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All materials furnished and all work performed under this Contract shall be inspected and tested. Deliverables shall not be shipped until all required inspections and tests have been completed, and all deficiencies have been corrected to comply with this Specification and approved for shipment by the Employer.

Except where otherwise specified, the Contractor shall provide all manpower and materials for tests, including testing facilities, logistics, power and instrumentation, and replacement of damaged parts. The costs shall be borne by the Contractor and shall be deemed to be included in the contract price.

The entire cost of testing for factory, production tests and other test during manufacture specified herein shall be treated as included in the quoted unit price of materials, except for the expenses of Inspector/Employer's representative.

Acceptance or waiver of tests shall not relieve the Contractor from the responsibility to furnish material in accordance with the specifications.

All tests shall be witnessed by the Employer and/or its authorized representative (hereinafter referred to as the Employer) unless the Employer authorizes testing to proceed without witness. The Employer representative shall sign the test form indicating approval of successful tests.

Should any inspections or tests indicate that specific item does not meet Specification requirements, the appropriate items shall be replaced, upgraded, or added by the Contractor as necessary to correct the noted deficiencies at no cost to the Employer. After correction of a deficiency, all necessary retests shall be performed to verify the effectiveness of the corrective action.

The Employer reserves the right to require the Contractor to perform, at the Employer's expense, any other reasonable test(s) at the Contractor's premises, on site, or elsewhere in addition to the specified Type, Acceptance, Routine, or Manufacturing tests to assure the Employer of specification compliance.

2.1 Testing Requirements

Following are the requirements of testing :

1. Type Testing
2. Factory Acceptance Testing
3. Site Acceptance Testing

2.1.1 Type Testing

"Type Tests" shall be defined as those tests which are to be carried out to prove the

design, process of manufacture and general conformity of the materials to this Specification. Type Testing shall comply with the following:

(a) All cable & equipment being supplied shall conform to type tests as per technical specification.

(b) The test reports submitted shall be of the tests conducted within last seven (7) years for OPGW cable prior to the date of proposal/offer submitted. In case the test reports are older than seven (7) years for OPGW cable on the date of proposal/offer, the Contractor shall repeat these tests at no extra cost to the Employer.

(c) The Contractor shall submit, within 30 days of Contract Award, copies of test reports for all of the Type Tests that are specified in the specifications and that have previously (before Contract award) been performed. These reports may be accepted by the Employer only if they apply to materials and equipment that are essentially identical to those due to be delivered under the Contract and only if test procedures and parameter values are identical to those specified in this specifications carried out at accredited labs and witnessed by third party / customer's representatives.

In the event of any discrepancy in the test reports or any type tests not carried out, same shall be carried out by Contractor without any additional cost implication to the Employer.

In case the Type Test is required to be carried out, then following shall be applicable:-

(d) Type Tests shall be certified or performed by reputed laboratories using material and equipment data sheets and test procedures that have been approved by the Employer. The test procedures shall be formatted as defined in the technical specifications and shall include a complete list of the applicable reference standards and submitted for Employer approval at least four (4) weeks before commencement of test(s). The Contractor shall provide the Employer at least 30 days written notice of the planned commencement of each type test.

(e) The Contractor shall provide a detailed schedule for performing all specified type tests. These tests shall be performed in the presence of a representative of the Employer.

(f) The Contractor shall ensure that all type tests can be completed within the time schedule offered in his Technical Proposal.

(g) In case of failure during any type test, the Supplier is either required to manufacture a fresh sample lot and repeat all type tests successfully or repeat that particular type test(s) at least three times successfully on the samples selected from the already manufactured lot at his own expenses. In case a fresh lot is manufactured for testing then the lot already manufactured shall be rejected.

2.1.1.1 Type Test Samples

The Contractor shall supply equipment/material for sample selection only after the Quality Assurance Plan has been approved by the Employer. The sample material shall be manufactured strictly in accordance with the approved Quality Assurance Plan. The Contractor shall submit for Employer approval, the type test sample selection procedure. The selection process for conducting the type tests shall ensure that samples are selected at random. For optical fibres/ Fibre Optic cables, at least three reels/ drums of each type of fibre/cable proposed shall be offered for selection. For FO cable installation hardware & fittings at least ten (10) samples shall be offered for selection. For Splice enclosures at least three samples shall be offered for selection.

2.1.2 List of Type Tests

The type testing shall be conducted on the following items

(a) Optical fibres
(b) OPGW Cable
(c) OPGW Cable fittings
(d) Splice Enclosure (Joint Box)
(e) Approach Cable
(f) Aerial Fibre Optic cable
(g) Aerial Fibre Optic Cable fittings

2.1.2.1 Type Tests for Optical Fibres

The type tests listed below in table 2-1 shall be conducted on DWSM fibres to be supplied as part of overhead cables. The tests specific to the cable type are listed in subsequent Chapters.

Table 2-1
Type Tests For Optical Fibres

S. No.	Test Name	Acceptance Criteria	Test procedure
1	Attenuation	As per Chapter-01 of TS	IEC 60793-1-40 Or EIA/TIA 455-78A
2	Attenuation Variation with Wavelength	As per Chapter-01 of TS	IEC 60793-1-40 Or EIA/TIA 455-78A
3	Attenuation at Water Peak		IEC 60793-1-40 Or EIA/TIA 455-78A
4	Temp. Cycling (Temp dependence of Attenuation)		IEC 60793-1-52 Or EIA/TIA 455-3A, 2 cycles

Table 2-1
Type Tests For Optical Fibres

S. No.	Test Name	Acceptance Criteria	Test procedure
5	Attenuation With Bending (Bend Performance)	As per Chapter-01 of TS	IEC 60793-1-47 Or EIA/TIA 455-62A
6	Mode Field dia.		IEC 60793-1-45 Or EIA/TIA 455-164A/167A/174
7	Chromatic Dispersion		IEC 60793-1-42 Or EIA/TIA 455-168A/169A/175A
8	Cladding Diameter		IEC 60793-1-20 Or EIA/TIA 455-176
9	Point Discontinuities of attenuation		IEC 60793-1-40 Or EIA/TIA 455-59
10	Core -Clad concentricity error		IEC 60793-1-20 Or EIA/TIA 455-176
11	Fibre Tensile Proof Testing		IEC 60793-1-30 Or EIA/TIA 455-31B
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2.1.2.2 Type Tests for OPGW Cables

The type tests to be conducted on the OPGW cable are listed in Table 2-2 Type Tests for OPGW Cables. Unless specified otherwise in the technical specifications or the referenced standards, the optical attenuation of the specimen, measured during or after the test as applicable, shall not increase by more than 0.05 dB/Km.

Table 2-2
Type tests for OPGW Cable

S. No.	Test Name	Test Description	Test Procedure	
1	Water Ingress Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009 (IEC 60794-1-2 Method F5 or EIA/TIA 455-82B) : Test duration : 24 hours	
2	Seepage of filling compound	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009 (EIA/TIA 455-81B)	Preconditioning period:72 hours. Test duration: 24 hours.

