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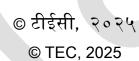
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FOREWORD

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- Adoption of Standards
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ABSTRACT

The Test Guide for testing pertains to the generic requirements of a universal type of Splice Closure suitable for different types of Optical Fibre Cables (Ribbon or Non-Ribbon) used in Telecom networks.

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A. HISTORY SHEET

SI.No	TSTP / Document No.	Title	Remarks
1.	TEC/TSTP/GR/TX/OJC-	Test schedule and test	Release 1
	002/03/APR-2010	procedure of Splice	
		Closure for Optical	
		Fibre Cables (Suitable	
		for Non-Ribbon Fibre	
		Splicing)	
2.	TEC 87081:2025	Test Guide for	Release 2
		Standard for Generic	
		Requirements of	
		Splice Closure for	
		Optical Fibre Cables	

B. INTRODUCTION

This document enumerates detailed test schedule and procedure for evaluating conformance/ functionality / requirements / performance of Standard for Generic requirements of the Splice Closure suitable for different types of Optical Fibre Cables as per Draft Standard No. **TEC 87080:2025**. The universal type of Splice Closure suitable for different types of Optical Fibre Cables (Ribbon or Non-Ribbon) used in Telecom networks.

Note1: Though every care has been taken to cover all the parameters of the standard for product/equipment correctly in this Test guide, yet to avoid any inadvertent error/misprint, the testing officer shall ensure that all the parameters of the standard for product/equipment have been tested & verified in accordance with the provisions of the standard for product/equipment.

Name of the manufacturer/	:
Trader/Supplier with address	

General guidelines for the Testing Officer:

C. General information:

Make, Model no. & Serial No.

- 1. The testing officer must ensure before taking up the test that the manufacturer is fully equipped with required test facilities.
- 2. The Source of procurement, Make and Model No. of the instrument are required to be checked and mentioned.
- 3. The requirements of the clauses as per the GR shall be checked and the observation may be recorded against each clause in detail.
- 4. The test results against the clauses for which test facilities are not available, must be checked & observation to be noted.
- 5. Additional columns or rows, as required for recording of tests results, shall be added wherever it is necessary.
- 6. The testing officer must ensure that necessary certificates/undertakings are obtained against the clauses wherever permissible/required and shall be annexed with the test results. All the clauses are required to be commented.

D. Testing team: (to be filled by testing team)

Sno.	Name	Designation	Organization	Signature
1.				
2.				

E. List of the Test Instruments:

Sno.	Name of the test	Make /Model	Validity of
	instrument	(to be filled by testing team)	calibration
			(to be filled by
			testing team)
1.	Patch Cord		
2.	Fiber Spool		
3.	OTDR		

F. Equipment Configuration Offered: (to be filled by testing team)

(a) <Equipment/product name> Configuration:

S.No.	Item	Details	Remarks

Relevant information like No. of cards, ports, slots, interfaces, size etc. may be filled as applicable for the product

(b) <Other equipment name> Configuration:

S.No.	Item	Details	Remarks

Relevant information like No. of cards, ports, slots, interfaces, size etc. may be filled as applicable for the product

G. Equipment/System Manuals: (to be filled by testing team)

Availability of Maintenance manuals, Installation manual, Repair manual & User Manual etc. (Y/N)

H. Clause-wise Test Type:

Chapter 1

	Figure 1: Typical drawing of Splice Closure	
2.0	Functional Requirements:	
2.1	 Fibre optic splice closures shall enable: a) Direct junctions (Straight joints)/Butt splice applications. b) Branching junctions (Branch Joints)/Lateral splice applications. c) Mid sheath/Ring Cut splice applications 	Check as per the requirement of the clause and comment.
2.2	The closures must be suitable for the same installation conditions as those used for the installation of the following types of cables: a) Underground, inside manholes, tunnels, and galleries. b) On bridges.	Check as per the requirement of the clause and comment.

