulae taking the form
Propagation delay	$(L/100) * (0,534 + 0,036/\text{sqrt}(f)) + n * 0,0025$
Delay skew	$(L/100) * 0,045 + n * 0,00125$
	$n = 2$ for Configurations A, B and D, $n = 3$ for Configuration C
	$L = L_{PL} + L_{CP}$
	L_{PL} = length of fixed cable (m), L_{CP} = length of CP cord (where present) (m)

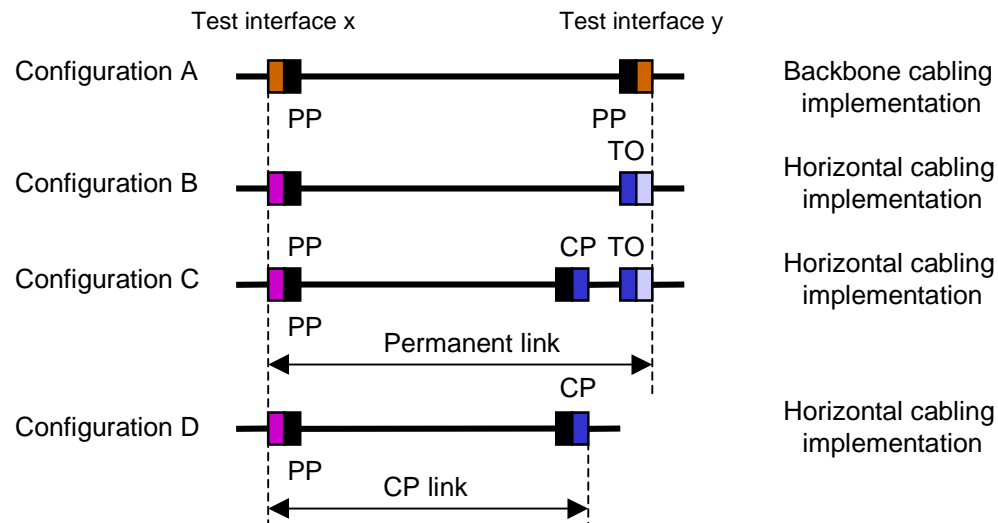


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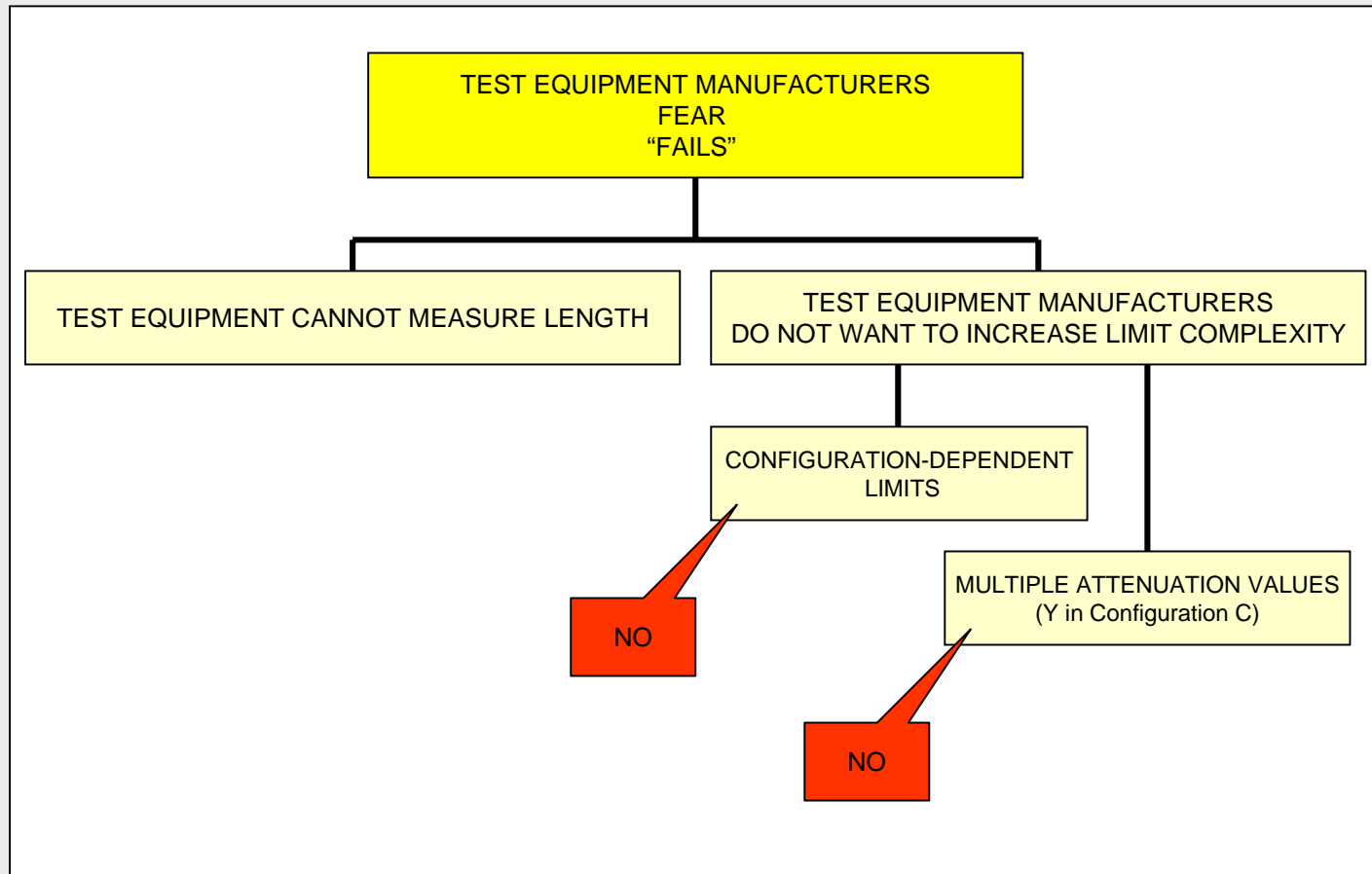
Formulae taking the form	
Insertion loss/attenuation	$(L/100) * (A * \sqrt{f} + B * f + C / \sqrt{f}) + n * D * \sqrt{f}$
d.c. loop resistance	$(L/100) * 22 + n * 0,4$
d.c. resistance unbalance	Within a pair 3%
$n = 2$ for Configurations A, B and D, $n = 3$ for Configuration C	
$L = L_{PL} + L_{CP} * Y$	
L_{PL} = length of fixed cable (m), L_{CP} = length of CP cord (where present) (m)	
Y = the ratio of CP cable attenuation (dB/m) to fixed horizontal cable attenuation (dB/m)	



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ISO/EN Length Dependencies

Formulae taking the form			
Propagation delay	$(L/100) * (0,534 + 0,036/\sqrt{f}) + n * 0,0025$		
Delay skew	$(L/100) * 0,045 + n * 0,00125$		
$L = L_{PL} + L_{CP}$ L_{PL} = length of fixed cable (m), L_{CP} = length of CP cord (where present) (m)			
Insertion loss/attenuation	$(L/100) * (A * \sqrt{f} + B * f + C / \sqrt{f}) + n * D * \sqrt{f}$		
d.c. loop resistance	$(L/100) * 22 + n * 0,4$		
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FCD ISO/IEC 11801 (N739) contains a practical alternative

A practical method of meeting this requirement is to demonstrate that the margin between the measured value and the channel limits are adequate to accommodate any additional cabling components used to create the channel.

An improved wording is proposed for EN 50173 3MV

Where the maximum lengths of channel components to be added to the link are known and specified for the cabling, the margin between the measured value of and the channel limits shall exceed the total of:

- the specified maximum lengths of cords used to create the channel;
- the specified maximum lengths of additional cables/connections, where appropriate, used to create the channel.

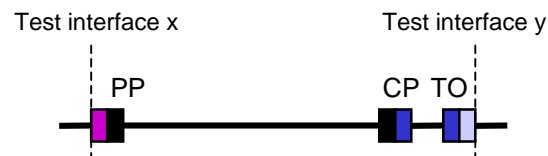
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ISO/EN Return Loss

Return loss	Formulae taking the form Channel + 2 dB
NEXT	$-20 \cdot \log(10^{-0.05 \cdot (\text{function of } \log(f))} + N \cdot 10^{(\text{function of } \log(f))})$
PSNEXT	$-20 \cdot \log(10^{-0.05 \cdot (\text{function of } \log(f))} + N \cdot 10^{(\text{function of } \log(f))})$
ELFEXT	$-20 \cdot \log(10^{-0.05 \cdot (\text{function of } \log(f))} + n \cdot 10^{(\text{function of } \log(f))})$
PSELFEXT	$-20 \cdot \log(10^{-0.05 \cdot (\text{function of } \log(f))} + n \cdot 10^{(\text{function of } \log(f))})$
	N = 1 for Configurations A, B and D N = 1 for Configuration C at "Test interface x" and N=2 at "Test interface y"
	n = 2 for Configurations A, B and D, n = 3 for Configuration C

EN 50173 6MP contains Configuration C get-out clause



For configuration C close proximity of TO and CP connections canFAIL

Such results are compliant provided that:

- a) the measured link values at test interface "y", and a complete channel, comply with the channel requirements
- or
- b) a complete channel complies with the channel requirements.

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EN NEXT/PSNEXT

	Formulae taking the form
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NEXT	$-20 \cdot \log(10^{-0.05 \cdot (\text{function of } \log(f))} + 10^{(\text{function of } \log(f))})$
PSNEXT	$-20 \cdot \log(10^{-0.05 \cdot (\text{function of } \log(f))} + 10^{(\text{function of } \log(f))})$
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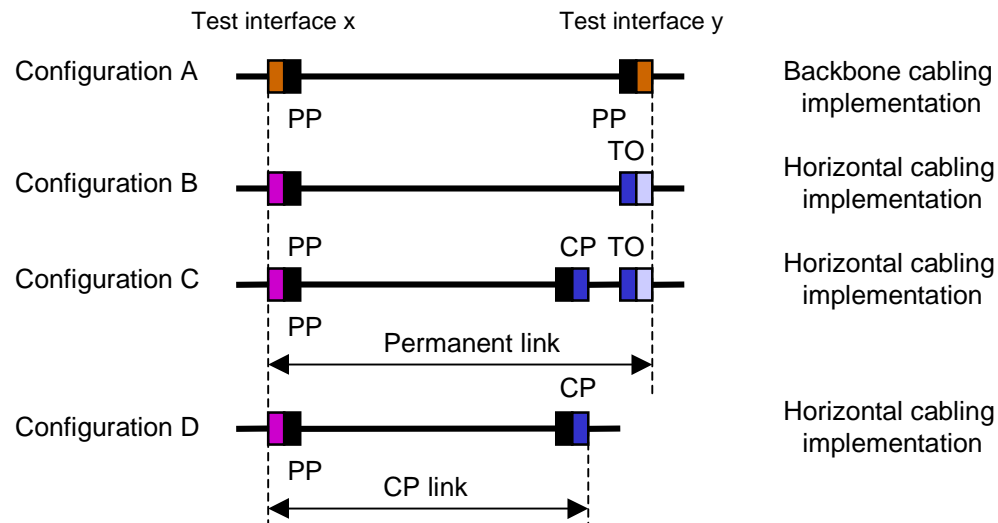
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ISO/EN Outstanding Items

	Formulae taking the form
Return loss	Channel + 2 dB
NEXT	$-20 \cdot \log(10^{-0,05 \cdot (\text{function of } \log(f))} + 10^{(\text{function of } \log(f))})$
PSNEXT	$-20 \cdot \log(10^{-0,05 \cdot (\text{function of } \log(f))} + 10^{(\text{function of } \log(f))})$
ELFEXT	$-20 \cdot \log(10^{-0,05 \cdot (\text{function of } \log(f))} + n \cdot 10^{(\text{function of } \log(f))})$
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	$n = 2$ for Configurations A, B and D, $n = 3$ for Configuration C



