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IEC 61290	series	Optical amplifiers - Test methods	EN 61290	series
IEC 61290-1-1	-	Optical amplifiers - Test methods - Part 1- 1: Power and gain parameters - Optical spectrum analyzer method	EN 61290-1-1	-
IEC 61290-1-2	-	Optical amplifiers - Test methods -- Part 1- 2: Power and gain parameters - Electrical spectrum analyzer method	EN 61290-1-2	-
IEC 61290-1-3	-	Optical amplifiers - Test methods - Part 1- 3: Optical power and gain parameters - Optical power meter method	EN 61290-1-3	-
IEC 61290-3-1	-	Optical amplifiers - Test methods -- Part 3- 1: Noise figure parameters - Optical spectrum analyzer method	EN 61290-3-1	-
IEC 61290-3-2	-	Optical amplifiers - Test methods -- Part 3- 2: Noise figure parameters - Electrical spectrum analyzer method	EN 61290-3-2	-
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IEC 61290-4-3	-	Optical amplifiers - Test methods - Part 4- 3: Power transient parameters - Single channel optical amplifiers in output power control	EN 61290-4-3	-
IEC 61290-5-1	-	Optical amplifiers - Test methods -- Part 5- 1: Reflectance parameters - Optical spectrum analyzer method	EN 61290-5-1	-
IEC 61290-5-2	-	Optical amplifiers - Test methods -- Part 5- 2: Reflectance parameters - Electrical spectrum analyser method	EN 61290-5-2	-
IEC 61290-5-3	-	Optical fibre amplifiers - Basic specification -- Part 5-3: Test methods for reflectance parameters - Reflectance tolerance using an electrical spectrum analyser	EN 61290-5-3	-
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IEC 61290-10-5	-	Optical amplifiers - Test methods -- Part 10-5: Multichannel parameters - Distributed Raman amplifier gain and noise figure	EN 61290-10-5
IEC 61290-11-1	-	Optical amplifier - Test methods -- Part 11- EN 61290-11-1 1: Polarization mode dispersion parameter - Jones matrix eigenanalysis (JME)	-
IEC 61290-11-2	-	Optical amplifiers - Test methods -- Part 11-2: Polarization mode dispersion parameter - Poincaré sphere analysis method	EN 61290-11-2
IEC 61291-5-2	-	Optical amplifiers - Part 5-2: Qualification specifications - Reliability qualification for optical fibre amplifiers	EN 61291-5-2
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## OPTICAL AMPLIFIERS –

### Part 1: Generic specification

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61291 applies to all commercially available optical amplifiers (OAs) and optically amplified assemblies. It applies to OAs using optically pumped fibres (OFAs based either on rare-earth doped fibres or on the Raman effect), semiconductors (SOAs), and waveguides (POWAs).

The object of this document is

- to establish uniform requirements for transmission, operation, reliability and environmental properties of OAs, and
- to provide assistance to the purchaser in the selection of consistently high-quality OA products for his particular applications.

Parameters specified for OAs are those characterizing the transmission, operation, reliability and environmental properties of the OA seen as a "black box" from a general point of view. In the sectional and detail specifications a subset of these parameters will be specified according to the type and application of the particular OA device or assembly.

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IEC 61290 (all parts), *Optical amplifiers – Test methods*

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IEC 61290-1-3, *Optical amplifiers – Test methods – Part 1-3: Power and gain parameters – Optical power meter method*

IEC 61290-3-1, *Optical amplifiers – Test methods – Part 3-1: Noise figure parameters – Optical spectrum analyzer method*

IEC 61290-3-2, *Optical amplifiers – Test methods – Part 3-2: Noise figure parameters – Electrical spectrum analyzer method*

IEC 61290-4-1, *Optical amplifiers – Test methods – Part 4-1: Gain transient parameters – Two wavelength method*

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IEC 61290-5-1, *Optical amplifiers – Test methods – Part 5-1: Reflectance parameters – Optical spectrum analyzer method*

IEC 61290-5-2, *Optical amplifiers – Test methods – Part 5-2: Reflectance parameters – Electrical spectrum analyzer method*

IEC 61290-5-3, *Optical fibre amplifiers – Basic specification – Part 5-3: Test methods for reflectance parameters – Reflectance tolerance using an electrical spectrum analyzer*

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IEC 61290-10-3, *Optical amplifiers – Test methods – Part 10-3: Multichannel parameters – Probe methods*

IEC 61290-10-4, *Optical amplifiers – Test methods – Part 10-4: Multichannel parameters – Interpolated source subtraction method using an optical spectrum analyzer*

IEC 61290-10-5, *Optical amplifiers – Test methods – Part 10-5: Multichannel parameters – Distributed Raman amplifier gain and noise figure*

IEC 61290-11-1, *Optical amplifiers – Test methods – Part 11-1: Polarization mode dispersion parameter – Jones matrix eigenanalysis (JME)*

IEC 61290-11-2, *Optical amplifiers – Test methods – Part 11-2: Polarization mode dispersion parameter – Poincaré sphere analysis method*

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