Table 2-2
Type tests for OPGW Cable

S. No.	Test Name	Test Description	Test Procedure	
3	Short Circuit Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009	Fibre attenuation shall be continuously monitored and recorded through a digital data logging system or equivalent means. A suitable temperature sensor such as thermocouple shall be used to monitor and record the temperature inside the OPGW tube in addition to monitoring & recording the temperatures between the strands and between optical tube and the strand as required by IEEE 1138. Test shall be conducted with the tension clamps proposed to be supplied. The cable and the clamps shall be visually inspected for mechanical damage and photographed after the test.
		Or IEC60794-4-10 / IEC 60794-1-2 (2003) Method H1		Initial temperature during the test shall be greater than or equal to ambient field temperature.
4	Aeolian Vibration Test	IEEE 1138-2009 Or IEC60794-4-10 / IEC 60794-1-2, Method E19	IEEE 1138-2009	Fibre attenuation shall be continuously monitored and recorded through a digital data logging system or equivalent means. The vibration frequency and amplitude shall be monitored and recorded continuously. All fibres of the test cable sample shall be spliced together in serial for attenuation monitoring. Test shall be conducted with the tension/suspension clamps proposed to be supplied. The cable and the clamps shall be visually inspected for mechanical damage and photographed

Table 2-2
Type tests for OPGW Cable

S. No.	Test Name	Test Description	Test Procedure	
				after the test.
5	Galloping test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009	Test shall be conducted with the tension/suspension clamps proposed to be supplied. The cable and clamps shall be visually inspected for mechanical damage and photographed after the test. All fibres of the test cable sample shall be spliced together in serial for attenuation monitoring.
6	Cable Bend Test	Procedure 2 in IEC 60794-1-2 Method E11		The short-term and long-term bend tests shall be conducted in accordance with Procedure 2 in IEC 60794-1-2 E11 to determine the minimum acceptable radius of bending without any increase in attenuation or any other damage to the fibre optic cable core such as bird caging, deformation, kinking and crimping.
7	Sheave Test	IEEE 1138-2009 OR IEC 60794-1-2 (2003) Method E1B	IEEE 1138-2009	Fibre attenuation shall be continuously monitored and recorded through a digital data logging system or equivalent means. The Sheave dia. shall be based on the pulling angle and the minimum pulley dia employed during installation. All fibres of the test cable sample shall be spliced together in serial for attenuation monitoring.
8	Crush Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009 (IEC 60794-1-2, Method E3/ EIA/TIA 455-41B)	The crush test shall be carried out on a sample of approximately one (1) metre long in accordance with IEC 60794-1-2 E3. A load equal to 1.3 times the weight of a 400-metre length of fibre optic cable

Table 2-2
Type tests for OPGW Cable

S. No.	Test Name	Test Description	Test Procedure	
				shall be applied for a period of 10 minutes. A permanent or temporarily increase in optical attenuation value greater than 0.1 dB change in sample shall constitute failure. The load shall be further increased in small increments until the measured attenuation of the optical waveguide fibres increases and the failure load recorded along with results.
9	Impact Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009, (IEC 60794-1-2 E4/ EIA/TIA 455-25B)	The impact test shall be carried out in accordance with IEC 60794-1-2 E4. Five separate impacts of 0.1-0.3kgm shall be applied. The radius of the intermediate piece shall be the reel drum radius ± 10%. A permanent or temporary increase in optical attenuation value greater than 0.1 dB/km change in sample shall constitute failure.
10	Creep Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009	As per Aluminium Association Method, the best-fit straight line shall be fitted to the recorded creep data and shall be extrapolated to 25 years. The strain margin of the cable at the end of 25 years shall be calculated. The time when the creep shall achieve the strain margin limits shall also be calculated.
11	Fibre Strain Test	IEEE 1138-1994	IEEE 1138-1994	
12	Strain Margin Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009	

Table 2-2
Type tests for OPGW Cable

S. No.	Test Name	Test Description	Test Procedure
13	Stress strain Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009
14	Cable Cut-off wavelength Test	IEEE 1138-1994	IEEE 1138-1994
15	Temperature Cycling Test	IEEE 1138-2009	IEEE 1138-2009 Or IEC 60794-1-2, Method F1
16	Corrosion (Salt Spray) Test	EIA/TIA 455-16A	
17	Tensile Performance Test	IEC 60794-1-2 E1 / EIA/TIA 455-33B	The test shall be conducted on a sample of sufficient length in accordance with IEC 60794-1-2 E1. The attenuation variation shall not exceed 0.05 dB/Km up to 90% of RTS of fibre optic cable. The load shall be increased at a steady rate up to rated tensile strength and held for one (1) minute. The fibre optic cable sample shall not fail during the period. The applied load shall then be increased until the failing load is reached and the value recorded.
18	Lightning Test	IEC 60794-4-10 / IEC 60794-1-2 (2003)	The OPGW cable construction shall be tested in accordance with IEC 60794-1-2, Method H2 for Class 1.
19	DC Resistance Test (IEC 60228)	On a fibre optic cable sample of minimum 1 metre length, two contact clamps shall be fixed with a predetermined bolt torque. The resistance shall be measured by a Kelvin double bridge by placing the clamps initially zero metre and subsequently one metre apart. The tests shall be repeated at least five times and the average value recorded after correcting at 20°C.	
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2.1.2.3 Type Test on OPGW Cable Fittings

The type tests to be conducted on the OPGW Cable fittings and accessories are listed below:

(i) Mechanical Strength Test for Suspension/Tension Assembly

Applicable Standards: IEC 61284, 1997.

Suspension Assembly

The armour rods /reinforcement rods are assembled on to the approved OPGW using the Installation Instructions to check that the assembly is correctly fitted and is the same that will be carried out during installations.

Part 1:
The suspension assembly shall be increased at a constant rate up to a load equal to 50% of the specified minimum Failure Load increased and held for one minute for the test rig to stabilise. The load shall then be increased at a steady rate to 67% of the minimum Failure Load and held for five minutes. The angle between the cable, the Suspension Assembly and the horizontal shall not exceed 16°. This load shall then be removed in a controlled manner and the Protection Splice disassembled. Examination of all the components shall be made and any evidence of visual deformation shall be documented.

Part 2:
The Suspension clamp shall then be placed in the testing machine. The tensile load shall gradually be increased up shall gradually be increased up to 50% of the specified Minimum Failure Load of the Suspension Assembly and held for one minute for the Test Rig to stabilise and the load shall be further increased at a steady rate until the specified minimum Failure Load is reached and held for one minute. No fracture should occur during this period. The applied load shall then be increased until the failing load is reached and the value shall be documented.

Tension Assembly

The Tension Assembly is correctly fitted and is the same that will be carried out during installations.

Part 1:
The tension assembly (excluding tension clamp) shall be increased at a constant rate up to a load equal to 50% of the specified minimum Failure Load increased at a constant rate and held for one minute for the test rig to stabilise. The load shall then be increased at a steady rate to 67% of the minimum Failure Load and held for five minutes. This load shall then remove in a controlled manner and the Tension Assembly disassembled. Examination of the Tension Dead-End and associated components shall be made and any evidence of visual deformation shall be documented.

Part 2:
The Tension Dead-End and associated components shall then be reassembled and bolts tightened as before. The tensile load shall gradually be increased up shall gradually be

increased up to 50% of the specified Minimum Failure Load of the Tension Assembly and held for one minute for the Test Rig to stabilise and the load shall be further increased at a steady rate until the specified minimum Failure Load is reached and held for one minute. No fracture should occur during this period. The applied load shall then be increased until the failing load is reached and the value shall be documented.

Acceptance Criteria for Tension/Suspension Assembly:

- No evidence of binding of the Nuts or Deformation of components at end of Part 1 of Test.
- No evidence of Fracture at the end of one minute at the minimum failure load during Part 2 of the Test.

Any result outside these parameters shall constitute a failure.

(ii) Clamp Slip Strength Test for Suspension Assembly

The suspension assembly shall be vertically suspended by means of a flexible attachment. A suitable length fibre optical cable shall be fixed in the clamps. Once the Suspension Clamp has been assembled, the test rig is tensioned to 1 kN and the position scale on the recorder 'zeroed'. The test rig is then tensioned to 2.5 kN and the relative positions of the Reinforcing Rods, Armour Rods and Suspension Clamp shall be marked by a suitable means to confirm any slippage after the test has been completed. The relative positions of the helical Armour Rods and associated Reinforcing Rods at each end shall be marked and also 2 mm relative position between clamp body and Armour Rods shall be marked on one side. The load shall be increased to 12 kN at a loading rate of 3 kN/min and held for one minute. At the end of this one minute period, the relative displacement between clamp body and the armour rods shall be observed. If the slippage is 2 mm or above, the test shall be terminated. Otherwise, at the end of one minute the position of the clamp body and 2 mm. relative positions between clamp body and armour rods shall be marked on the other side. After the one minute pause, the load shall be further increased at a loading rate of 3 kN/min, and recording of load and displacement shall continue until either the relative Position displacement between clamp body and armour rods reaches more than 2 mm or the load reaches the maximum slip load of 17 kN. On reaching either of the above values the test is terminated. Visual examination of all paint marks shall be recorded, and a measurement of any displacement recorded in the Table of Results.