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Implementation Rules

ISO/IEC and EN

$F = F_1 + F_2$

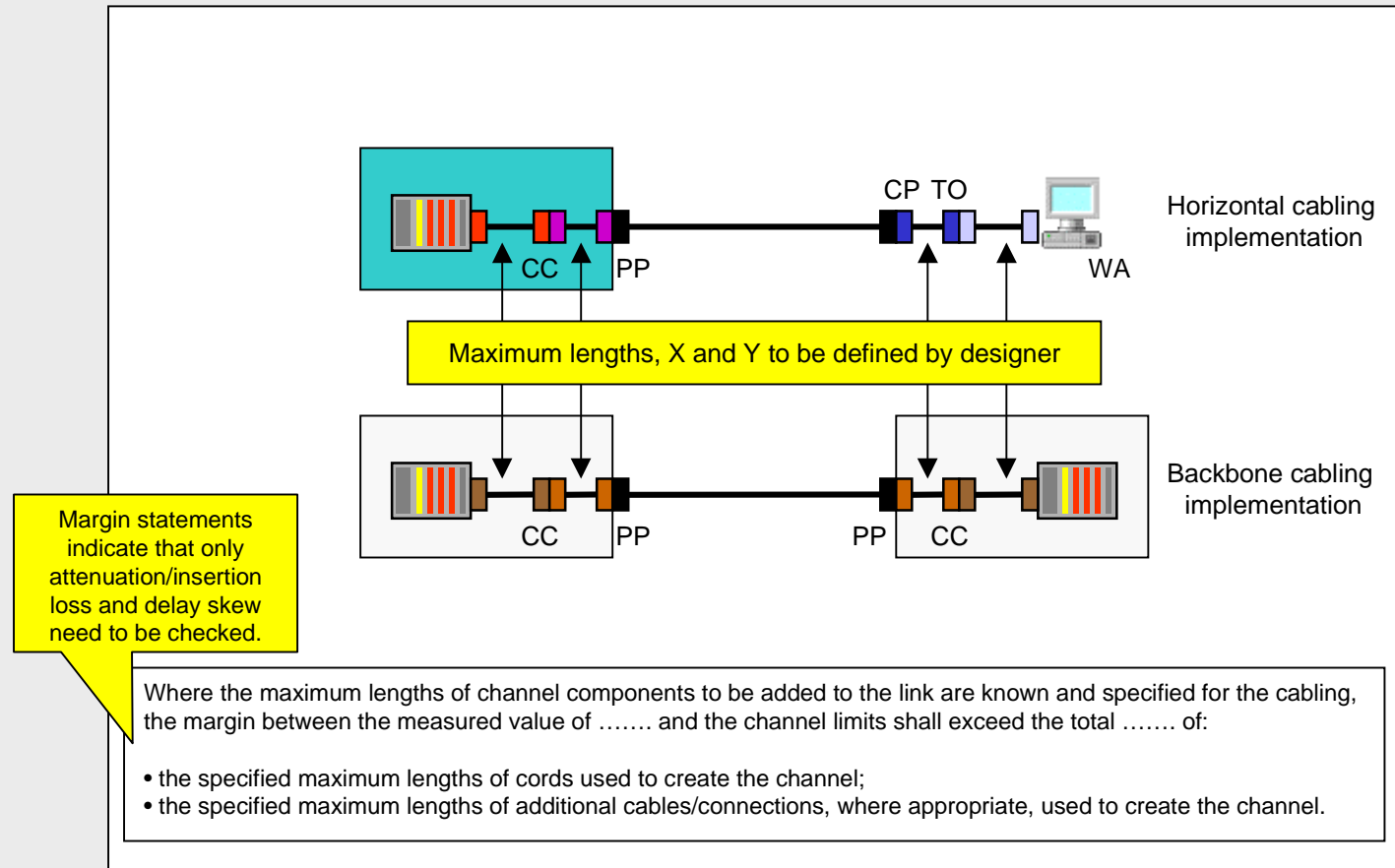
$X = \text{cord attenuation premium}$
 $Y = \text{CP cable attenuation premium (if any)}$

No. of connections	Class D/Category 5	Class E/Category 6	Class F/Category 7
2	$H = (109-FX)/T$	$H = (107-3^1-FX)/T$	$H = (107-2^1-FX)/T$
3 w/o. CP	$H = (107-FX)/T$	$H = (106-3^1-FX)/T$	$H = (106-3^1-FX)/T$
3 inc. CP	$H = (107-FX-CY)/T$	$H = (106-3^1-FX-CY)/T$	$H = (106-3^1-FX-CY)/T$
4	$H = (105-FX-CY)/T$	$H = (105-3^1-FX-CY)/T$	$H = (105-4^1-FX-CY)/T$
$T = 1 + (t-20) \times \alpha$ where $t = \text{maximum design temperature within link}$			
	for screened cables		for unscreened cables
X and Y	1.5 typically		1.2 typically
α	= 0.2 for $t > 20^\circ\text{C}$		= 0.4 for $20^\circ\text{C} < t < 40^\circ\text{C}$ = 0.6 for $40^\circ\text{C} < t < 60^\circ\text{C}$
Note 1: this length reduction is provides margin for insertion loss deviation.			

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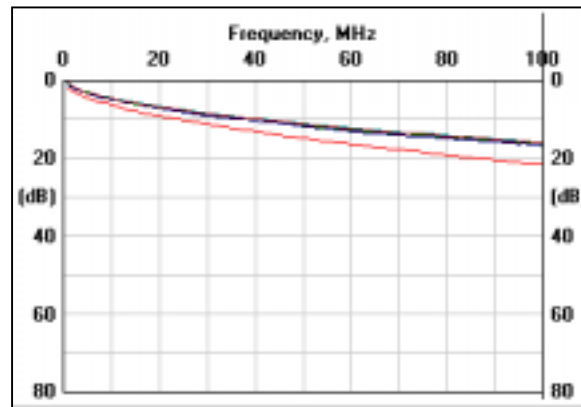


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Attenuation and Delay Skew

ATTENUATION/INSERTION LOSS



The highest measured attenuation/insertion loss occurs at the highest measurement frequency.

The test equipment will have to report the margin between the measured value and the channel limit at:

- 100 MHz for Class D compliance;
- 250 MHz for Class E compliance.

The installer has to check that the margin is acceptable.

	Class D	Class E
Connection	0,2 dB	0,32 dB
Solid cable	0,21 dB/m	0,33 dB/m
Stranded cable		
Unscreened cable	0,25 dB/m	0,40 dB/m
Screened cable	0,32 dB/m	0,50 dB/m

DELAY SKEW

Delay skew is constant with frequency

The installer has to check that the margin is acceptable.

	Class D	Class E
Connection	1,25 ns	
Cable	0,45 ns/m	

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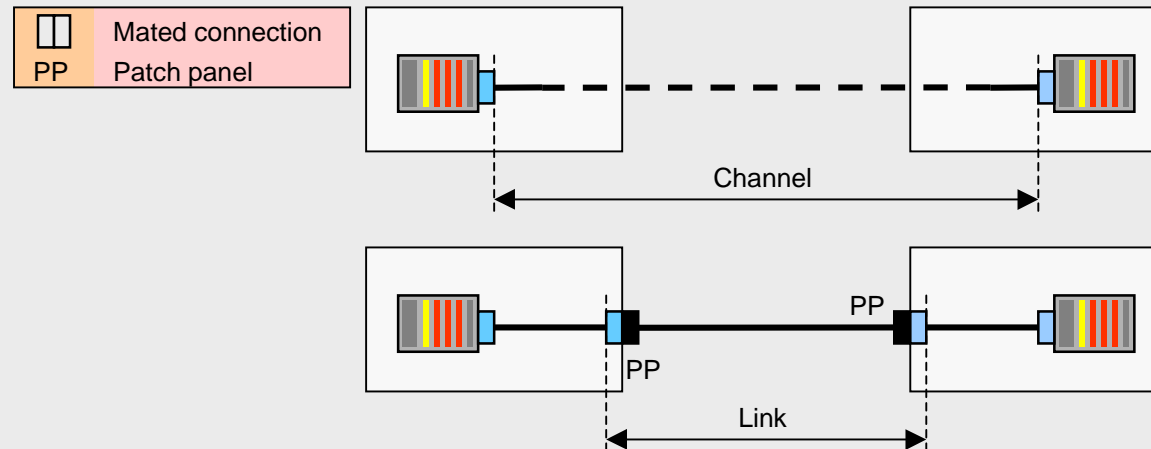
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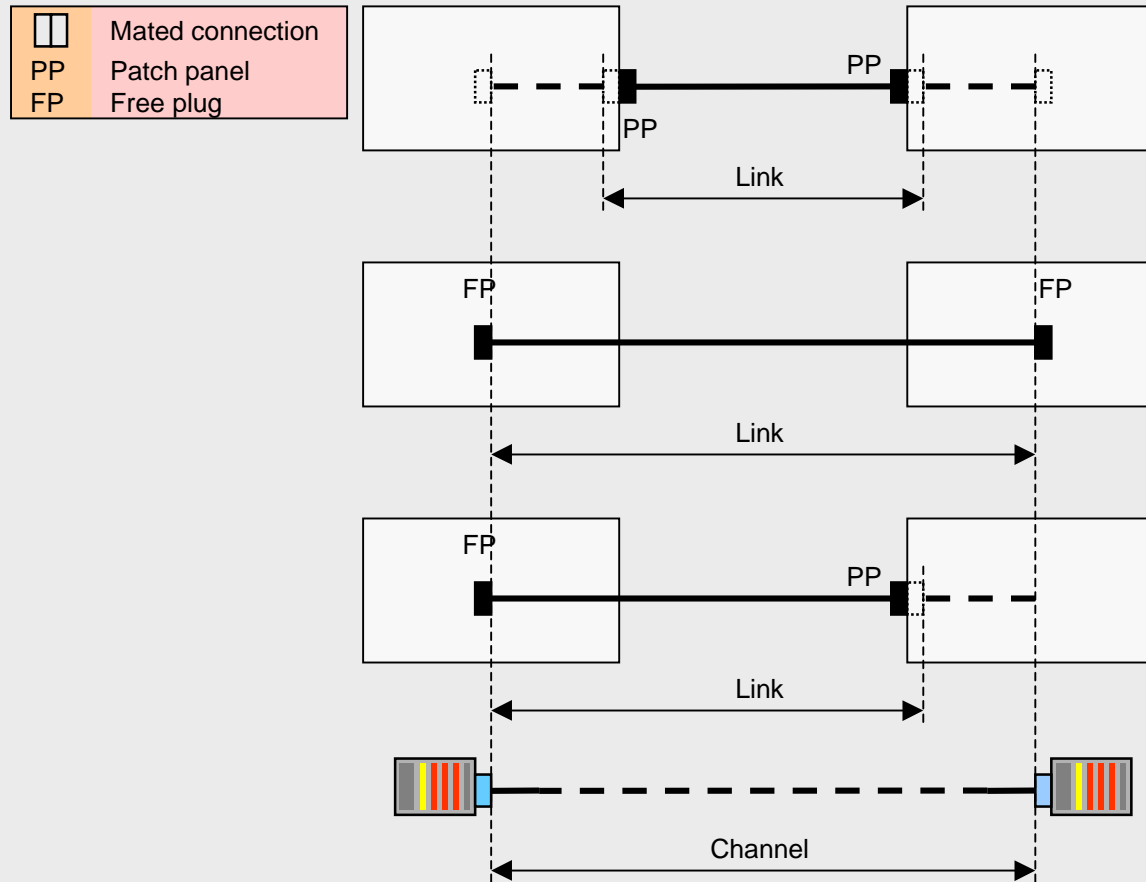
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The Alternative Approaches

