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with removable
alignment sleeve
holder —**

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1 Scope

This standard defines the performance and dimensions of optical physical contact for EN 4641-100 cable specification.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 2591-*, *Aerospace series — Elements of electrical and optical connection — Test methods.*

EN 4639-001, *Aerospace series — Connectors, optical, rectangular, modular, multicontact, 1,25 diameter ferrule, with removable alignment sleeve holder — Part 001: Technical specification.*

EN 4639-002, *Aerospace series — Connectors, optical, rectangular, modular, multicontact, 1,25 diameter ferrule, with removable alignment sleeve holder — Part 002: List of product standards.*

EN 4641-100, *Aerospace series — Cable optical — 125 µm diameter cladding — Part 100: Outer diameter 1,8 mm, tight structure — Product standard.* ¹⁾

MIL-I-81969/14, *Installing and removal tools, connector electrical contact, type III, class 2, composition B.* ²⁾

TR 4647, *Aerospace series — Fibres and cables, optical aircraft use — Technical Report — Termination procedure for EN 4639 10X contact.* ¹⁾

3 Fibre optic contact designation and dimensions

3.1 Contact designation

See Table 1.

Table 1

Contact designation	Contact type	Cable structure type
Fibre optic contact for tight structure cable	MT	EN 4641-100

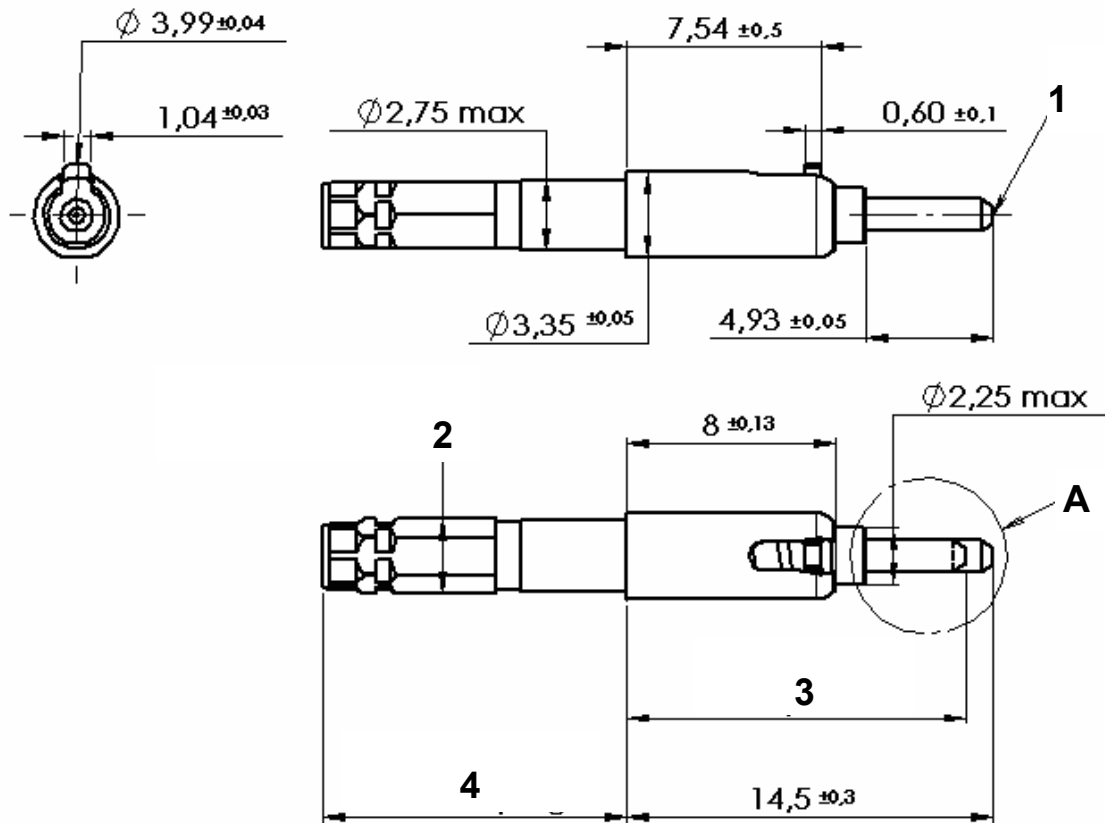
3.2 Contact dimensions

Dimensions and tolerances are in millimetres, see Figure 1.

* All parts quoted in this standard.

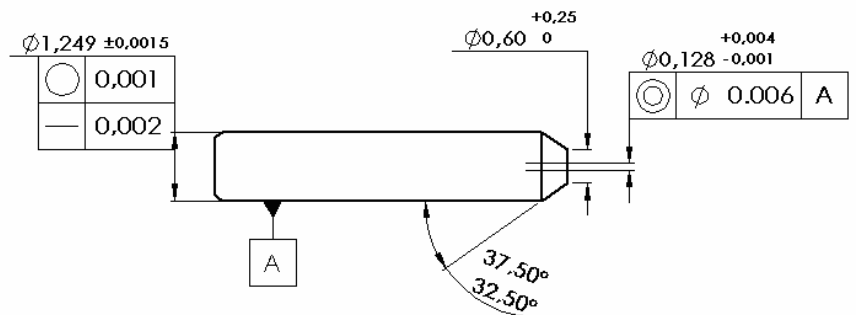
1) In preparation at the date of publication of this standard.