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	c) Directly buried in all type of soils.	
	d) The closures should be suitable for all types of	
	cable structures for splicing the optical fibre	
	cables adopting different construction practices.	
	It shall be designed for use with all types of	
	cables in all environmental condition of	
	installation. The closure must be equipped &	
	supplied with accessories for the installation of	
	all type of Ribbon or Non-Ribbon Optical cables	
	having outer diameter from 8 to 18 mm,	
	accommodating up to 96 fibres.	
	e) The splice closure shall hold mechanically all	
	constituent parts of the cables (sheath, central	
	part, peripheral reinforcements, etc.).	
2.3	The splice closures shall be suitable for splicing of	Check as per the
	optical fibre cables with single mode fibres as per	requirement of the clause
	ITU Rec. G.652, G.655, G.656 and G.657 for	and comment.
	transmission at wavelengths of 1310, 1550 and	
	1625 nm.	
2.4	The splice closures shall contain fibre organizer	Check as per the
	system where the extra length of fibres and splices	requirement of the clause
	are stored in systematic & secured manner. The	and comment.
	method or device for safely routing and securing	
	buffer tube and bare fibre shall be provided.	
2.5	The splice closures shall allow an easy opening &	Check physically for
2.5	The splice closures shall allow an easy opening & re-closing without any degradation in the	Check physically for opening and closing of
2.5		. , ,

	the existing cables. The closure must be designed	installation of additional
	such that no installed cable is disturbed or require	
	re-sealing of the existing cables during installation	Cables.
0.0	of additional cables.	
2.6	It shall be possible to carry out the installation	
	without inflicting any damage to the existing fibres	
	or the fibre splices.	and comment
2.7	The increase in attenuation for each of the fibre	Check as per the
	splices in the installed splice closure as a result of	requirement of the clause
	operational strain shall not exceed 0.05 dB,	and comment
	measured at 1310nm & 1550 nm	
2.8	The installed splice closure shall satisfy the	Perform all the tests as per
	following mechanical requirements:	clause no. 4.0 and
	The splice closure shall be resistant to mechanical	comment.
	stress, vibration, and impact that may result from	
	normal operation and handling, or from any	
	external sources. The cable terminations shall	
	withstand tensile stress, pressure, bending, and	
	twisting that may result from normal operation and	
	handling, without any leaks arising or other	
	damage being caused to the installed splice	
	closure. The splice closure shall comply all the	
	tests listed in clause No. 4.0	
2.9	The minimum-bending diameter of the fibres	Check and verify the
	outside the splice trays in the splice closure shall be	bending diameter and
	at least 100 mm.	observations are to be
		noted on different
		samples.
2.10	It shall be possible to open and close the splice	Check all the tools

3.0	Technical Requirements	
2.14	The life of the closure shall be at least 25 years and shall match the life of the cable for which it is proposed to be used.	The calculation shall be checked & observations are to be noted.
0.44	of water intrusion into the closure after it is subjected to water immersion test	and comment
2.13	The closure assembled with section of cable	Check as per the
2.12	All the fasteners used in the assembly of a closure shall be captivated to prevent any accidental loss during installation & maintenance activities.	Check as per the requirement of the clause and comment
	cables in all respect and shall not effect the performance of the optical fibre cables and fibres. The material used shall be resistant to solvents, chemicals, stress cracking, creep and other materials to which they might get exposed in normal applications.	
2.11	The materials used for manufacturing the components/ parts of the splice closure shall be compatible with those used for manufacturing the	Check as per the requirement of the clause and comment
	closure repeatedly with the tools as per No. TEC 89060:2006 (or latest release) and subsequent amendments issued, if any, by replacing the sealing arrangement, only if required. Any special tool if required for the installation & operation of optical fibre splice closure, the same shall be provided along with the Splice closure and kitted in each box so as the installer need not to carry on his person any additional tool etc.	required for opening and closing Splice Closure and comment.

3.1 General Description:

- a) The splice closure shall have a base and domed shaped body. The dome shall be fixed on the base. The dome shaped body shall cover the entire junction while the base shall enable the entries of the optical fibre cables.
- b) The base and dome shall be made of thermoplastic/High Density Polyethylene/polypropylene/ un-reinforced PC/ PBT alloy material and the shall have characteristics meet the performance to requirements as in annexure - I. The material used shall have minimum hardness of Rockwell R87 or equivalent. The material shall be termite proof (The standard test on the material for termite proof-ness shall be conducted). The base and dome shall be impact resistant. The body shall be smooth with no burrs or sharp edges. Ribs on the body of Splice closure shall be provided.
- c) The splice closure shall be kitted with a full set of parts and materials and any associated tools or apparatus to fully prepare and seal the closure up to the maximum amount of cables and trays unless other wise specified. All materials and required tools directly related to the installation of the closure shall be kitted along with the closure for each closure.

Check as per the requirement of the clause and comment.