	Optical power budget (dB)			
	MMF		SMF	
	850nm	1300nm	1310nm	
"Channel" approach	APPLICATION			
	ISO/IEC 8802-3: 10BASE-FL/FB	12,5 (6,8)		
	ISO/IEC 8802-5: TR 4/16 Mbit/s	13,0 (8,0)		
	ISO/IEC 9314-3 FDDI		11,0 (6,0)	
	ISO/IEC DIS 9314-4 FDDI		10,0	
	ISO/IEC 8802-3: 100BASE-FX		11,0 (6,0)	
	TR 100 Mbit/s		11,0 (6,0)	
	CD 14165-1: Fibre Channel-1062	4,0		6,0
	IEEE 802-3: 1000BASE-SX	2,6 (3,56)		
	IEEE 802-3: 1000BASE-LX		2,35	5,0
"Overall loss" approach	Maximum values	x dB	y dB	z dB
	Actual value	Link < (x + y + z) dB		
"Component loss" approach	Maximum values	x dB	y dB	z dB
	Actual values	< x dB	< y dB	< z dB

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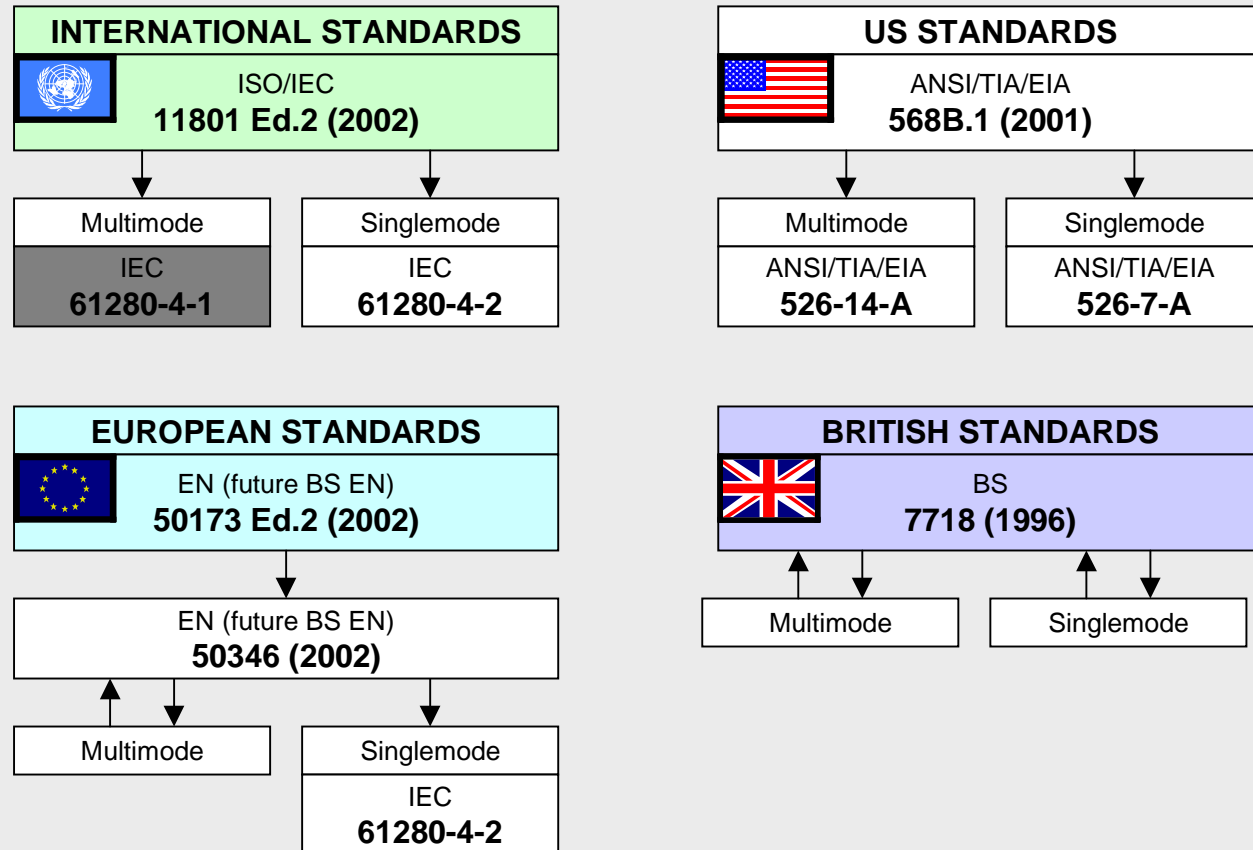
Testing Regimes

TEST REGIME	ITEMS UNDER TEST	TESTING APPROACH	TEST TOOL
Component Acceptance	Cables	Component	OTDR
	Cords	Overall loss	LSPM
		Component	LSPM
Legacy Cabling Acceptance	Links and channels	Overall loss	LSPM
		Component	OTDR
Partial Completion Tests	Links	Component	OTDR
Installed Cabling Acceptance	Links and channels	Overall loss	LSPM
		Component	OTDR
Fault Diagnosis	Links and channels	Component	OTDR

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ARENA	REFERENCE	TITLE
IEC	61280-4-1	Fibre optic communication subsystem basic test procedures - Part 4-1: Fibre optic cable plant - Multimode fibre optic cable plant attenuation
IEC	61280-4-2	Fibre optic communication subsystem basic test procedures - Part 4-2: Fibre optic cable plant - Single-mode fibre optic cable plant attenuation
EN	50346	Information Technology - Testing of installed cabling
TIA/EIA	526-14-A	OFSTP-14A Optical Power Loss Measurement of Installed Multimode Fiber Cable Plant (ANSI/TIA/EIA-526-14A-98)
TIA/EIA	526-7	OFSTP-7 Measurement of Optical Power Loss of Installed Single-Mode Fiber Cable Plant (ANSI/TIA/EIA-526-7-98)