Acceptance Criteria:

The Suspension Clamp has passed the Slip Test if the following conditions are met:

- No slippage* shall occur at or below the specified minimum slip load.

  * Definition of no slippage in accordance with IEC 61284, 1997:- Any relative movement less than 2 mm is accepted. The possible couplings or elongations produced by the cable as a result of the test itself are not regarded as slippage.

- Slippage shall occur between the specified maximum and minimum slip load of 12 - 17 kN.

- There shall be no slippage of the Reinforcing Rods over the cable, and no slippage of the Armour Rods over the Reinforcing Rods.

- The relative movement (i.e. more than 2 mm between Armour Rods & Clamp body) between minimum 12 kN and maximum slip 17 kN, shall be considered as slip.

- The Armour Rods shall not be displaced from their original lay or damaged**.

  ** Definition of no damage in accordance with convention expressed in IEC 61284: 1997 no damage, other than surface flattening of the strands shall occur.

Any result outside these parameters is a failure.

(iii) Slip Strength Test of Tension Clamp

Tension clamps shall be fitted on a 8 m length of fibre optic cable on both ends. The assembly shall be mounted on a tensile testing machine and anchored in a manner similar to the arrangement to be used in service. A tensile load shall gradually be applied up to 20 % of the RTS of OPGW. Displacement transducers shall be installed to measure the relative movement between the OPGW relative to the Reinforcing Rods and Tension Dead -End relative to Reinforcing Rods. In addition, suitable marking shall be made on the OPGW and Dead-End to confirm grip. The load shall be gradually increased at a constant rate up to 50 % of the UTS and the position scale of the recorder is zeroed. The load shall then gradually increased up to 95 % of the UTS and maintained for one minute. After one minute pause, the load shall be slowly released to zero and the marking examined and measured for any relative movement.

Acceptance Criteria:

- No movement* shall occur between the OPGW and the Reinforcing Rods, or between the Reinforcing Rods and the Dead-End assembly.
- No failure or damage or disturbance to the lay of the Tension Dead-End, Reinforcing Rods or OPGW.

* Definition of no movement as defined in IEC 61284: Any relative movement less than 2 mm is accepted. The possible couplings or elongations produced by the conductor as a result of the test itself are not regarded as slippage.

Any result outside these parameters shall constitute a failure.

(iv) Grounding Clamp and Structure Mounting Clamp Fit Test

For structure mounting clamp, one series of tests shall be conducted with two fibre optic cables installed, one series of tests with one fibre optic cable installed in one groove, and one series of tests with one fibre optic cable in the other groove. Each clamp shall be installed including clamping compound as required on the fibre optic cable. The nut shall be tightened on to the bolt by using torque wrench with a torque of 5.5 kgm or supplier's recommended torque and the tightened clamp shall be held for 10 minutes. After the test remove the fibre optic cable and examine all its components for distortion, crushing or breaking. Also the fibre optic cable shall be checked to ensure free movement within the core using dial callipers to measure the diameter of the core tube. The material shall be

defined as failed if any visible distortion, crushing, cracking or breaking of the core tube is observed or the fibre optic cable within the core tube is not free to move, or when the diameter of the core tube as measured at any location in the clamped area is more than 0.5 mm larger or smaller of the core diameter as measured outside the clamped area.

(v) Structure Mounting Clamp Strength Test

The clamp and mounting assembly shall be assembled on a vertical 200 mm x 200 mm angle and a short length of fibre optic cable installed. A vertical load of 200 kg shall be applied at the end of the mounting clamp and held for 5 minutes. Subsequently, the load shall be increased to 400 kg and held for 30 seconds. Any visible distortion, slipping or breaking of any component of the mounting clamp or assembly shall constitute failure.

(vi) Mechanical Strength Test for Gripping Clamp for pole

The Gripping Clamp UTS test shall be done to check strength of the clamp.

2.1.2.4 Type Test on Vibration Damper

The testing standard of vibration damper for OPGW shall be as per applicable international standard i.e. IEC 61897.

(a) Dynamic Characteristic Test

The damper shall be mounted with its clamp tightened with torque recommended by the manufacturer on shaker table capable of simulating sinusoidal vibrations for Critical Aeolian Vibration frequency band ranging from 0.18/d to 1.4/d – whwre d is the OPGW cable diameter in meters. The damper assembly shall be vibrated vertically with a ±1 mm amplitude from 5 to 15 Hz frequency and beyond 15 Hz at 0.5 mm to determine following characteristics with the help of suitable recording instruments.

(i) Force Vs frequency

(ii) Phase angle Vs frequency

(iii) Power dissipation Vs frequency

The Force Vs frequency curve shall not show steep peaks at resonance frequencies and deep troughs between the resonance frequencies. The resonance frequencies shall be suitably spread within the Aeolian vibration frequency-band between the lower and upper dangerous frequency limits determined by the vibration analysis of fibre optic cable without dampers.

Acceptance criteria for vibration damper:

(i)The above dynamic characteristics test on five damper shall be conducted.

(ii)The mean reactance and phase angle Vs frequency curves shall be drawn with the criteria of best fit method.

(iii)The above mean reactance response curve shouls lie within the following limits:

V.D for OPGW – 0.060f to 0.357f kgf/mm*
Where f is frequency in Hz

(iv) The above mean phase angle response curve shall be between 25° to 130° within the frequency range of interest.

(v) If the above curve lies within the envelope, the damper design shall be considered to have successfully met the requirement.

(vi) Visual resonance frequencies of each mass of damper is to be recorded and to be compared with the guaranteed values.

(b) Vibration Analysis

The vibration analysis of the fibre optic cable shall be done with and without damper installed on the span. The vibration analysis shall be done on a digital computer using energy balance approach. The following parameters shall be taken into account for the purpose of analysis.

(i) The analysis shall be done for single fibre optic cable without armour rods. The tension shall be taken as max Permissible Every Day Tension (20% of UTS), for a span ranging from 100 m to 1100 m.

(ii) The self damping factor and flexural stiffness (EI) for fibre optic cable shall be calculated on the basis of experimental results. The details to experimental analysis with these data shall be furnished.

(iii) The power dissipation curve obtained from Damper Characteristics Test shall be used for analysis with damper.

(iv) Examine the Aeolian Vibration level of the fibre optic cable with and without vibration damper installed at the recommended location or wind velocity ranging from 0 to 30 Km per hour, predicting amplitude, frequency and vibration energy input.

(v) From vibration analysis of fibre optic cable without damper, antinode vibration amplitude and dynamic strain levels at clamped span extremities as well as antinodes shall be examined and thus lower and upper dangerous frequency limits between which the Aeolian vibration levels exceed the specified limits shall be determined.

(vi) From vibration analysis of fibre optic cable with damper(s) installed at the recommended location, the dynamic strain level at the clamped span extremities, damper attachment point and the antinodes on the fibre optic cable shall be determined. In addition to above damper clamp vibration amplitude and antinodes vibration amplitudes shall also be examined.

The dynamic strain levels at damper attachment point, clamped span extremities and antinodes shall not exceed the specified limits. The damper

clamp vibration amplitude shall not be more than that of the specified fatigue limits.

(c) Fatigue Tests

(i) Test Set Up

The fatigue tests shall be conducted on a laboratory set up with a minimum effective span length of 30m. The fibre optic cable shall be tensioned at 25% of RTS of fibre optic cable and shall not be equipped with protective armour rods at any point.