Test reports from recognized laboratory or institute shall be acceptable in respect of termite proof-ness. Test reports from any third-party laboratory shall also be acceptable in this respect.

3.2 Dimensions:

The dimensions of the splice closure i.e. of the main body (base & dome), excluding cable entry ports shall be as below:

a) Length : 400 mm (Minimum)

b) Internal Diameter: 220 mm (Maximum)

Check the dimensions on minimum 5 numbers of samples and record.

Sample No. Length Width

1

2

3

4

5

3.3 Cable entry and its Sealing arrangements:

The Splice closure design should allow for jointing together at least two pairs of cables. The base shall have a minimum 4 single cable entry ports and one port for express (looped) cable entry. The arrangement shall be provided for terminating looped or express cable by making a suitable necessary provision. All ports shall be sealed, and entry ports (sealed) shall be opened as per the requirement. The opening of any port shall not cause any interference to any existing cable. No heat shrink of any type shall be allowed on the cable for sealing. . The sealing material shall be termite proof. No consumable items shall be required for sealing. The sealing components must be reusable and shall have unlimited shelf life. The sealing arrangements shall be specified along with opening and closing arrangements bγ the manufacturer and the same shall be tested.

Check as per the requirement of the clause and comment

Note: Inclusion of the specific sealing arrangement

	for cable entry with screws or nut and bolts may be	
	decided by the purchaser.	
3.3.1	It shall be possible to terminate all cables having	Check as per the
	outer diameter from 8 mm to 18 mm and the	requirement of the clause
	arrangement shall be provided for terminating	and comment
	looped or express cable by making a suitable	
	necessary provision. Alternatively, it shall be	
	possible to install a mid accessed cable without	
	routing a cable tubes through a window or other	
	closure end plate hole.	
3.3.2	All cable entry ports shall be independent to each	Check as per the
	other. All access and port sealing shall be	requirement of the clause
	accomplished by mechanical methods. No heat	and comment
	shrink of any type shall be allowed. In the event of	
	growth or any other type of activity by the installer, it	
	shall be able to access the cables and the existing	
	trays with spliced fibres and separate the trays and	
	the cable without disturbing any active fibre.	
3.4	Strength member & Cable termination and earthing	
	arrangement:	
3.4.1	It shall be possible to fix the strength member(s)	Check as per the
	and the optical fibre cable firmly to the splice	requirement of the clause
	closure so that the strength member will not shift	and comment
	laterally or move inside the closure. Separate	
	arrangements shall be made to fix strength member	
	(FRP) and cable. FRP fixing arrangement should be	
	such that it doesn't lead to bending of the fibre	
	tubes.	

3.4.2	The closure shall have metallic and/or non-metallic	Check the internal metallic
	internal structure in order to support and hold the	structure. Note the
	cables and strength members etc. The metallic	materials of the metallic
	components shall be of either stainless steel or	components and its grade
	galvanized steel or electric grade aluminum or	if any. Check for the low
	tinned copper or Brass. The metals used shall be	resistivity materials to with
	corrosion resistant. The metallic component shall	stand the current surge.
	have low resistivity to withstand the current surge.	
	The internal structure when tested shall meet the	Comment for damage to
	requirement of clause no. 4.16 of this GR, without	the closure after
	causing any damage to other parts of the closure	performing the
	and shall also meet other performance requirement	requirement of clause
	of the closure. Material of central member shall be	4.16.
	defined.	
3.4.3	The metallic parts for making connection shall be	Check the internal metallic
	made of either Brass or stainless steel or tinned	structure. Note the
	copper or galvanized steel or aluminum and shall	materials of the metallic
	be corrosion proof and shall be corrosion proof.	components and its grade
		if any. Check for the low
		resistivity materials to with
		stand the current surge.
		Comment for damage to
		the closure after
		performing the
		requirement of clause
		4.16.
3.4.4	For fixing cassettes, clamps should be continuous	Check as per the
	extension of metallic portion used for fixing the	requirement of the clause