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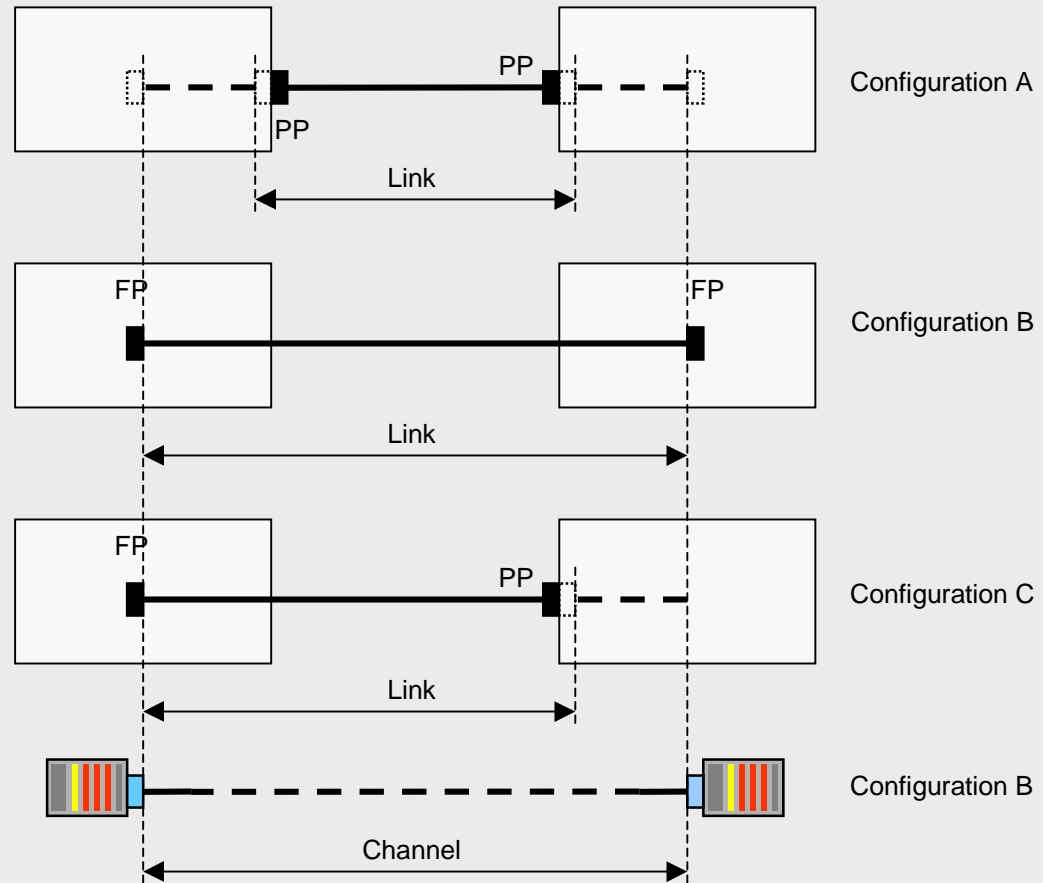
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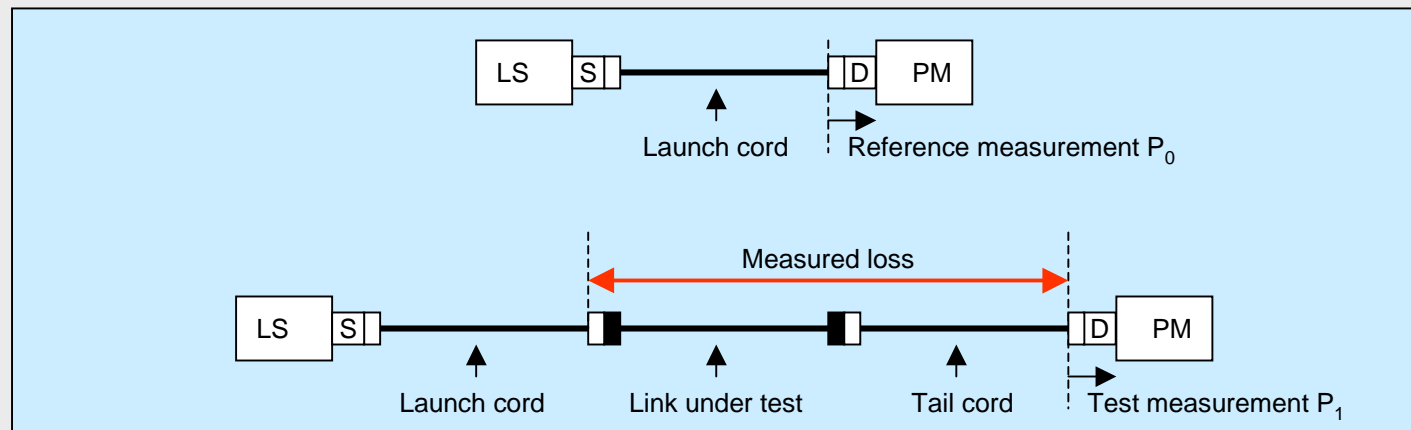
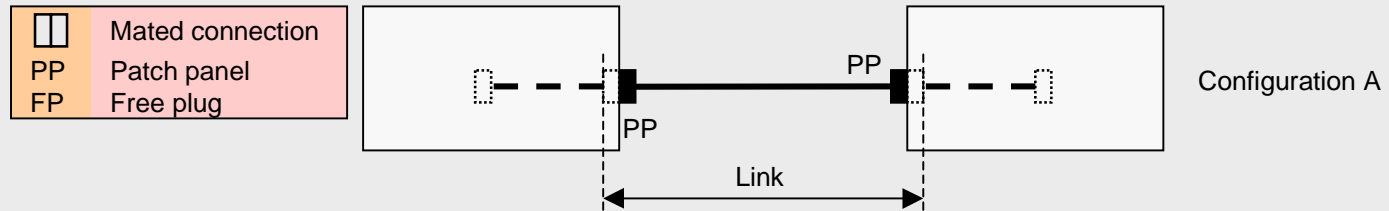
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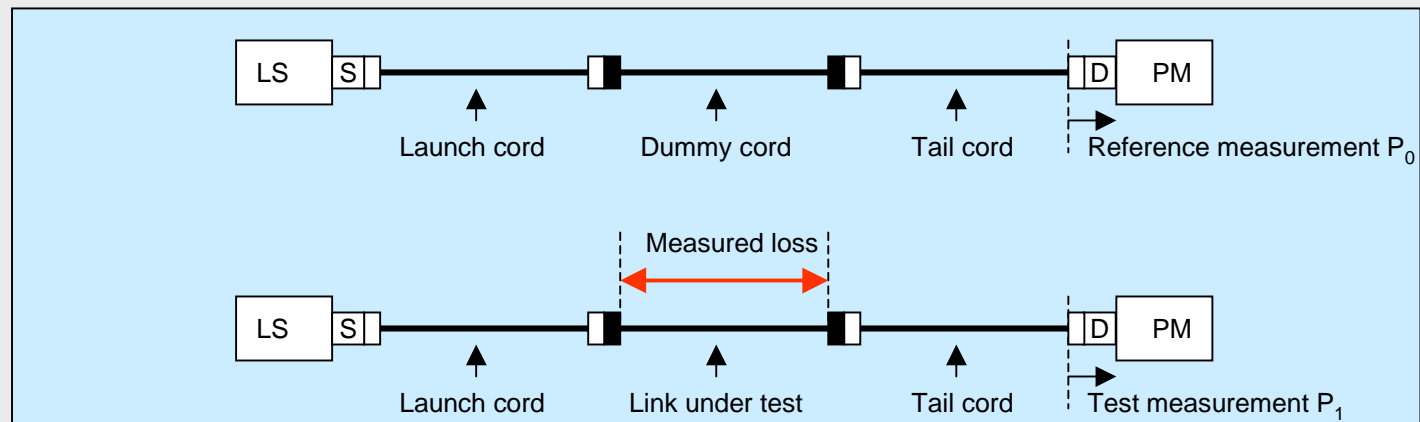
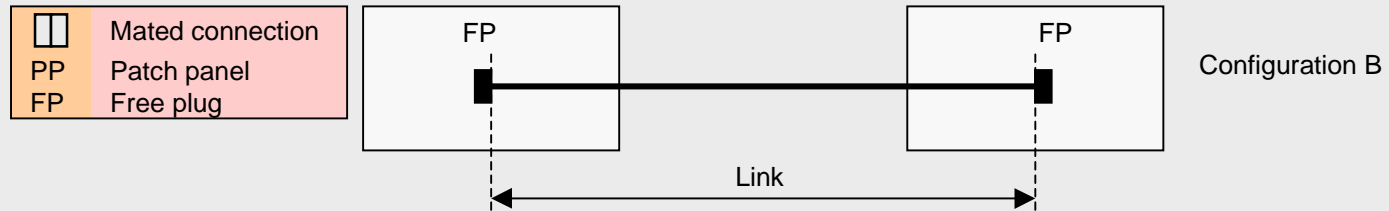
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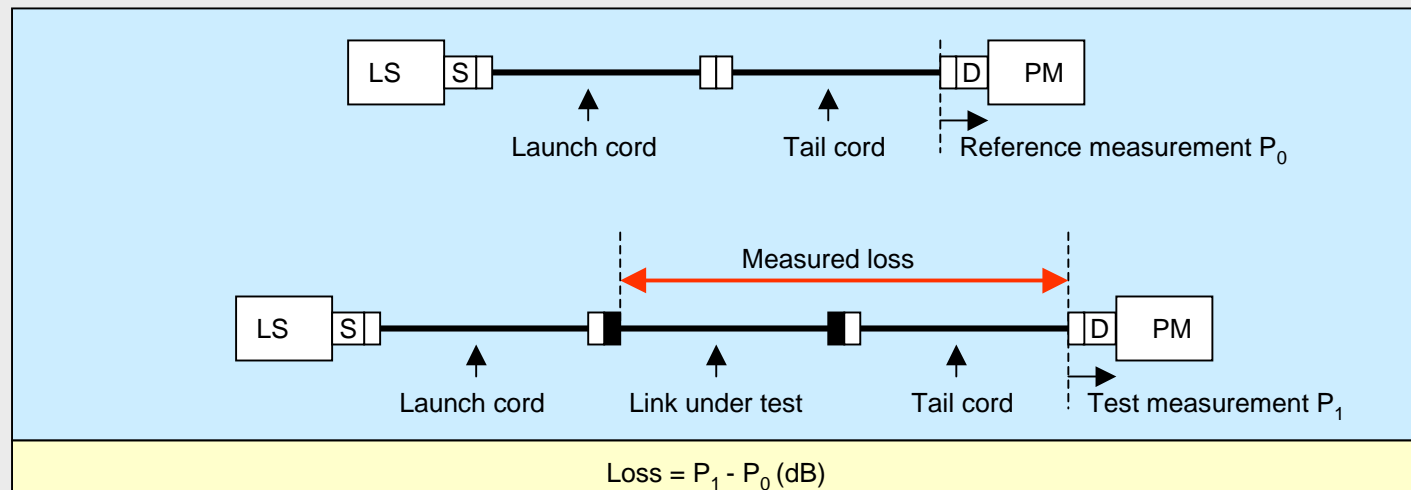
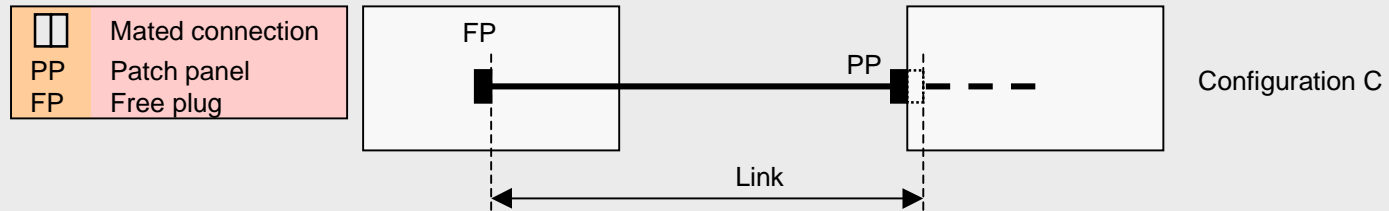
Loss = $P_1 - P_0$ (dB)

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Configuration C Test Method



MMF: not applicable
SMF: IEC 61280-4-2 Method 1.B



MMF:-526-14-A Method A
SMF:-526-7



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Impact of Incorrect Methods

INSTALLED LINK	METHOD APPLIED	RESULT
CONFIGURATION A	CONFIGURATION A	CORRECT
	CONFIGURATION B	LOW BY 2 CONNECTIONS
	CONFIGURATION C	LOW BY 1 CONNECTION
CONFIGURATION B	CONFIGURATION A	HIGH BY 2 CONNECTIONS
	CONFIGURATION B	CORRECT
	CONFIGURATION C	HIGH BY 1 CONNECTION
CONFIGURATION C	CONFIGURATION A	HIGH BY 1 CONNECTION
	CONFIGURATION B	LOW BY 1 CONNECTION
	CONFIGURATION C	CORRECT
INSTALLED CHANNEL	METHOD APPLIED	RESULT
CONFIGURATION B	CONFIGURATION A	HIGH BY 2 CONNECTIONS
	CONFIGURATION B	CORRECT
	CONFIGURATION C	HIGH BY 1 CONNECTION

All measurements are subject to the fundamental accuracy of the technique

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LSPM Measurement Accuracy

CORE		$Loss = -10 \log_{10} \left[\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} \right)^2 \right]$ <p>dB from large core to small core (0 dB from small to large)</p>
CORE		$Loss = -10 \log_{10} \left[\left(\frac{NA_2}{NA_1} \right)^2 \right]$ <p>dB from large NA to small NA (0 dB from small to large)</p>
CORE		$Loss = -10 \log_{10} \left[\frac{1}{90} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{de}{x} \right) - \frac{2xe}{\pi d} \right]$ <p>dB in both directions</p> $e = \left[1 - \left(\frac{x}{d} \right)^2 \right]^{0.5}$

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LSPM Measurement Accuracy

CORE			$Loss = -10 \log_{10} \left[\left(\frac{47}{53} \right)^2 \right]$	= -1.04 dB	Applied statistics and real manufacturing tolerances suggest combined value < -0.35 dB per joint
CORE	NA = 0.215	NA = 0.185	$Loss = -10 \log_{10} \left[\left(\frac{0.185}{0.215} \right)^2 \right]$	= -1.30 dB	
CORE			Loss	= -0.47 dB	