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Spring force when connector is mated:
 Typical: 5,65 N (minimum 4,6 N, maximum 6,7 N)

View A
 Multimode ferrule for 125 µm fibre



Key

- 1 Optical reference plane
- 2 \varnothing 2,95 max. after crimping
- 3 13,15 max. – Back position
- 4 12,3 max. – After crimping – Free position

Figure 1

3.3 Cable designation

Specified in EN 4641-100.

4 Technical specification

This component is qualified as part of a complete connector assembly when tested according to the qualification requirements of EN 4639-001 and the applicable product standards.

5 Tests according to EN 2591-100

The tests of EN 2591-100, applicable in the context of this standard as well as the details necessary for implementing them and for inspecting connector characteristics, are given in Table 2.

Environmental tests are specified in EN 4639-001.

Table 2

EN 2591-	Test	Details
6301	Endurance at temperature	1 000 hours at 125 °C
301	Endurance at temperature	Not applicable
304	Damp heat steady state	Temperature of 40 °C and 93 % of humidity
6305	Rapid change of temperature	10 cycles, $T_A = 125\text{ °C}$, $T_B = -65\text{ °C}$
6307	Salt mist	Mated connectors – Severity according to environmental class of the connector
309	Dry heat	Not applicable
310	Cold	Not applicable
311	Low air pressure	Not applicable
313	Driving rain (artificial)	Not applicable
6316	Ozone resistance	Not applicable
320	Simulated solar radiation at ground level	Not applicable
6401	Acceleration steady state	Not applicable
6405	Axial load	100 N maintained for 1 minute, 3 cycles
6406	Mechanical endurance	500 mating/unmating cycles
407	Durability of contact retention system and seals (maintenance aging)	Applicable
601	Insertion loss	0,7 dB max. during and after tests
602	Variation of attenuation and optical discontinuity	Method A, IL maximum = 0,7 dB
604	Cleaning capability of optical face	Applicable
605	Return loss	RL < - 21 dB
607	Immunity to ambient light coupling	Not applicable
608	Nuclear radiation	Not applicable
609	Effectiveness of cable attachment – Cable cyclic flexing	100 cycles at load of 40 N
610	Effectiveness of cable attachment – Cable pulling	Method B, 68 N tensile load, 1 minute, 3 pulls
611	Effectiveness of cable attachment – Cable torsion	100 cycles at load of 40 N
612	Effectiveness of cable attachment – Cable axial compression	Compression force of 10 N for 2 minutes

EN 2591-	Test	Details
613	Impact test	Severity: light
615	Connection integrity at temperature	Not applicable
617	Temperature cycling	10 cycles, $T_A = 125\text{ °C}$, $T_B = -65\text{ °C}$

6 Assembly process instructions

6.1 Cleaning instructions

This fibre optic connector provides an easy access to the optical faces and sleeves for cleaning.

Cleaning operation can be performed as follows:

1. Unmate the pair of connectors.
2. Remove the sleeve holder (From the female insert).
3. Use cleaning stick and pipe with ethylic alcohol (or equivalent) to clean the front face of the optical contact and the inside of the sleeve without removing the contacts from their cavities.
4. Use dry clean air can for drying.
5. Inspect optical face
6. Install the sleeve holder (From the female insert).
7. Mate the pair of connectors.

See TR 4647 for details.

6.2 Tooling

For insertion and extraction of the optical contact use the standard tool as per MIL-I-81969/14-3 standard (P/N for size 16).

6.3 Termination instructions

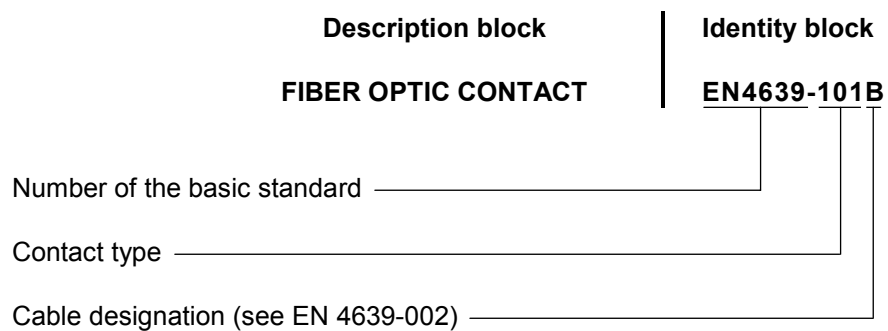
General termination operation:

1. Pass the cable through the crimping ferrule
2. Strip the cable down to the 125 μm fibre
3. Inject epoxy glue with adapted syringe inside the optical ferrule from the front side.
4. Insert the optical contact onto the fibre and the cable.
5. Slide and crimp the rear ferrule onto the body contact, the cable and its strength members.
6. Cure the epoxy glue with an appropriate cure oven.
7. Cleave the fibre and polish the front face of the optical contact.
8. Inspection and control.

See TR 4647 for details.

7 Designation

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