	cable. The metallic strip should be of stainless steel grade 304 as per ASTM A 240 running throughout	and comment
	the length of dome up to the end.	
3.4.5	The mechanical structure for FRP and cable fixing	Check as per the
	has to be through proper metallic plate.	requirement of the clause
		and comment
3.5	Sealing arrangement:	
3.5.1	Sealing arrangement of base and dome:	Check as per the
		requirement of the clause
	a) The splice closure's base and dome shall be	and comment
	sealed by Mechanical sealing method using	Check as per the
	circular clamp.	requirement of the clause
		and comment
	b) The manufacturer shall indicate clearly the	
	method of mechanical sealing. The 'O' ring	
	(circular in cross section) required for sealing	
	shall be made of Neoprene/Silicon/EPDM	
	rubber. The clamps for sealing the base to	
	dome shall be made of corrosion proof	
	material (for example: Stainless steel or	
	Thermoplastic). The clamp shall be circular in	
	shape. A proper clamping system shall be	
	provided which shall include the facility of	
	lock The sealing material shall be termite	
	proof.	
	c) The clamp of the fibre optic closure shall be	
	equipped with a locking device to prevent un-	

	authorized entry.	
3.5.2	Cable sealing system:	Check as per the
		requirement of the clause
	The closure shall provide cable sealing system that	and comment
	uses a mechanical type seal and that does not	
	allow for any kind of heat shrinkable substance (cl.	
	no. 3.3 of this document).	
3.6	Fibre Organiser:	Check as per the
		requirement of the clause
	Fibre organizer shall be capable of handling and	and comment
	organizing the fibres from different design of the	
	cables. Fibre organizer shall be non-metallic made	
	of ABS/ABS blended material and shall confirm to	
	the requirements mentioned in the annexure - II.	
3.6.1	A system of cassettes or trays shall be provided on	Check as per the
	which the junctions and the extra length of fibres	requirement of the clause
	after splicing will be placed (fibre organization). At	and comment
	both ends of the cassettes, an arc type guide	
	should be provided to hold the fibre having a	
	diameter not less than 100 mm. Proper arrows	
	should be provided on the cassettes for guiding the	
	fibres.	
3.6.2	The Fibre Organizers (cassettes) system shall be	Check as per the
	built in such a way as to offer the facilities of its	requirement of the clause
	movement about a hinge similar to turning a page in	and comment
	a book and it shall offer easy access to each tray	
	such that working with fibres and splices in any one	
	of tray shall not disturb the fibres on the other trays.	
	This shall ensure to splice all fibres of the cables in	

		1
	predetermined order. Closure in which organizer	
	trays are to be removed to provide access to fibres	
	on other trays shall not be acceptable. For hinged	
	type cassettes tray assembly central pin shall be	
	provided.	
3.6.3	Size of the Cassette (Splice tray):	Check for the five samples
		selected randomly from
	Length : 250 mm (minimum)	the offered trays.
	Width : 100mm (minimum)	Sample No. Length Width
	Thickness : 1.5 mm (minimum)	1
	Depth : 5 mm	2
		3
		4
		5
3.6.4	It shall provide storage space of slack fibres (800	Check as per the
	mm minimum length) from either sides of the cables	requirement of the clause
	for realignment and rejoining.	and comment
3.6.5	Splice trays shall be non-metallic made of ABS/ABS	Check as per the
	blended material and shall be designed such that it	requirement of the clause
	shall not harm the fibres from sharp edges etc. All	and comment
	the trays shall have a suitable cover of ABS	
	material.	
3.6.6	The minimum bending diameter allowed for the	Check as per the
	fibre coils inside the splice trays shall be at least 85	requirement of the clause
	mm. During the installation & storage the buffer	and comment
	tubes shall not be subjected to a bend radius	
	smaller than 40 mm.	
3.6.7	Arrangement to hold either 12 number of spliced	Check as per the
	protection sleeves per splice tray for loose fibres	requirement of the clause

	OR 6 number of spliced protection sleeves per	and comment
	splice tray for ribboned fibre shall be provided.	
	Splice protection sleeves used for loose fibre &	
	ribboned fibre, shall meet the requirement as per	
	the TEC standard for GR of Splice Protection	
	Sleeves for Optical Fibre (Type-I & Type-II)	
	(Standard No. TEC 89020:2011 or latest release)	
	and TEC standard for GR of Splice Protection	
	Sleeves for ribbon Optical fibre (Standard No. TEC	
	89030:2011 or latest release) respectively.	
3.6.8	Slots of the splice tray shall be able to fix the splice	Check as per the
	protection sleeves in such a way that they will not	requirement of the clause
	shift or move inside the splice tray or come into	and comment
	conflict with the fibre coils once fixed in a slot of the	
	tray. The slots shall not cause any stress or strain	
	neither on splice protection sleeve nor on the	
	optical fibres	
3.6.9	The fastening arrangement for entry of the fibres	Check as per the
	into the splice tray shall be suited to secondary	requirement of the clause
	coated fibres, and primary coated fibres in tubes	and comment
	without there being any risk of bending loss or	
	damage to the fibres or the secondary tubes.	
3.6.10	It shall be possible to fix a minimum of 4 secondary	Check as per the
	tubes at the entry ports of each tray. No PVC or any	requirement of the clause
	other type of adhesive tape is permitted to hold fibre	and comment
	and loose tube inside the tray.	
3.6.11	It shall be possible to lead fibres from one tray to	Check as per the
	another tray inside the splice closure to allow	requirement of the clause
	flexibility for branch joints and in the splicing of	and comment
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	different cable constructions to each other.	