Measurement accuracy of LSPM systems = 0.7 dB plus other mismatches

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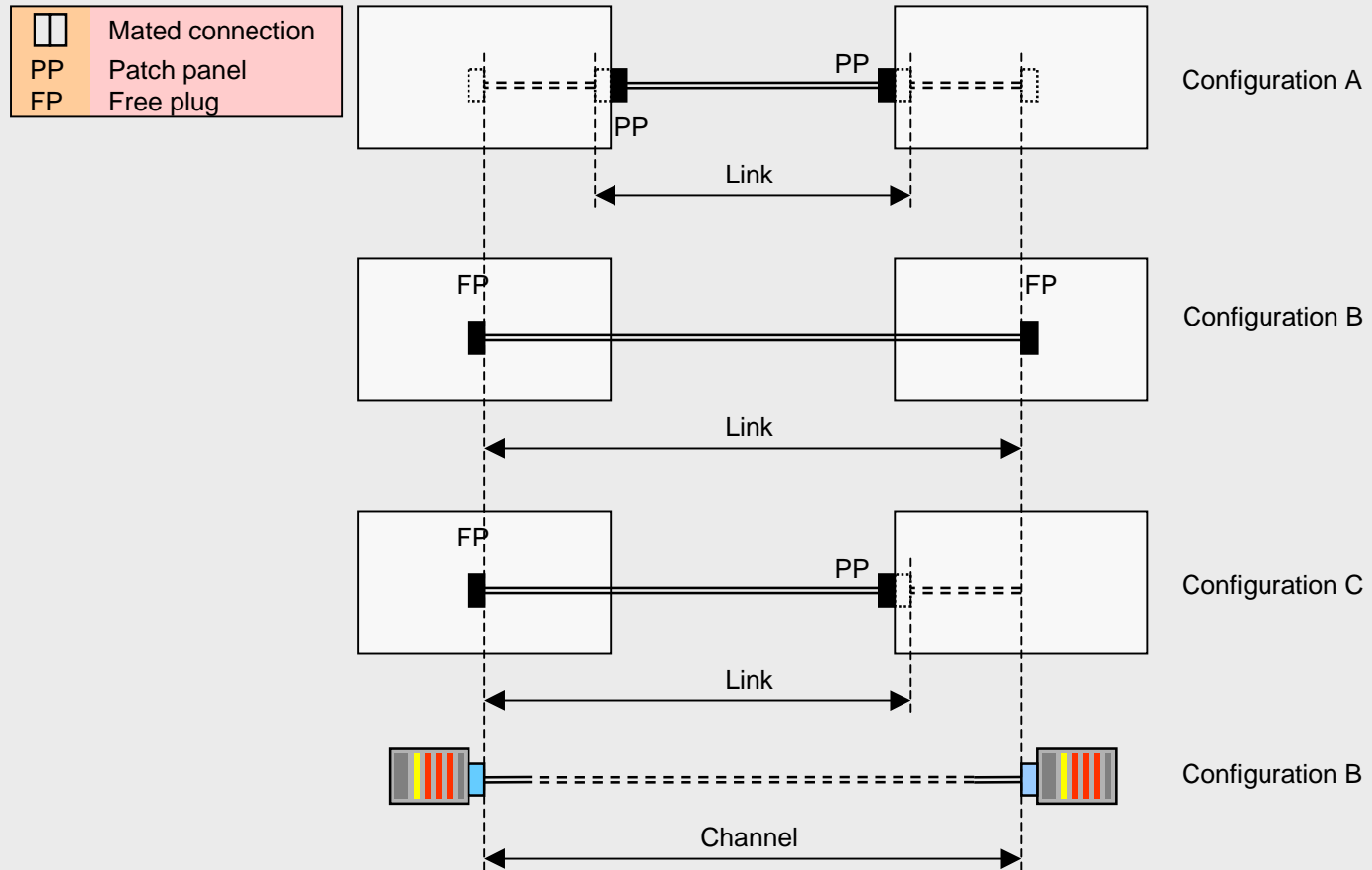
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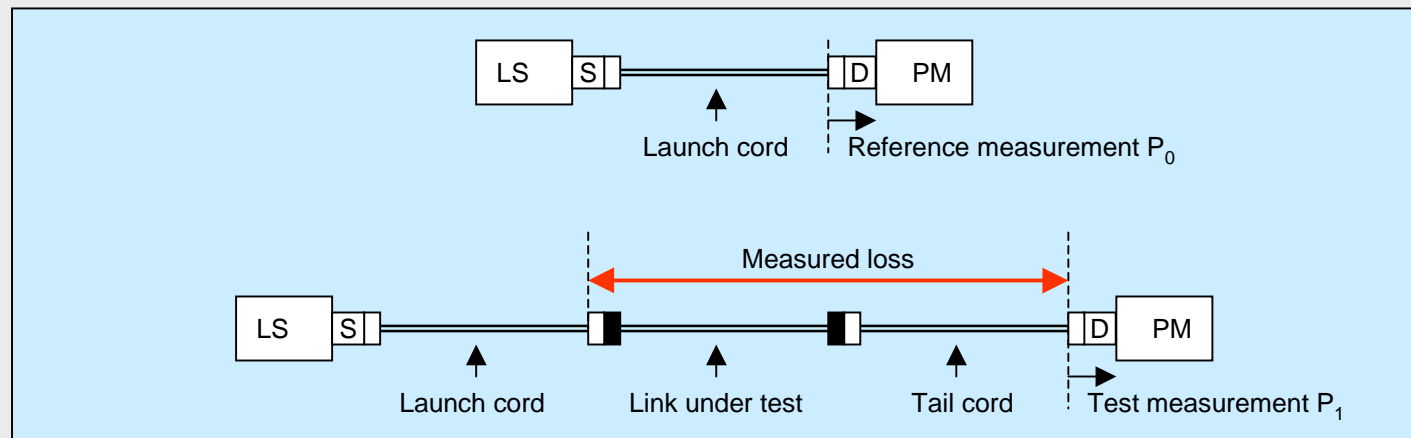
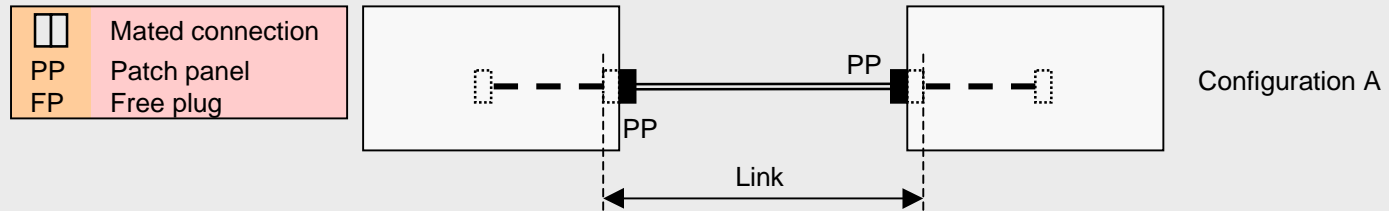
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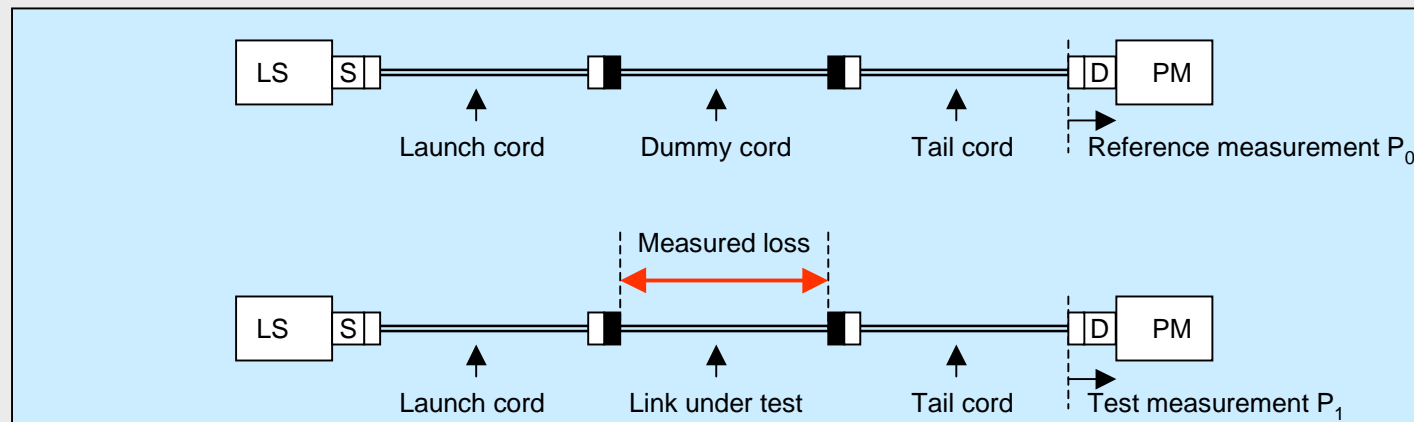
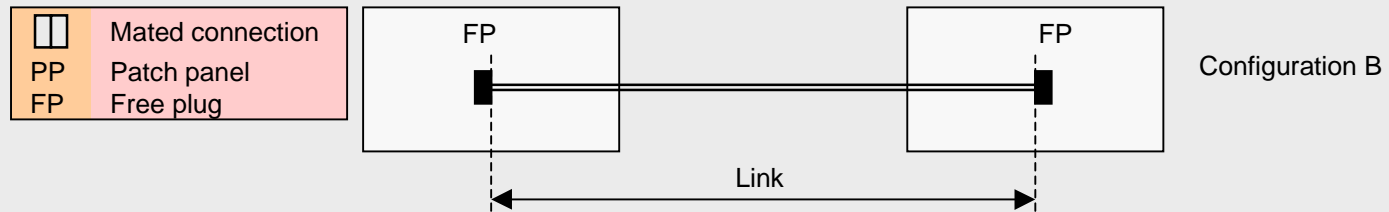
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Configuration B Test Method



Loss = $P_1 - P_0$ (dB)

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	SMF: IEC 61280-4-2 Method 1.C		SMF: IEC 61280-4-2 Method 1.C		SMF:-526-7
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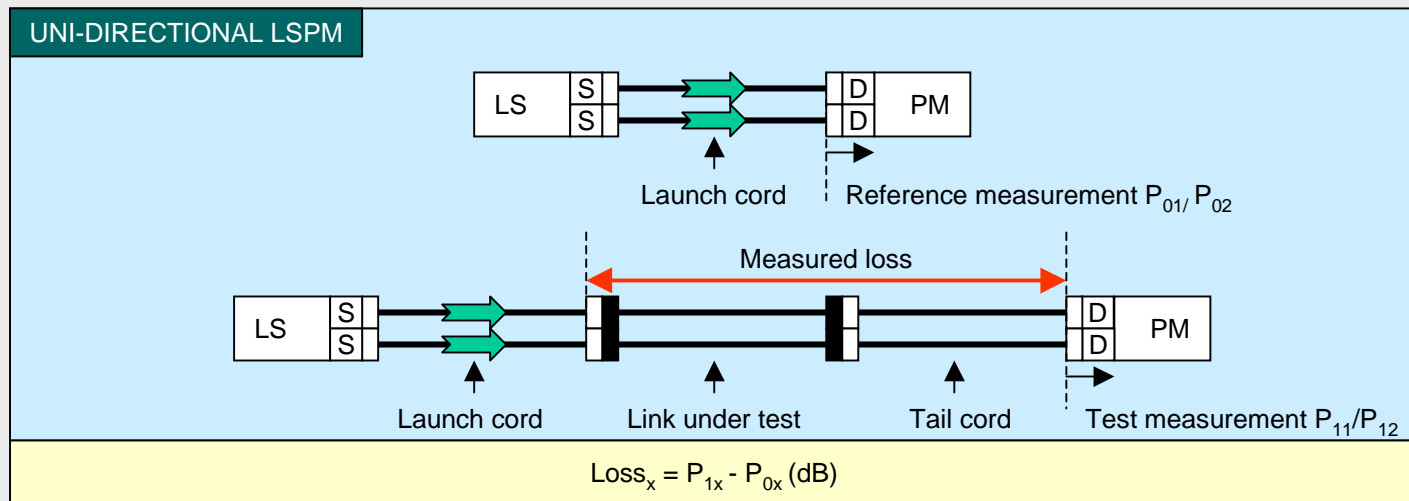
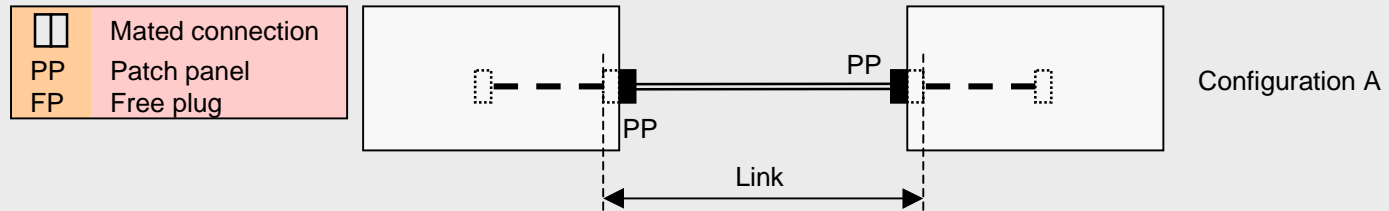
Duplex Test Equipment

EQUIPMENT TYPE	EQUIPMENT TYPE	GENERAL RULES
Uni-directional duplex		Link testing rules Configuration A: OK Configuration B: OK Configuration C: OK Channel tests: OK
Bi-directional duplex		Link testing rules Configuration A: test as channel Configuration B: OK Configuration C: test as channel Channel tests: OK