Constant tension shall be maintained within the span by means of lever arm arrangement. After the fibre optic cable has been tensioned, clamps shall be installed to support the fibre optic cable at both ends and thus influence of connecting hardware fittings are eliminated from the free span. The clamps shall not be used for holding the tension on the fibre optic cable. There shall be no loose parts, such as suspension clamps, U bolts, on the test span supported between clamps mentioned above. The span shall be equipped with vibration inducing equipment suitable for producing steady standing vibration. The inducing equipment shall have facilities for step less speed control as well as step less amplitude arrangement. Equipment shall be available for measuring the frequency, cumulative number of cycles and amplitude of vibration at any point along the span.

(ii) Fatigue Test

The vibration damper shall be installed on the test span with the manufacturer's specified tightening torque. It shall be ensured that the damper shall be kept minimum three loops away from the shaker to eliminate stray signals influencing damper movement.

The damper shall then be vibrated at the highest resonant frequency of each damper mass. For dampers involving torsional resonant frequencies, tests shall be done at torsional modes also in addition to the highest resonant frequencies at vertical modes. The resonance frequency shall be identified as the frequency at which each damper mass vibrates with the maximum amplitude on itself. The amplitude of vibration of the damper clamp shall be maintained not less than ±25/f mm where f is the frequency in Hz.

The test shall be conducted for minimum ten million cycles at each resonant frequency mentioned above. During the test, if resonance shift is observed, the test frequency shall be tuned to the new resonant frequency.

The clamp slip test as mentioned herein above shall be repeated after fatigue tests without retorquing or adjusting the damper clamp, and the clamp shall withstand a minimum load equal to 80% of the slip strength for a minimum duration of one minute.

After the above tests, the damper shall be removed from fibre optic cable and subjected to dynamic characteristics test. There shall not be any major deterioration in the characteristics of the damper. The damper then shall be cut open and inspected. There shall not be any broken, loose, or damaged part. There shall not be significant deterioration or wear of the damper. The fibre optic cable under clamp shall also be free from any damage.

For purposes of acceptance, the following criteria shall be applied:

(i) There shall not be any resonant frequency shift before and after the test by more than ±20%.

(ii) The power dissipation of the damperbefore and after test at the individual resonant frequencies do not differ by more than ±20%.

Beside above tests, the type tests listed below in the table shall also be conducted on Vibration Damper:

Sl. No.	Test Name	Test Procedure
1	Visual examination & Dimensional and material verification	IEC 61897 Clause 7.1 & 7.2
2	Clamp Slip Test	IEC 61897 Clause 7.5
3	Clamp bolt tightening test	IEC 61897 Clause 7.7
4	Attachment of weights to messenger cable	IEC 61897 Clause 7.8
5	Attachment of clamps to messenger cable	IEC 61897 Clause 7.8
6	Damper effectiveness evaluation	IEC 61897 Clause 7.11.3.2

2.1.2.5 Type Tests for Splice Enclosures (Joint Box)

Following Type tests shall be demonstrated on the Splice Enclosure(s) (Splice Enclosure/Box). For certain tests, lengths of the fibre optic cable shall be installed in the splice box, and the fibres must be spliced and looped in order to simulate conditions of use. The attenuation of the fibres shall be measured, during certain tests, by relevant Fibre Optic Test Procedures (EIA/TIA 455 or IEC 60794-1 procedures).

(i) Temperature Cycling Test

FO cable is installed in the splice enclosure and optical fibres spliced and looped. The box must be subjected to 5 cycles of temperature variations of -40°C to +65°C with a dwell time of at least 2 hours on each extreme.

Fibre loop attenuation shall be measured in accordance with EIA 455-20 / IEC 60794-1-C10. The variation in attenuation shall be less than ±0.05dB. The final humidity level, inside the box, shall not exceed the initial level, at the closing of the box.

(ii) Humid Heat test

The sealed splice enclosure, with fibres spliced and looped inside, must be subjected to a temperature of +55°C ±2°C with a relative humidity rate of between 90% and 95% for 5 days. The attenuation variation of the fibres during the duration of the test shall be less than ±0.05dB, and the internal humidity rate measured, less than 2%.

(iii) Rain Withstand Test / Water Immersion test

The splice enclosure with optical fibres cable installed and fibres spliced fixed, shall be subjected to 24 hours of simulated rain in accordance with IEC 60060 testing requirements. No water seepage or moisture shall be detected in the splice enclosure. The attenuation variation of the fibres after the test shall be less than ±0.05dB.

(iv) Vibration Test

The splice enclosure, with fibres united inside, shall be subjected to vibrations on two axes with a frequency scanning of 5 to 50 Hz. The amplitude of the vibrations shall be constant at 0.450mm, peak to peak, for 2 hours, for each of the vibrations' axes. The variation in attenuation, of the fibres, shall be less than ±0.05dB. The splice enclosure shall be examined for any defects or deformation. There shall be no loosening or visible damage of the FO cable at the entry point.

(v) Bending and Torsion test

The splice enclosure, with fibres spliced inside, shall be firmly held in place and be subjected to the following sequence of mechanical stresses on the cable:

a) 3 torsion cycles of ±180° shall be exercised on the cable. Each cycle shall be less than one minute.

b) 3 flexure cycles of the cable, of ±180° with one cycle less than one minute.

The variation in the attenuation, of the fibres, shall be less than ±0.05dB. The cables connection ring shall remain securely fixed to the box with the connection maintained firmly. No defects/fissures shall be noted on the joint ring or on the splice enclosure

(vi) Tensile test

The splice enclosure with cable fixed to the boxes shall be subjected to a minimum tension of 448 N for a period of two minutes. No fissure shall be noted in the connections or on the box.

(vii) Drop Test

With 2 lengths of 11 metres of cable fixed to the box, it shall be dropped five times from a height of 10 metres. There shall be no fissure, at all, of the box, and the connections shall remain tight. The test surface shall be carried out in accordance with IEC 60068-2-32.

2.1.2.6 Type Tests for Fibre Optic Approach Cable

The type tests to be conducted on the Fibre Optic Approach cable are listed in Table 2-3: Type Tests for Fibre Optic Approach Cable. Unless specified otherwise in the technical specifications or the referenced standards, the optical attenuation of the specimen, measured during or after the test as applicable, shall not increase by more than 0.05 dB/Km.

Table 2-3:
Type Tests Fibre Optic Approach Cable

S.NO.	Test Name	Test Procedure
1	Water Ingress Test	(IEC 60794-1-F5 / EIA 455-82B) Test duration : 24 hours
2	Seepage of filling compound	(EIA 455-81A) Preconditioning : 72 hours, Test duration : 24 hours.
3	Crush Test	(IEC 60794-1-E3/ EIA 455-41)
4	Impact Test	(IEC-60794-1-E4/ EIA 455-25A)
5	Stress strain Test	(EIA 455-33A)
6	Cable Cut-off wavelength Test	(EIA 455-170)
7	Temperature Cycling Test	(IEC60794-1-F1/EIA-455-3A) – 2 cycles
-End Of Table-		

2.1.2.6.1 Impact Test

The Impact test shall be carried out in accordance with IEC:60794-1-E4. Five separate impacts of 2.0 kg shall be applied at different locations. The radius of the intermediate piece shall be the reel drum radius ± 10%. A permanent or temporary increase in optical attenuation value greater than 0.05 dB/km shall constitute failure.

2.1.2.7 Type Testing on Aerial Optical Fibre Cable

The contractor shall submit earlier carried out type test reports or latest relevant TEC certificates for the offered Aerial Optical Fibre Cable meeting the requirement. The Contractor shall submit the previously carried out type test report for the same design of cable for the tests listed in Table 2-4 below. The fibre should have been type tested as per relevant International standards for the tests listed in Table-2-1.