3.7	Transport tubes:	
	particular cable.	and comment
	shall be supplied as per the number of fibres in a	requirement of the clause
3.6.15	The quantity of splice trays in the splice closure	Check as per the
		tested separately.
		fibre may be
		loose fibres or ribboned
		accommodating either
	(with number of fibres per ribbon being 6 or 8 or 12)	designed for
	12 number of loose fibres OR 6 number of ribbons	cassettes (or splice trays)
3.6.14	Each tray should have the capacity to store either	Different types of
	movement of the closure	
	or shift or move in any way, due to vibration and or	and comment
	in such a way that this shall not loosen once fixed	requirement of the clause
3.6.13	Splice trays shall be fixed inside the splice closure	Check as per the
	without damaging the remaining fibres.	and comment
	the splice tray for repair during normal operation	requirement of the clause
3.6.12	It shall be possible to take any individual fibre out of	Check as per the
	all service changes.	
	closure in the same vault and to use this closure for	
	be an option to run a lateral cable to a second	
	entries and continued active splicing, then it shall	
	closure or primary ring closure sees multiple re-	
	trays shall be allowed. If in the event the backbone	
	the backbone fibres. No jumping of fibres between	
	buildings or to feed a secondary ring, a separate tray may be installed to splice the lateral fibres to	
	building or secondary run cascading multiple	

3.7.1	Transport tubes shall be provided to guide the	Check and record the
	fibres from terminations point of the cable to	inner diameter of the
	storage basket of the closure and or to the entry	transport tube and outer
	port of the cassette. The transport tube shall be	diameter of funnel as per
	made of polyolefin / silicon and shall be non-kinking	the clause. Examine the
	type. The material of the transport tube shall not	test report of raw materials
	affect the primary coated fibres. It shall not be	used for manufacturing the
	necessary to make a transition from loose tube	transport tube and check
	buffers to the splice trays with transition tubing.	it"s arrangement made for
		conversion of different
		types of cable to loose
		tube for transporting into
		different trays and
		cassettes check the
		capacity of transport tube.
3.7.2	Diameter of transport tube shall match the	Check as per the
	dimension of the funnel and able to accommodate	requirement of the clause
	12 number of loose fibres OR 6 number of ribbons	and comment
	(with number of fibres per ribbon being 6 or 8 or 12)	
	Alternatively, the splitter shall be able to	
	accommodate all ranges in size of central core tube	
	type cables.	
3.7.3	A suitable storage basket/slack tray shall be	Check as per the
	provided to store extra length of loose tube buffers	requirement of the clause
	etc. Depth of storage basket/slack tray shall be	and comment
	defined to accommodate around 12 m of loose	
	tube, and shall be tested.	
3.7.4	A tray wedge shall be provided in each shelf for	Check as per the
	ease to enable working on the lower tray.	requirement of the clause
		and comment

4.0	TESTS:	
4.1	Visual Test:	A detailed report may be
	The splice closure shall be examined physically for	prepared about the design
	the workmanship and the design technology	& technology employed.
	employed. It shall be checked minutely for any	No test is required check
	flaws defects, cracks visible to naked eye.	physically for any flaws,
		defects, cracks etc.)

Observation	Remarks

4.2	Drop and Topple Test:	Check and note down the
	Objective: To determine the ability of splice closure	observation in Table below
	to withstand the impacts when closure is	
	inadvertently dropped or toppled during installation,	
	repair work or rough handing in its use.	
	a) Drop Test:	
	Height : 2 meters	
	No. of drops: 10	
	Procedure: Drop the closure from a height of 2	
	meters onto a 12 mm thick steel plate bolted on the	
	concrete floor.	