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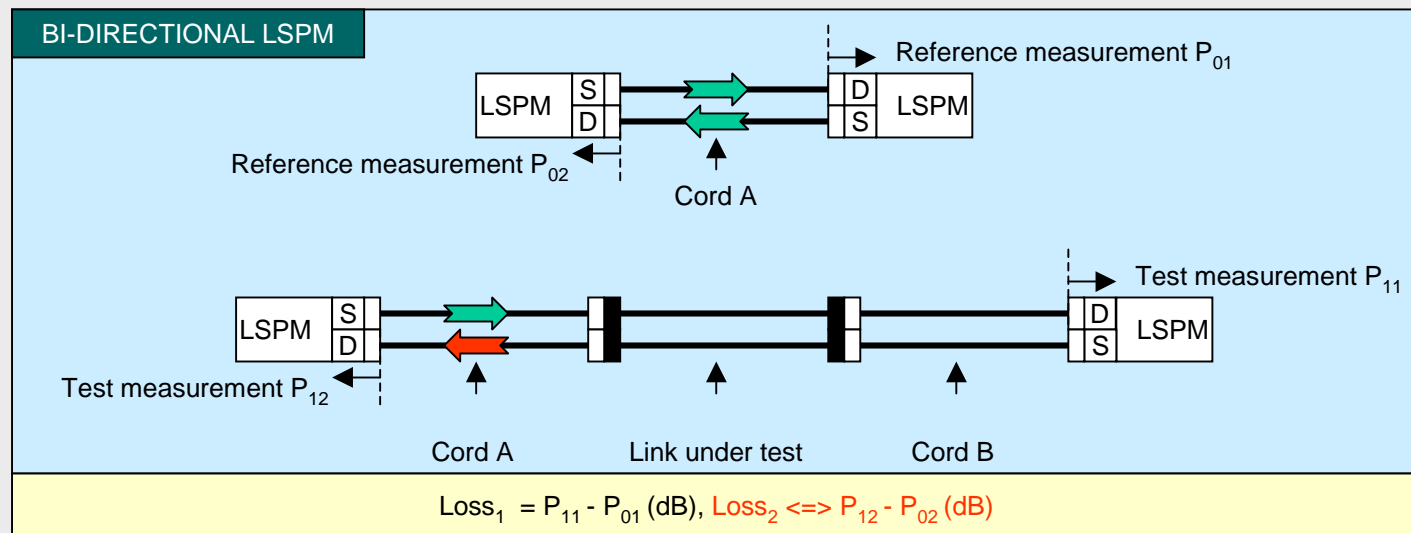
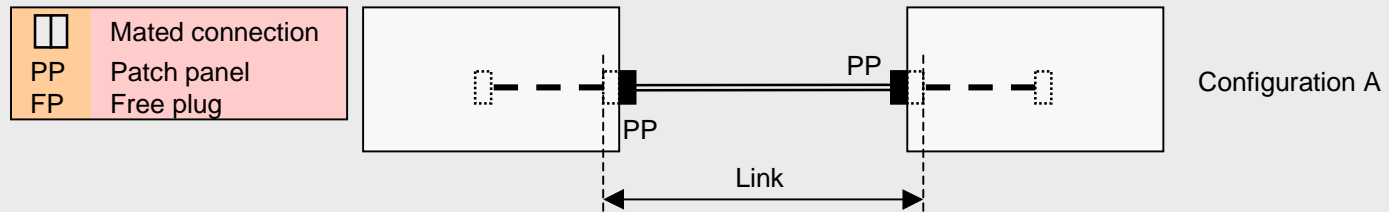
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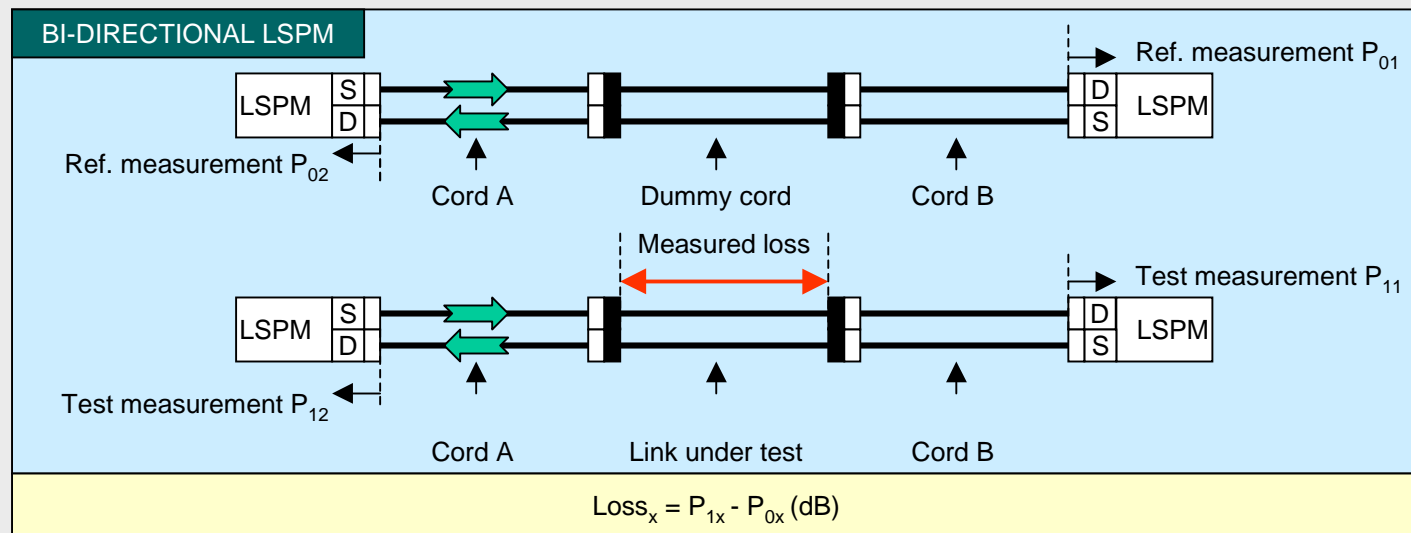
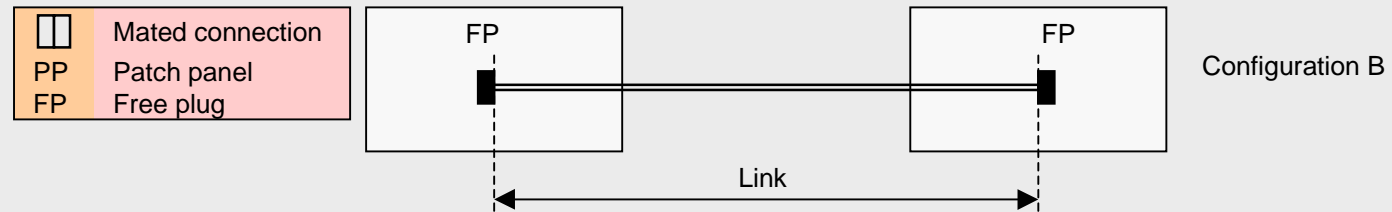


Test measurement P_{12} will be influenced by removal of Cord A from RH LSPM
 Unless LSPM guarantees that coupled power into Cord B is the same as Cord A, measurement error may occur

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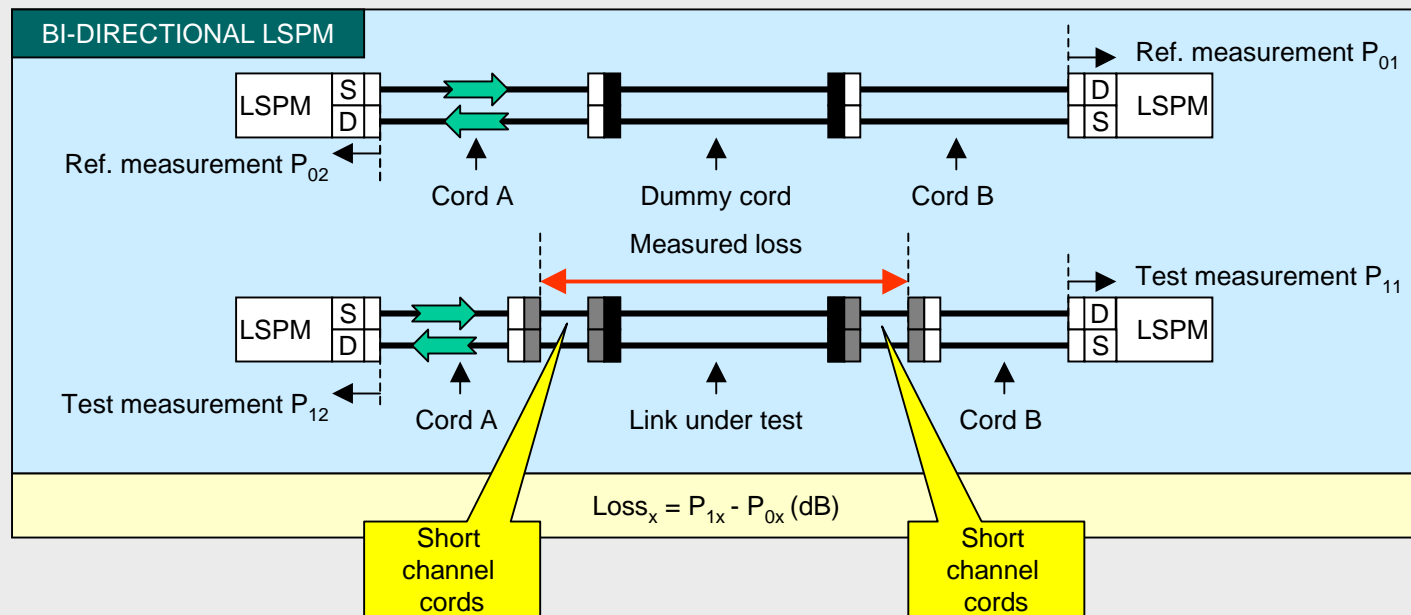
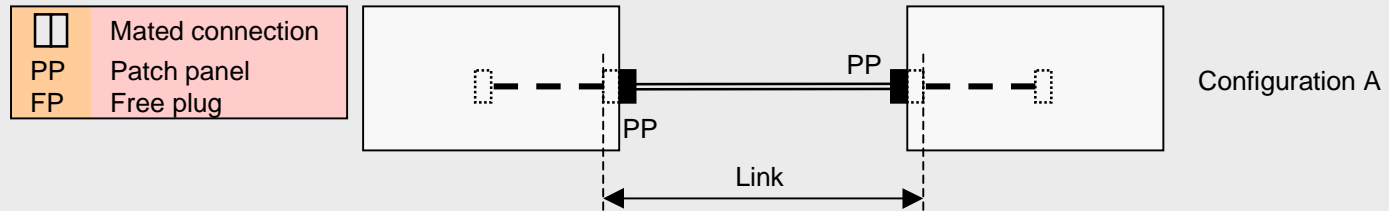
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Mating dimensions and gauging of TO connection

SC Duplex IEC 60874-19-1




	Wavelength	Multimode OF		Singlemode OF	
		Connection	Splice	Connection	Splice
Return loss (dB min)	All	20dB	NA	35dB	NA
Attenuation (dB max)	All	95%<0,5 100%<0,75	100%<0,3	95%<0,5 100%<0,75	100%<0,3

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Requirements for areas other than the telecommunications outlet

The optical fibre connectors used shall meet the requirements ..., with exception of the physical dimensions.... In areas other than the work area, the choice of connecting hardware is open to all types of optical fibre connectors **standardized by IEC**.

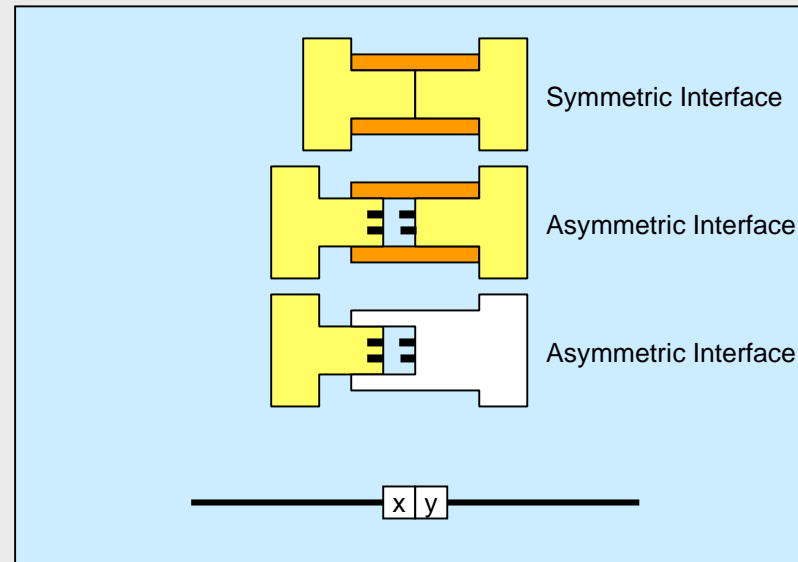
When high density is an important consideration **Small Form Factor** connector designs that accommodate at least two fibres within the footprint of an EN 60603-7 connector are recommended.