Table 2-4

S. N.	Name of Test	Objective	Test Method & Procedure	Requirement
1	Tensile strength Test	To test the tensile strength Self Supporting Metal Free aerial Optical Fibre cable in order to examine the behaviour of the attenuation as a	IEC 794-1-E1 The cable shall sufficient strength to withstand UTS load. The load shall be sustained for 10 minutes and the strain	The load shall produce no strain (≤0.05% is to be treated as no strain) up to MWT and fibre strain shall not exceeding 0.25% in the fibre

S. N.	Name of Test	Objective	Test Method & Procedure	Requirement
		function of the load on a cable during installation and while the aerial optical fibre cable encounters the excess ice loading and the winds at high speed and to check its design parameters.	of the fibre and the attenuation shall be monitored at MWT, Max installation load & UTS. MWT & UTS shall be derived from SAG-TENSION data for aerial cable.	upto max installation load. At UTS fibre shall not break and shall not cause any permanent physical and optical damage to any component of the cable. The attenuation shall be noted before strain and after the release of strain. The change in attenuation of each fibre after the test shall be ≤ 0.05dB both for 1310 nm and 1550 nm wavelength.
2	Abrasion Test	To test the abrasion resistance of the sheath and the marking printed on the surface of the cable.	IEC-794-1-E2 or by any other international test method The cable surface shall be abraded with needle (wt. 150 gm) having diameter of 1mm with 500 grams weight (Total weight more than equal 650 gms.) No. of cycles : 100 Duration : One minute (nominal)	There shall be no perforation & loss of legibility of the marking on the sheath.
3	Crush Test (Compressive Test)	The purpose of this test is to determine the ability of an optical fibre cable to withstand crushing.	IEC 794-1-E3 The fibres and component parts of the cable shall not suffer permanent damage when subjected to a compressive load of 2000 Newtons applied between the plates of dimension 100 x 100 mm. The load shall be applied for 60 Secs. The attenuation shall be noted before and after the completion of the test.	The change in attenuation of the fibre after the test shall be ≤ 0.05 dB both for 1310 nm and 1550 nm wavelength.

S. N.	Name of Test	Objective	Test Method & Procedure	Requirement
4	Impact Test	The purpose of this is to determine the ability of an optical fibre cable to withstand impact.	IEC 794-1-E4 The cable have sufficient strength to withstand an impact caused by a mass weight of 50 Newtons, when falls freely from a height of 0.5 meters. The radius R of the surface causing impact shall be 300 mm. Ten such impacts shall be applied at the same place. The attenuation shall be noted before and after the completion of the test.	The change in attenuation of the fibre after the test shall be ≤ 0.05 db both for 1310 nm and 1550 nm wavelength.
5	Repeated Bending	The purpose of this test is to determine the ability of an optical fibre cable to withstand repeated bending.	EIA-455-104 The cable sample shall be of sufficient length (5 m minimum to permit radiant power measurements as required by this test. Longer lengths may be used if required. Parameters : Weight : 5 kg Minimum distance from Pulley Centre: 216mm To holding device Minimum distance from Wt. To Pulley Centre : 457 mm Pulley Diameter: 20 D (D-cable diameter) Angle of Turning: 90° No. of cycles: 30 Time Required for 30 cycles : 2 min	During the test no fibre shall break and the attenuation shall be noted before and after the completion of the test. The change in attenuation of the fibre after the test shall be ≤ 0.05 dB both for 1310 nm and 1550 nm wavelength.
6	Torsion Test	The purpose of this test is to determine the ability of an optical fibre cable to withstand torsion.	IEC 794-1-E7 The length of the specimen under test shall be 1 meters and the load shall be 75 N.	The cable shall be examined physically for any cracks, tearing on the outer sheath and

S. N.	Name of Test	Objective	Test Method & Procedure	Requirement
			The sample shall be mounted in the test apparatus with cable clamped in the fixed clamp sufficiently tight to prevent the movement of cable sheath during the test. One end of the cable shall be fixed to the rotating clamp, which shall be rotated in a clockwise direction for one turn. The sample shall then be returned to the starting position and then rotated in an anti-clock wise direction for one turn and returned to the starting position. This complete movement constitutes one cycle. The cable shall withstand ten such complete cycles.	for the damage to other component ports of the cable. The twist mark shall not be taken as damage. The change in attenuation of the fibre after the test shall be ≤ 0.05 dB both for 1310nm and 1550 nm wave length.
7	Kink Test	The purpose of this test is to verify whether kinking of an optical fibre cable results in breakage of any fibre, when a loop is formed of dimension small enough to induce a kink on the sheath.	IEC 794-1-E10 The small length shall be 10 times the minimum bending radius of the cable. The sample is held in both hands, a loop is made of a bigger diameter and by stretching both the ends of the cable in opposite direction, the loop is made to the minimum bend radius and no kink shall form. The cable is then normaled and attenuation reading is taken.	The kink should disappear after the cable is brought to normal position. The change in attenuation of the fibre after the test shall be ≤ 0.05 dB both for 1310nm and 1550 nm wavelength.
8	Cable Bend Test	The purpose of this test is to determine the ability of an optical fibre cable to withstand repeated flexing. The procedure is designed to measure optical transmittance changes and requires	IEC 794-1-E11 (Procedure-I) The fibre and the component parts of the cable shall not suffer permanent damage when the cable is repeatedly wrapped and unwrapped 4 complete turns of 10 complete cycles around a	The change in attenuation of the fibre after the test shall be ≤ 0.05 dB both for 1310nm and 1550 nm wave length. Sheath shall not show any cracks visible to the naked eye

S. N.	Name of Test	Objective	Test Method & Procedure	Requirement
		an assessment of any damage occurring to other cable components.	mandrel having diameter of 20 D, where D is the diameter of the cable. The attenuation shall be noted before and after the completion of the test.	when examined whilst still wrapped on the mandrel.
9	Snatch Test	This test is to determine the ability of the cable to withstand a sudden snatch load.	IEC 794-1-E9 The sample is terminated in a manner that the fibres, sheathing and any strength member/members are clamped together firmly. A hook of dimension ahs a shaft capable of bearing variable loads applied to it. The cable of 4.5 meters length is taken and firmly clamped at the two ends so that a sag of 300 mm., is formed. The attenuation is then measured. Testing load shall be 300 N and the radius of impacting surface of the crown of the hook shall be 12.5 mm. The hook with the mass attached, is held or supported over the cable so that the crown of the hook is centered over the lowest point of the cable at a height of 100 mm. The hook is then released so as to catch the cable after dropping from the height of 100 mm. It shall be repeated ten times. The attenuation is measured. The load is then removed from the cable and attenuation is noted.	There shall be no permanent physical damage to the cable and the change in attenuation of the fibre after the test shall be $\leq$ 0.05 dB both for 1310nm and 1550 nm wave length.
10	Cable Bend Test at High & Low	To determine the ability of a optical fibre cable to	EIA RS-455-37 Test Temperature : -30 ^{o}C to	Visual test for damage of the sheath shall be

S. N.	Name of Test	Objective	Test Method & Procedure	Requirement
	Temperature	withstand bending at low and high temperatures which might be encountered during cable placement.	+70 °C Mandrel dia : 20D (D – dia of the cable) No of turns : 4 Conditioning time duration : 24 hours at each temperature.	checked. The change in attenuation of the fibre after the test shall be ≤ 0.05 dB/Km both for 1310 nm and 1550 nm wave length. The attenuation shall be noted before and after the completion of the cycle.
11	Temperature Cycling	To determine the stability behaviour of the attenuation of a cable subjected to temperature changes which may occur during storage, transportation and usage.	IEC 794-1-F1 (To be tested on 2 Km ± 5% of cable) The permissible temperature range of the cable for storage shall be from –40 °C to +70 °C. The rate of change of temperature during the test shall be 1 degree/minute approx. The cable shall be subjected to temperature cycling for 12 hours at each temperatures as given below: TA2 : –20 °C TA1 : –10 °C TB1 : +60 °C TB2 : +70 °C The test shall be conducted for 2 cycles at the above temperatures.	The change in attenuation of the fibre under test after the test shall be ≤ 0.05 dB both for 1310nm and 1550 nm wave length for entire range of temperature.
12	Cable Aging Test	To check the cable material change dimensionally as the cable ages.	At the completion of temperature cycle test, the test cable shall be exposed to 85 ± 2 degree C for 168 hours. The attenuation measurement at 1310 & 1550 nm wavelengths to be made after stabilisation of the test cable at ambient temperature for 24 hours.	The increase in attenuation allowed : ≤ 0.05 dB at 1310 & 1550 nm wavelengths. *(Note: The attenuation changes are to be calculated with respect to the base line attenuation values measured at room temperature*