However, where detail specifications produced by IEC or CENELEC in accordance with requirements of do not exist then **assurance should be sought from suppliers that the combinations of components** within connecting hardware are able to meet the optical and mechanical requirements of this clause.

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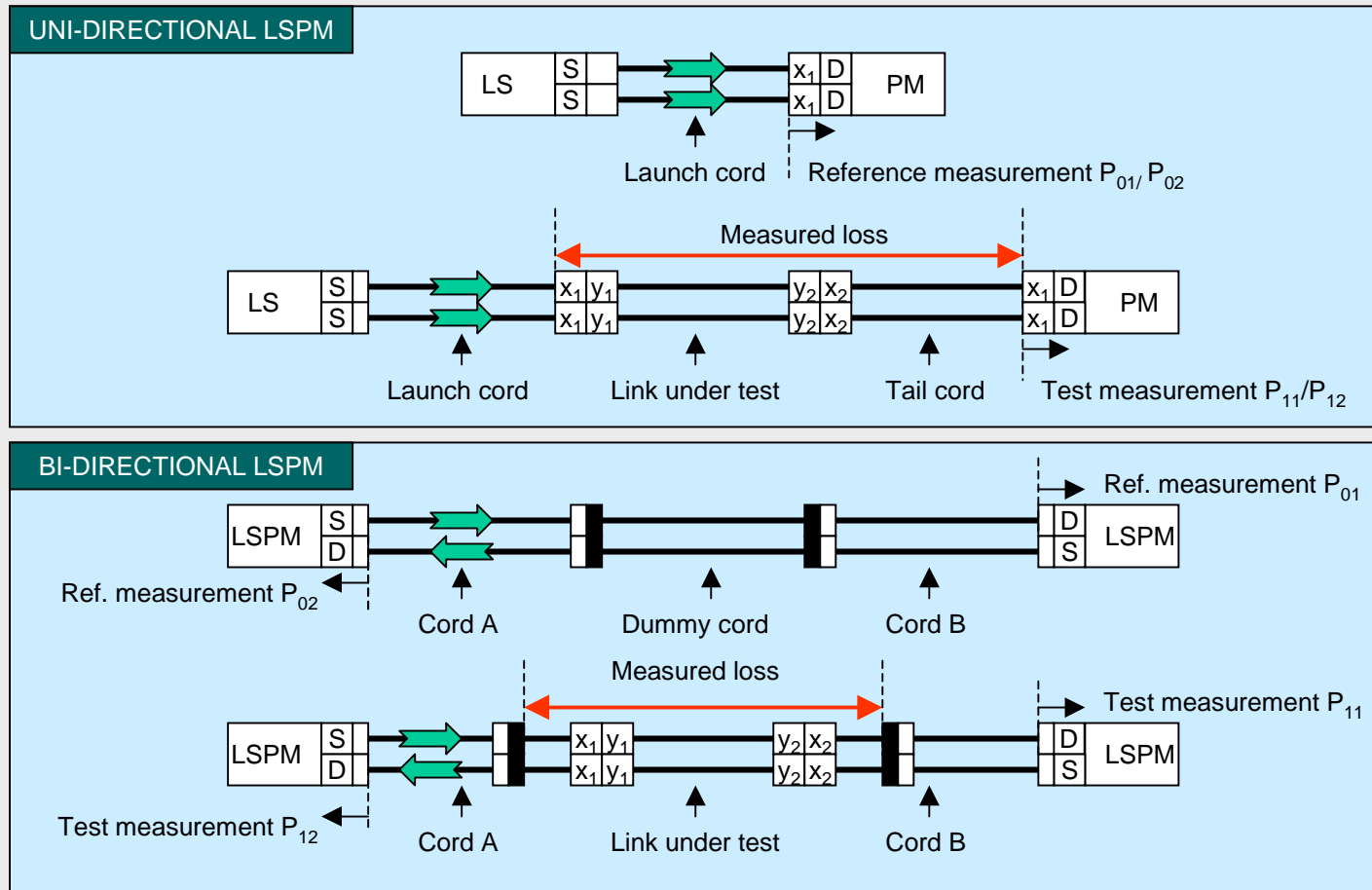
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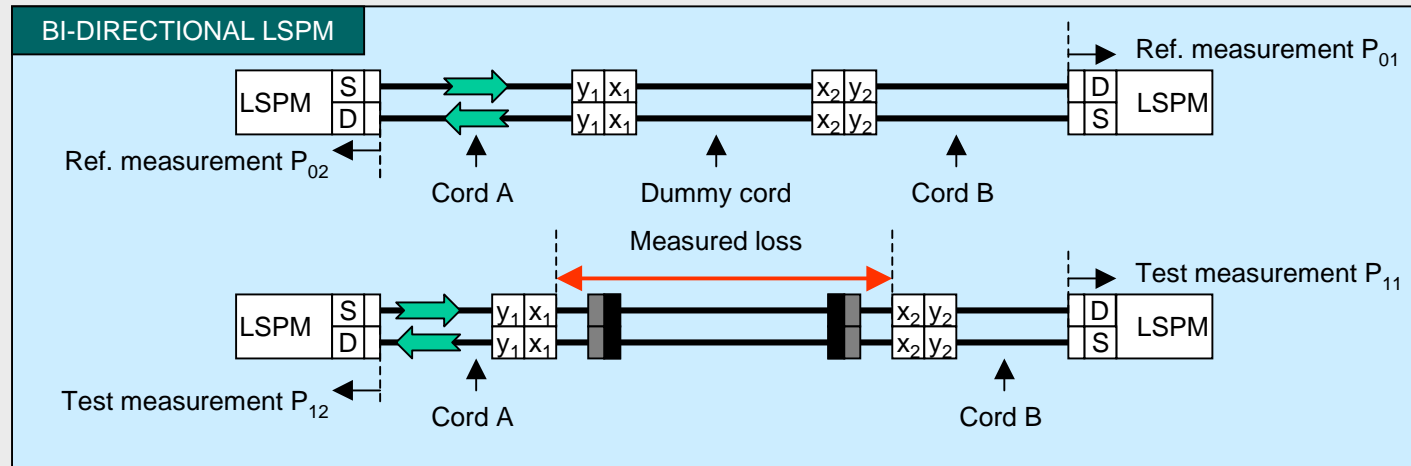
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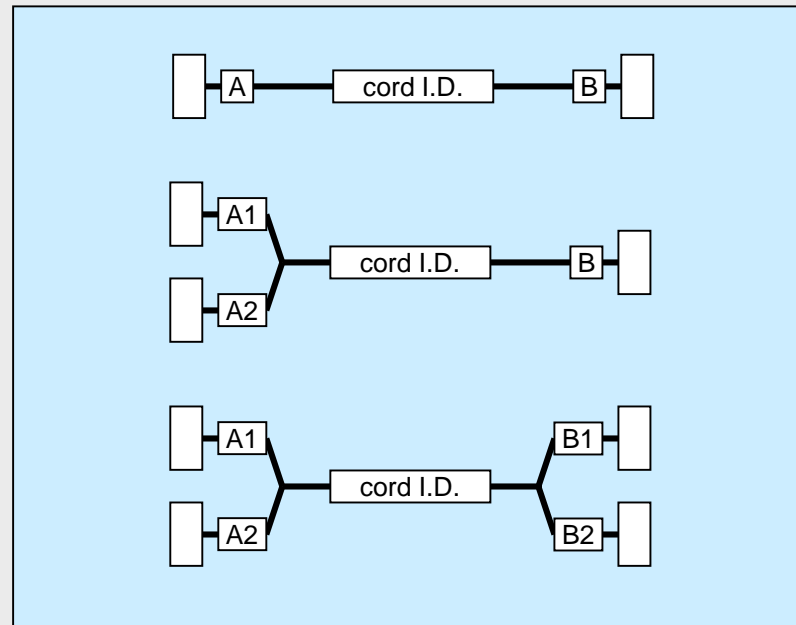
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	ISO/IEC 11801 Ed. 2 (2002)		EN 50173 Ed. 2 (2002)
	2nd CDV: Document N696		6MP Document BS EN 50173 Ed. 2 (2002)

	Wavelength	Multimode OF			Wavelength	Singlemode OF
		50/125 or 62.5/125				
		OM1	OM2	OM3		OS1
Attenuation coefficient (dBkm ⁻¹ max)	850nm	3,5			1310nm	1,0
	1300nm	1,5			1550nm	1,0
Modal bandwidth OFL (MHz.km min)	850nm	200	500	500		
	1300nm	500	500	500		
Modal bandwidth LL (MHz.km min)	850nm	ffs	ffs	2000		
	1300nm	ffs	ffs	ffs		
Propagation delay (ns.m ⁻¹ max)	850nm	5			1310nm	5
	1300nm				1550nm	

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		50/125 or 62.5/125		50/125		
		OM1	OM2	OM3		
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Modal bandwidth OFL (MHz.km min)	850nm	200	500	1500		
	1300nm	500	500	500		
Modal bandwidth LL (MHz.km min)	850nm	-	-	2000		
	1300nm	-	-	-		
Propagation delay (ns.m ⁻¹ max)	850nm	5			1310nm	5
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Optical Power Budgets

Application			Optical Fibre			
			50/125 (OM2)		62.5/125 (OM1)	
Mb/s	Network	λ	Max. length (m)	OPB max. (dB)	Max. length (m)	OPB max. (dB)
4	Token Ring	850 nm	1857 ¹	8.0	2000	13.0
10	Ethernet		1514 ¹	6.8	2000	12.5
16	Token Ring		1857 ¹	8.0	2000	13.0
100	Ethernet	1300 nm	2000	6.0	2000	11.0
1000	Ethernet	850 nm	550	3.56	275	2.6
1000	Ethernet	1300 nm	550	2.35	550	2.35
10000	Ethernet	850 nm	82	1.80	33	1.60
10000	Ethernet	CWDM/1300	300	2.46	300	2.46
			50/125 (OM3)			
10000	Ethernet	850 nm	300	2.59		