S. N.	Name of Test	Objective	Test Method & Procedure	Requirement
				before temperature cycling.)
13	Water Penetration Test	To ensure that the installed optical fibre cable will not allow water passage in the cable.	IEC 794-1-F5 (Fig. B) 1992. A circumferential portion of the cable end shall face the water head. The water tight sleeve shall be applied over the cable. The cable shall be supported horizontally and one meter head of water, containing a sufficient quantity of water soluble fluorescent dye for the detection of seepage, shall be applied over the inner sheath for seven days at ambient temperature. No other colour dye is permitted.	No dye shall be detected when the end of the 3m length is examined with UV light detector.
14	Test of Figure of Eight on the cable	To check of easiness in formation of figure of 8 of the cable during installation in the field.	1000 meters (approx) length of the cable shall be uncoiled from the cable reel and shall be arranged in figure of 8. The diameter of each loop of the figure of 8 shall be maximum 2 meters.	It shall be possible to make figure of 8 of minimum 1000 meter length of the cable uncoiled from the cable reel without any difficulty. No visual damage shall occur.
15	Cable Jacket Yield Strength and Ultimate Elongation	To check the yield strength and elongation of polyethylene (HDPE) cable sheath.	FOTP –89 or ASTM D1248 Type III Class. (a) Sample shall be taken from the completed cable (The nylon to be removed for this test). The aged sample shall be conditioned at 100 ± 2 °C for 120 hours before testing. The cross-head speed shall be 50 mm per minute.	Refer Table A-1 below.
16	Drip Test	To determine the ability of jelly in the cable to withstand a	Take a sample of 30 cm length of cable with one end sealed by the end cap.	There should be no jelly drip or oil impression on the

S. N.	Name of Test	Objective	Test Method & Procedure	Requirement
		temperature of 70 °C.	Remove nylon jacket, black sheath binder tape for 5 cm from open end of the sample. Clean the jelly. Then the sample is kept vertically with open end downwards in the oven for 24 hours at 70 °C with a paper under the sample. Examine the paper placed below the cable sample inside the oven for dripping of the jelly after 24 hours.	paper.
17	ECSR Test	To check the outer sheath of the cable for ECSR.	ASTM D 1693.	There should not be any visible cracks on the surface of the outer sheath, when examined with the help of a magnifying glass.
18	UV Resistance Test	To check the effect of UV radiation on the following: (i) On the outer sheath material (HDPE) (ii) On the Orange colour lines. (iii) On the meter and other legend marking.	ASTM G-53-96 Duration : 2000 hours Four test samples of the finished cable of required length (as per test chamber specifications) are to be prepared. 2 samples shall be kept inside and these test samples are to be compared after test with the other 2 samples kept outside.	There should not be any fading or change in the colour of the marking and that of sheath. *(Note: Earlier Carried out test certificates may be accepted for same raw material and similar design/construction of the cable).*
19	Embrittlement Test of Loose Tube	To check the embrittlement test of the loose tube	The minimum length of the test sample depends of the outside diameter of the loose tube and should be 85mm for tubes up to 2.5mm outside dia. The length of the bigger tubes should be calculated by using the following equation : Lo> 100 x ((D2 + d2)/4)1/2 Where Lo = Length of tube under test	The tube should not get embrittled. No ink should appear on the tube up to the safe bend dia of tube (20 D) where D is the outside diameter of the loose tube. There should not be any physical damage or mark on the tube surface.

S. N.	Name of Test	Objective	Test Method & Procedure	Requirement
			D = Outside dia of loose tube. d = inside dia of loose tube. Both the ends of a buffer tube test sample may be mounted in a tool which is clamped in jaws of a tensile machine which exert a constant rate of movement. The movable jaw may move at a rate of 50 mm per minute toward the fixed jaw. Under load the tube will bend, so that the tube is subjected to tensile and compressive stresses. The fixture for holding the tube should be designed in a manner that the tube might bend in all directions without further loading.	
20	Kink Resistance Test on the Loose Tube	To check the kink resistance of the loose tube during installation and in splicing operation	A longer length of the loose tube is taken (with fibre and gel), a loop is made and loop is reduced to the minimum bend radius of loose tube i.e. 20 D. (where D is the outside dia of the loose tube). This test is to be repeated 4 times on the same sample length of the loose tube.	No damage or kink should appear on the surface of the tube.
21	Drainage Test for Loose Tube	To check drainage of the loose tube	A tube length to 40 cm shall be cut and filled with filling gel ensuring there are no air bubbles and the tube is completely full. The filled tube is placed in a horizontal position on a clean worktop and cut 5 cm from each end so that the finished length of the sample is 30 cm. The filled tube shall be left in a horizontal position at an	There shall be no gel or oil in the beaker.

S. N.	Name of Test	Objective	Test Method & Procedure	Requirement
			ambient temperature for 24 hrs. The sample tube is then suspended vertically in an environment heat oven over a weighed beaker. It is left in the oven at a temperature of 70 °C for a period of 24 hrs. At the end of the 24 hrs. period the beaker is checked and weighed to see if there is any gel in the beaker.	
22	Check of Easy removal of Sheath	To check the easy removal of sheath of the optical fibre cable by using normal sheath removal tool.	The sheath shall be cut in circular way using a sheath removal tool and the about 300 mm length of the sheath should be removed in one operation. It should be observed during sheath removal process that no undue extra force is applied and no component part of the cable is damaged.	It shall be possible to remove the sheath easily. Easy removal of both the outer jacket and the inner sheath shall be checked separately.
23	Check of the effect of Aggressive Media on the Cable	To check the effect of aggressive media solutions of PH4 and PH10 on the cable.	ISO 175. The two test samples of the finished cable each of 600 mm in length are taken and the ends of the samples shall be sealed. These test samples are put in the PH4 and PH10 solutions separately. After 30 days these samples are taken out from the solutions and examined for any corrosion etc. on the sheath and other markings of the cables.	The sample should not show any effect of these solutions on the sheath and other marking of the cable. *(Note: Earlier Carried out test certificates may be accepted for same raw material and similar design/constructio n of the cable).*
---End of Table ----				

Table A-1

Jacket material	Minimum Yield Strength		Minimum Elongation (%)
	(Mpa)	(psi)	
HDPE unaged	16.5	2400	400
HDPE aged	12.4	1800	375

2.1.2.7.1 Type Tests on Aerial FO cable Accessories & fixtures

The contractor shall submit earlier carried out type test reports or latest relevant TEC certificates for the offered Hardware Fittings of Aerial Optical Fibre Cable meeting the requirement. The Contractor shall submit the previously carried out type test report for the same design of hardware fittings for the tests listed below. The type tests of offered hardware fittings shall be conducted alongwith offered Aerial Optical Fibre Cable.

The applicability of the tests for the particular type of accessories and fixtures shall be as given below:

2.1.2.7.1.1 Visual examination : Applicable to all fittings

Objective: To check the quality and the workmanship.

Visual examination shall be carried out for all the accessories and fixtures for quality and workmanship which is required to be of the high order with super quality finish without any manufacturing defects.

2.1.2.7.1.2 Verification of dimensions : Applicable to all fittings

Objective: To check the dimensions of the accessories and fixtures : shall be checked as per approved DRS/drawings.

2.1.2.7.1.3 Tensile strength test : Applicable to tension & suspension clamp assemblies

Objective: To assess the mechanical performance of fixtures under ultimate tensile strength.
Requirement: Cable UTS with factor of safety 1.5

All the load bearing metal fittings except those of elastomer pads and helically formed fittings shall be tested to meet the above requirement.

2.1.2.7.1.4 Tensile strength test for helically formed product

This test shall be applicable to terminating Helix, Protective Helix and Armour grip suspension helix.

Objective : To check the tensile strength for the helically formed items.

Requirement : The tensile strength test shall be carried out to the method specified in the respective standards for wires and shall meet the requirements listed in earlier clauses.

2.1.2.7.1.5 Slip Strength Test

This test shall be applicable to the Terminating helix and Armoured grip suspension fittings.

Objective : To check the tensile load strength of the formed fittings to assess the performance for withstanding the guaranteed load.

Requirement : The helically formed terminating fittings shall not slip up to 90 % of the Cable UTS. The helically formed suspension fittings shall withstand the load up to a minimum of 25 % of cable UTS and shall slip before 50 % of cable UTS.

2.1.2.7.1.6 Resilience Test

This test shall be applicable to terminating Helix.

Objective : To check the resilience of the helically formed fittings (Terminating Helix)

Requirement : The helically formed fittings shall pass the resilience test while helically formed fittings are wrapped and unwrapped on a piece of optical fibre cable three times successfully. The helical fittings should not loose its resilience even after three applications and shall be able to pass the slip strength test after third application.

2.1.2.7.1.7 Galloping / Fatigue test

This shall be applicable to a complete assembly of one set of tension fittings together with one set of suspension fittings and spiral damper.

Objective : To assess the fatigue performance of fixtures and accessories and the performance of optical characteristics of the optical fibre cable under galloping conditions.

Requirement of test methods:

Length of the span : 25 – 30 meters
Minimum vibration cycles : 1 million
Frequency : > 30 Hz to 100 Hz.
Amplitude : Amplitude of vibration at antinodal points shall not be less than 100 % of the cable diameter.

Requirement : The accessories and fixtures shall pass the test when tested for the test conditions as above and shall meet the requirement given below:

1. Change in attenuation shall not exceed more than 0.1 dB after the recovery period.
2. No damage on the accessories and fixtures.
3. No physical damage to optical fibre cable.

2.1.2.7.1.8 Aeolian Vibration Test

Objective : To assess the fatigue performance of accessories and fixtures and the optical characteristics of the optical fibre cable under Aeolian vibration.

Requirement of test method :

Minimum length of span : 25 meters.

Minimum vibration cycles : 1 million

Frequency : 10 Hz to 100 Hz.

Amplitude : Free loop peak to peak antinode amplitude shall be maintained at a level equal to one half of the cable diameter.

Requirement :

1. Change in attenuation shall not exceed more than 0.1 dB after the recovery period.
2. No visual damage observed on the accessories and fixtures.
3. No physical damage to optical fibre cable.

2.1.2.7.1.9 Tension and Attenuation Test (Dead End Assembly)

Objective : To assess the attenuation and the optical characteristics of the optical fibre cable after fixing and installing dead end assembly on the optical fibre cable.

Requirement of test method :

Minimum length of span : 25 meters

The test shall meet the following:

a. Change is attenuation shall not exceed more than 0.1 dB after the recovery period.
b. Any visual damage observed on the accessories and fixtures.
c. No physical damage to optical fibre cables.

2.1.2.7.1.10 Wrapping Test

Objective : To check quality of the aluminum alloy wires.

Test Method : The formed fittings made of aluminum alloy wires shall by wrapped on a wire of its own diameter to form a close helix.

Requirement : The wires should not break or show fracture and shall meet the requirement specified above.

2.1.2.7.1.11 Galvanising Test

Objective : To check galvanized coating and the quality of galvanizing on accessories and fixtures

Test method : IS 2633-1972 for uniformity.

Requirement : The fittings shall meet the requirement of the specifications.

2.1.2.7.1.12 Hardness Test of Elastomer pad

Objective : To check the Ploychloroprene compounded elastomer pads of the suspension and cable jumper clamp.

Requirement : The Ploychloroprene compounded elastomer pads of the suspension unit shall be subjected for the test parameters as listed earlier in this specifications. The compounded material should meet the minimum properties specified therein.

2.2 Factory Acceptance Tests

Factory acceptance tests shall be conducted on randomly selected final assemblies of all equipment to be supplied. Factory acceptance testing shall be carried out on OPGW Cable and associated hardware & fittings, Approach Cable, Joint Box, FODP etc. and all other items for which price has been identified separately in the Bid Price Schedules.

Material shall not be shipped to the Employer until required factory tests are completed satisfactorily, all variances are resolved, full test documentation has been delivered to the Employer, and the Employer has issued Material Inspection & Clearance Certificate (MICC). Successful completion of the factory tests and the Employer approval to ship, shall in no way constitute final acceptance of the system or any portion thereof. These tests shall be carried out in the presence of the Employer's authorised representatives unless waiver for witnessing by Employer’s representatives is intimated to the contractor.

Factory acceptance tests shall not proceed without the prior delivery to and approval of all test documentation by the Employer.

The factory acceptance tests for the supplied items shall be proposed by the Contractor in accordance with technical specifications and Contractor's (including Sub-Contractor's / supplier's) standard FAT testing program. In general the FAT for other items shall include at least: Physical verification, demonstration of technical characteristics, various operational modes, functional interfaces etc.

For Test equipment FAT shall include supply of proper calibration certificates, demonstration of satisfactory performance, evidence of correct equipment configuration and manufacturer’s final inspection certificate/ report.

2.2.2 Sampling for FAT

From each batch of equipment presented by the Contractor for Factory acceptance testing, the Employer shall select random sample(s) to be tested for acceptance. Unless otherwise agreed, all required FAT tests in the approved FAT procedures, shall be performed on all samples. The Sampling rate for the Factory acceptance tests shall be minimum 10% of the batch size (minimum 1) for all items. The physical verification shall be carried out on 100% of the offered quantities as per the approved FAT procedure. In case any of the selected samples fail, the failed sample is rejected and additional 20% samples shall be selected

randomly and tested. In case any sample from the additional 20% also fails the entire batch may be rejected.

For the OPGW cable hardware fittings & accessories, the minimum sampling rate, and batch acceptance criteria shall be as defined in IS 2486.

The Sampling rate for the Factory acceptance tests shall be 10% of the batch size (minimum 2) for FO cable drums, FODPs, Joint box and other similar items.

Since FAT testing provides a measure of assurance that the Quality Control objectives are being met during all phases of production, the Employer reserves the right to require the Contractor to investigate and report on the cause of FAT failures and to suspend further testing/ approvals until such a report is made and remedial actions taken, as applicable.

2.2.3 Production Testing

Production testing shall mean those tests which are to be carried out during the process of production by the Contractor to ensure the desired quality of end product to be supplied by him. The production tests to be carried out at each stage of production shall be based on the Contractor's standard quality assurance procedures. The production tests to be carried out shall be listed in the Manufacturing Quality Plan (MQP), alongwith information such as sampling frequency, applicable standards, acceptance criteria etc.

The production tests would normally not be witnessed by the Employer. However, the Employer reserves the right to do so or inspect the production testing records in accordance with Inspection rights specified for this contract.

2.2.4 Factory Acceptance Tests on Optical Fibre to be supplied with OPGW

The factory acceptance tests listed in table below are applicable for the Optical fibres to be supplied. The listed tests follow testing requirements set forth in IEEE standard 1138/IEC 60794. The referenced Chapters specify the detailed test description. The acceptance norm shall be as specified in the above mentioned IEEE standards unless specified otherwise in the technical specifications.

Table 2-5
Factory Acceptance Tests for Optical Fibres: Optical Tests

S. No.	Test Name	Acceptance Criteria	Test procedure
1	Attenuation Coefficient	T S,Table 1-1(a)	EIA/TIA 455- 78A
2	Point Discontinuities of attenuation	TS, Chapter 1.1.2	EIA/TIA 455-59
3	Attenuation at Water Peak	TS ,Table 2-1(a)	EIA/TIA 455- 78A
4	Chromatic Dispersion		EIA/TIA 455-168A/169A/175A
5	Core – Clad Concentricity Error		EIA/TIA 455-/176
6	Cladding diameter		EIA/TIA 455-176

Table 2-5
Factory Acceptance Tests for Optical Fibres: Optical Tests

S. No.	Test Name	Acceptance Criteria	Test procedure
7	Fibre Tensile Proof Testing		EIA/TIA 455-31B
-End of table-			

The test report for the above tests for the fibers carried out by the Fiber Manufacturer and used in the OPGW cables shall be shown to the inspector during OPGW cable FAT and shall be submitted along with the OPGW cable FAT report.