¹ Calculated values using 1.5dB of connecting hardware losses

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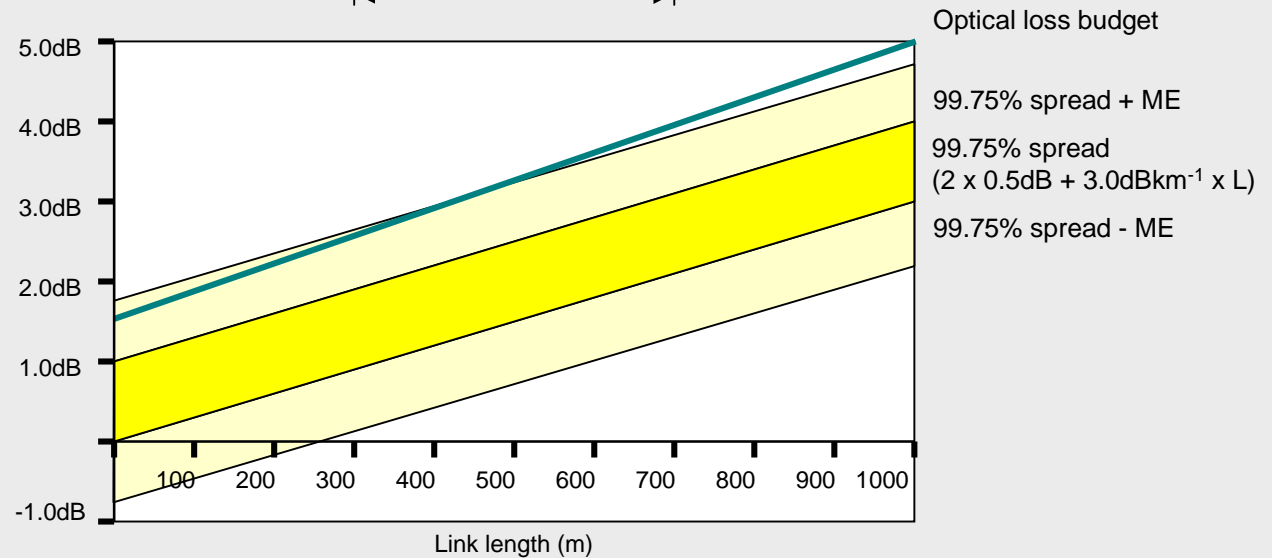
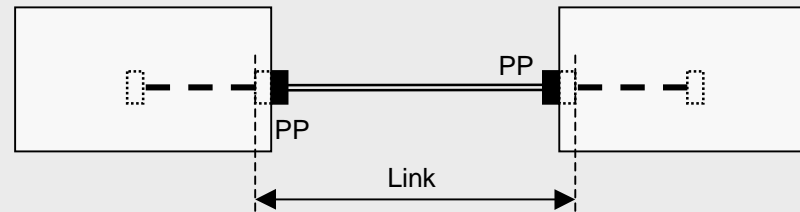
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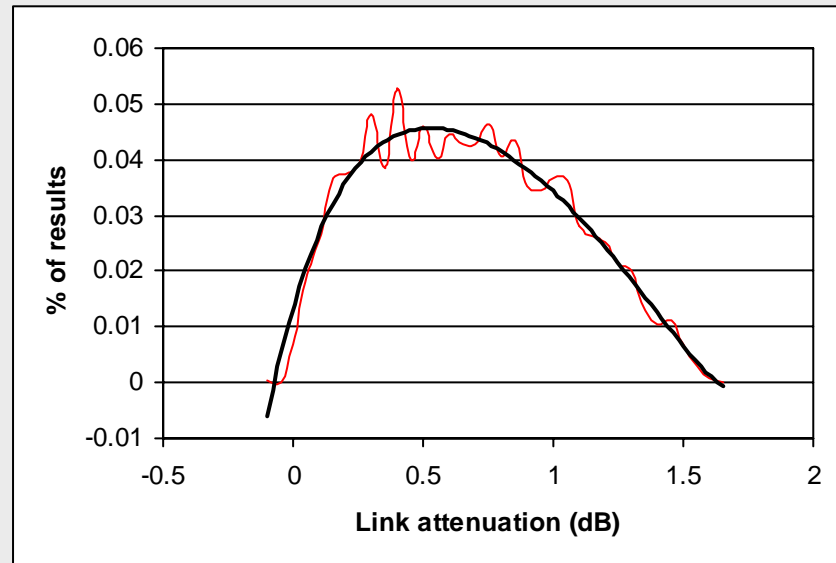
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Pass/Fail Indicators

Test equipment that
not only
measures
but also
ADJUDICATES

Application support based upon:

- length (requiring the modal bandwidth of the optical fibre to be input);
- measured link/channel loss.

Cabling performance against calculation of optical loss budget based upon:

- number and type of joints
- length;
- measured link/channel loss.

PASS/FAIL INDICATORS ARE VERY SUSCEPTIBLE
TO SHORT LENGTH SYNDROME
(measurement error)

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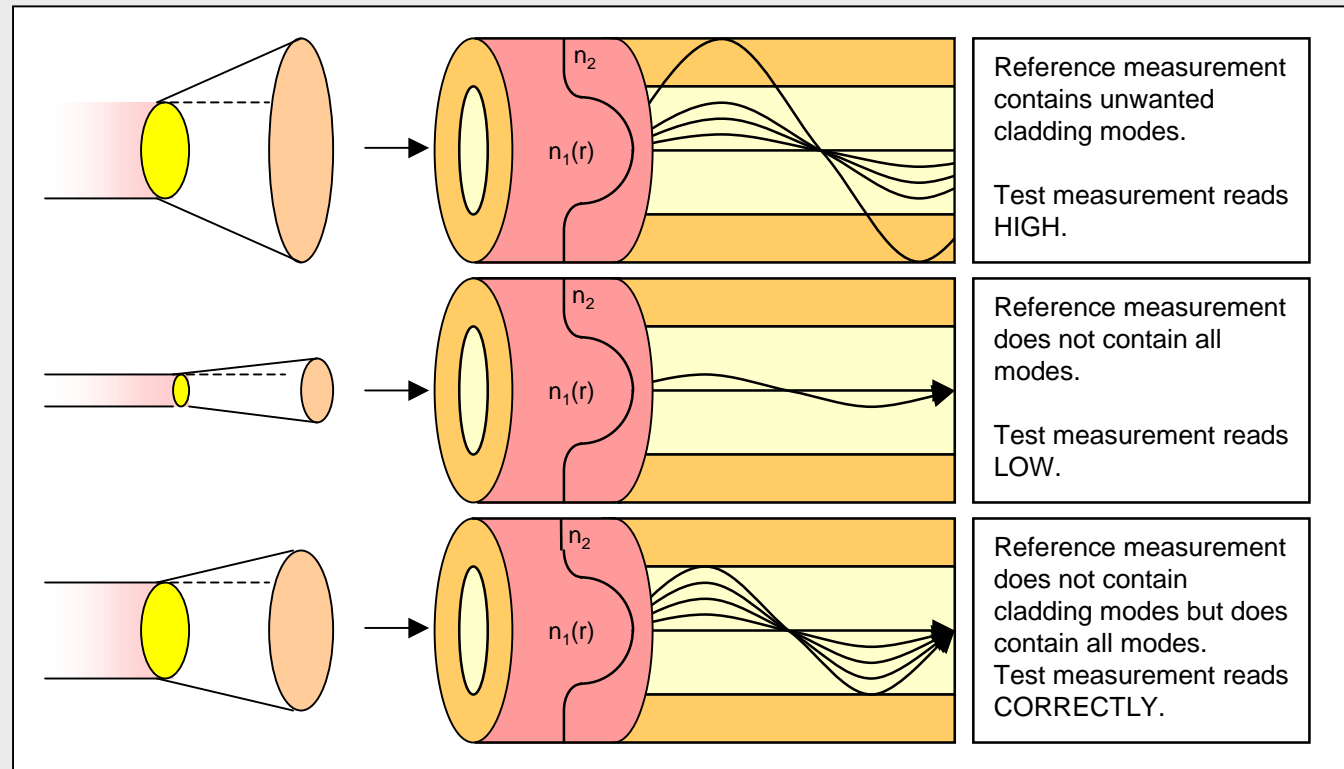
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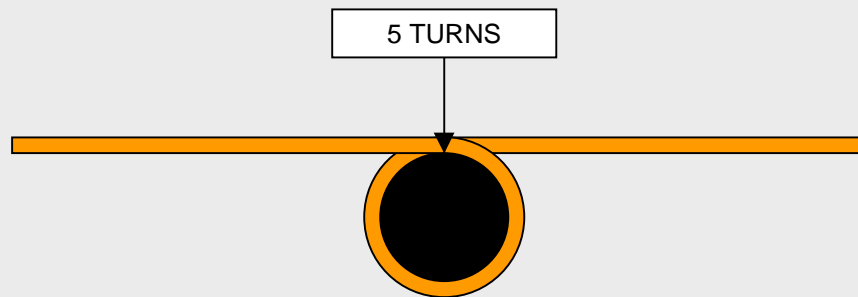
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MMF Mandrel Wrap

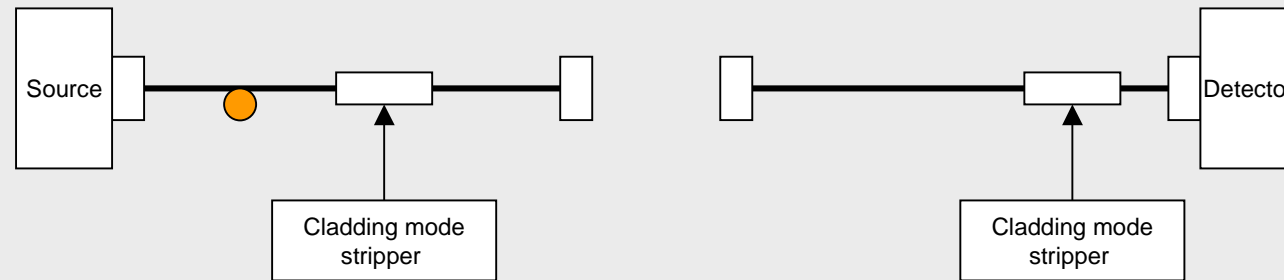


	MMF: not applicable	 MMF: EN 50346 6MP	 MMF: ANSI/TIA/EIA B.1
		50/125 Cable 18	50/125 Cable 25
		50/125 SCOF 15	50/125 SCOF 22
		62.5/125 Cable 20	62.5/125 Cable 20
		62.5/125 SCOF 17	62.5/125 SCOF 17

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Cladding Mode Stripping



MMF LAUNCH CORD
Mandrel wrap and cladding mode stripper aim to present an equilibrium launch condition

MMF TAIL CORD
Cladding mode stripper provides "core only" light to detector
Removes requirement for bi-directional test

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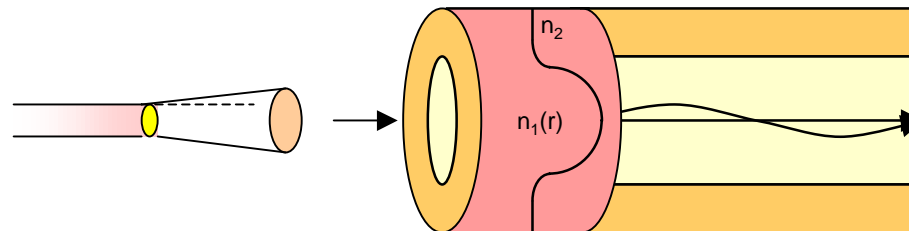
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LASER LSPM Equipment

There is an argument to suggest that MMF cabling to support LASER-based applications should be tested with LASER sources



Reference measurement does not contain all modes.

Test measurement reads LOW.

Test results can vary with test lead handling.

Unless explicitly allowed and documented such equipment should not be used

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SHORT LENGTH SYNDROME
calls LSPM measurements into question

(unless measurement error is "allowed for" in adjudication)

OTDRs can be used to assess and measure individual components
(subject to appropriate techniques)

COMPONENT UP VERIFICATION MAY BECOME MORE COMMON

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FIA Documentation Update

DESIGN		
FIA-TSD-2000-1-1	OPTICAL FIBRE CABLING: LAN APPLICATION SUPPORT GUIDE	JANUARY 2001
	Revision to include mode conditioning cords and 10GBASE-xyz	JANUARY 2002
INSTALLATION		
FIA-TSD-2000-4-2-1	TESTING OF INSTALLED CABLING: ATTENUATION USING LSPM EQUIPMENT	JANUARY 2002
FIA-TSD-2000-4-2-2	TESTING OF INSTALLED CABLING: ATTENUATION USING OTDR EQUIPMENT	mid 2002
SAFETY		
FIA-TSD-2000-5-1	OPTICAL POWER: SAFETY LEVELS	DECEMBER 2001
FIA-TSD-2000-5-2	OPTICAL FIBRE: HANDLING OF PROCESSING CHEMICALS	
FIA-TSD-2000-5-3	OPTICAL FIBRE: DISPOSAL OF WASTE	

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READ THE CABLING SPECIFICATION

KNOW YOUR LIMITS

- which standard?
- which issue?

UNDERSTAND THE MARGINS

- undertake a channel design review
- make sure the client understands it

PLAN FOR FAILURE

- can "FAIL"s be expected?
- under which conditions?
 - what happens next?
- agree process with client

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