2.2.5 Factory Acceptance Test on OPGW/Aerial Cable

The factory acceptance tests for OPGW cable specified below in Table follow the requirements set forth in IEEE standard 1138 / IEC 60794. The FAT shall be carried out on 10% of offered drums in each lot as specified in technical specifications and the optical tests shall be carried out in all fibres of the selected sample drums. The Rated Tensile Strength test shall be carried out on one sample in each lot.

Table 2-6
Factory Acceptance Tests on OPGW
Applicable standard: IEEE 1138 / IEC 60794

S. No.	Factory Acceptance Test on Manufactured OPGW
1	Attenuation Co-efficient at 1310 nm and 1550 nm
2	Point discontinuities of attenuation
3	Visual Material verification and dimensional checks as per approved DRS/Drawings
4	Rated Tensile Strength
5	Lay Length Measurements

2.2.6 Factory Acceptance Test on OPGW Fittings

The factory acceptance tests for OPGW Fittings as specified below in Table 3-9. The sampling plan shall be as per relevant standard:

Table 2-7
Factory Acceptance Tests On OPGW Fittings

S. No.	Factory Acceptance Test

Table 2-7
Factory Acceptance Tests On OPGW Fittings

S. No.	Factory Acceptance Test
Suspension Assembly	
1	UTS/Mechanical Strength of the assembly
2	Clamp Slip Test
3	Visual Material verification and dimensional checks as per approved DRS/Drawings
4	Mechanical strength of each component
5	Galvanising test
Tension Assembly	
6	Clamp Slip Strength test
7	Visual Material verification and dimensional checks as per approved DRS/Drawings
8	Mechanical strength of each component
9	Galvanising test
Vibration Damper	
10	Galvanising test on damper, masses and messenger wires
11	Damper response (resonant frequencies)
12	Clamp Slip test
13	Strength of messenger wires
14	Attachments of weights to the messenger cable
15	Attachments of weights to the messenger cable
16	Clamp bolt tightening test
17	Clamp bolt torque test
18	Dynamic characteristic test.
19	Visual Material verification and dimensional checks as per approved DRS/Drawings
Structure Mounting Clamp	
20	Clamp fit test
21	Clamp Strength test
22	Visual Material verification and dimensional checks as per approved DRS/Drawings
End of Table	

2.2.7 Factory Acceptance Test on Approach Cable

The factory acceptance tests for Approach Cable specified below in Table 2-8:

Table 2-8
Factory Acceptance Tests On Approach Cable

S. No.	Factory Acceptance Test
1	Attenuation Co-efficient at 1310 nm and 1550 nm
2	Point discontinuities of attenuation
3	Visual Material verification and dimensional checks as per approved DRS/Drawings

2.2.7 Factory Acceptance Tests on Self-supporting metal free Aerial optical fibre cable

The tests listed in Table 2-9 shall be carried out as Factory Acceptance Test for Self-supporting metal free aerial optical fibre cable meeting the requirements specified in this Chapter.

Table 2-9
Factory Acceptance Tests on Self Supporting Metal Free Aerial Fibre Optic Cable

S. No.	Factory Acceptance Test
1	Attenuation Coefficient (1310, 1550): By EIA/TIA 455- 78A or OTDR
2	Point discontinuities of attenuation: By EIA/TIA 455- 78A or OTDR
3	Visual Material verification and dimensional checks as per approved drawings
4	Water Ingress test
5	Tensile strength test / Strain test
6	Impact test
7	Kink test
8	Environmental test
9	Crush Test
10	Drip test

2.2.8 Factory Acceptance Tests on Aerial FO cable accessories & fixtures

The FAT on accessories & fixtures of Self-supporting metal free aerial optical fibre cable shall be carried out as specified in Table 2-10.

Table 2-10
Factory Acceptance Tests on Fittings for Self Supporting Metal Free Aerial FO Cable

S. No.	Factory Acceptance Test
1	Visual and dimensional checks of all components
2	Tensile test
3	Slip test
4	Galvanising test
5	Wrapping test
6	Hardness test

2.2.8 Factory Acceptance Test on Splice Enclosure (Joint Box) /FODP

The factory acceptance tests for Splice Enclosures/FODP as specified below in Table: 2-11

Table 2-11
Factory Acceptance Tests on Splice Enclosures (Joint Box)/FODP

S. No.	Factory Acceptance Test
1	Visual check of Quantities and Specific Component Number for each component of Splice Enclosure/FODP and dimensional checks against the approved drawings.

2.2.9 Factory Acceptance Test on Test Equipment & other items

As per technical specification and approved DRS/Documents.

2.3 Site Acceptance Tests

The Contractor shall be responsible for the submission of all material & test equipment supplied in this contract for site tests and inspection as required by the Employer. All equipment shall be tested on site under the conditions in which it will normally operate.

The tests shall be exhaustive and shall demonstrate that the overall performance of the contract works satisfies every requirement specified. At a minimum Site Acceptance Testing

requirement for FO cable etc. is outlined in following Chapter. This testing shall be supplemented by the Contractor's standard installation testing program, which shall be in accordance with his quality plan(s) for FO installation.

During the course of installation, the Employer shall have full access for inspection and verification of the progress of the work and for checking workmanship and accuracy, as may be required. On completion of the work prior to commissioning, all equipment shall be tested to the satisfaction of the Employer to demonstrate that it is entirely suitable for commercial operation.

2.3.2 Minimum Site Acceptance Testing Requirement for FO Cabling

Prior to installation, every spooled fibre optic cable segment shall be tested for compliance with the Pre-shipment data previously received from the manufacturer. This requirement will preclude the installation of out of specification cable segments that may have been damaged during shipment.

2.3.2.4 Phases of Site Acceptance Testing

SAT shall be carried out link by link from FODP to FODP. SAT may be performed in parts in case of long links.

The tests, checks, adjustments etc conducted by the Contractor prior to offering the equipment for SAT shall be called Pre-SAT activities. The Pre-SAT activities shall be described in the installation manuals and Field Quality Plan documents.

Sag and tension of OPGW shall generally be as per approved sag-tension chart and during installation, sag and tension of OPGW shall be documented. Upon completion of a continuous cable path, all fibres within the cable path shall be demonstrated for acceptance of the cable path. Fibre Optic cable site testing minimum requirements are provided in Table 2-12 (a) through 2-12 (c) below:

Table 2-12 (a)
Fibre Optic Cable Pre-Installation Testing

Item:	Description:
1.	Physical Inspection of the cable assembly for damage
2.	Optical fibre continuity and fibre attenuation with OTDR at 1550 nm
3.	Fibre Optic Cable length measurement using OTDR

Table 2-12 (b)
Fibre Optic Cable Splicing Testing

Item:	Description:

1.	Per splice bi-directional average attenuation with OTDR
2.	Physical inspection of splice box/enclosure for proper fibre / cable routing techniques
3.	Physical inspection of sealing techniques, weatherproofing, etc.

Table 2-12 (c)
Fibre Optic Cable Commissioning Testing

Item:	Description:
1.	End to End (FODP to FODP) bi-directional average attenuation of each fibre at 1310 nm and 1550 nm by OTDR.
2.	End to End (FODP to FODP) bi-directional average attenuation of each fibre at 1310 nm and 1550 nm by Power meter.
3.	Bi-directional average splice loss by OTDR of each splice as well as for all splices in the link (including at FODP also).
4.	Proper termination and labelling of fibres & fibre optic cables at FODP as per approved labelling plan.
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