Requirement: The closure shall not exhibit any
mechanical damage such as cracks or fractures in
the closure housing and damage to components
within the closure.

b) Topple Test:

Keep the closure in the standing position. Allow it fall freely from 45 degree to all the four directions.

Requirement: The closure shall not exhibit any mechanical damage such as cracks or fractures in the closure housing and damage to components within the closure.

Test Results:

Observation	Remarks

Observation	Remarks

4.3	Gas (AIR) Tightness Test:	Check and note down the
	Objective: To determine the effectiveness of sealing	observation in Table below
	arrangement of splice closure.	
	Test Parameters:	

Internal pressure : 1.5 Kg/sq. cm.

Temperature : Ambient
Test time : 24 hours.
Gas : Dry Air

Requirement: The fall in pressure in a period of 24 hours shall be within <0.05Kg/sqcm at the end of test and there shall be not be any visible flaw or defect after the test.

Test Results:

Observation	Remarks

4.4 Water ingress Test: Check and note down the observation in Table Objective: To determine the water tightness of the below splice closure when subjected to immersion in water as per 5.4.6 of Telcordia's GR-771. Test Parameters: Water head : 6.00 meters Duration of immersion : 7 days. Temperature : Ambient

Requirement: There shall not be presence of any	
water vapor inside the splice closure.	

Test Results:

Observation	Remarks

4.5 Variation in attenuation (Residual Loss) Test:

Objective: To check the effect of the use of fibre organizer and other arrangement on the transmission characteristics of optical fibres in assembled condition.

Test parameters:

- a) Wavelength of operation: 1310nm & 1550 nm
- b) The Fibres attenuation of the spliced fibre shall be measured for the following conditions:
 - Leaving the fibre un-looped,
 - ii) After the arrangement on the tray and stabilization time of one hour.
- c) The change in attenuation: ≤ 0.05 dB.

Requirement: The change in attenuation shall not increase by more than 0.05 dB measured at 1310nm & 1550 nm. The test shall be conducted on at least 50% of the fibres in a cable.

Check and note down the observation in Table below

Test Results:

Observation	Remarks

4.6 Clamping:

a) Cable Clamping:

Objective: The cable-clamping test means to determine the effect of installing the closure, if any and on the optical transmission characteristics of the fibres and splices.

Test conditions:

- Place two fibre optic cables inside the closure.
 Very loosely secure the cables to permit splicing.
 Sheath retention clamps and environmental seals shall not be used at this time.
- 2. Splice fibers of the cables.
- 3. Measure and record the initial value for the optical attenuation of the 50% fibers of the cable.
- 4. Assemble the closure using all associated cable clamping and sealing hardware according to the manufacture's instructions. Rigid and non-rigid strength members shall also be terminated per

Check and note down the observation in Table below

the manufacturer's instructions. Care should be taken to minimize movement of the splices.

5. Repeat the optical measurements on the same 50% fibre of the cable.

Requirement: The change in attenuation shall not be more than 0.05 dB measured at 1310nm & 1550 nm.

b) Cable Axial Tension (Sheath Retention) Test:

Objective: To check the cable and sheath holding mechanism for the axial tension if applied to the assembled Splice Closure.

Test parameters:

Tension applied longitudinally on cables.: 50 Kg

Test Time : 30 minutes

Internal pressure : 1.5 Kg/sq. cm.

Temperature : Ambient

Change in pressure allowed : < 0.05kg/sq cm.

The load shall be applied individually to each cable

Requirement:

- 1. The holding mechanism shall not cause any damage to the cable or the clamping hardware.
- There shall be no visible flaws or defects after the test.

Test Re	sults:		
	Observation		Remarks
	Observation		Remarks
4.7	Torsion Test:		Check and note down the
	Objective: To check the effect of	torque on the	observation in Table below
	cables of the splice closure.		
	Test Parameters:		
	Torque : 10 x D [Nm], where D	is the external	
	diameter of the cable in mm (Max. 50 Nm)		
	Internal pressure : 0.5 Kg/so	q. cm.	
	Distance from the entry port : 25	50 mm	
	Rotation : 90)° max.	
	Temperature : Ar	mbient	
	Number of cycles : 5		
	Holding Time : 5 minutes at ea	ch rotation	
	Change in pressure allowed : < 0.0	05kg/sq cm.	

The extending cables shall be clamped rigidly at

specified distance. Only one cable shall be clamped at a time but the test shall be repeated with each extending cable. The closure shall be axially rotated through 90° and retained for five minutes. It shall be rotated to normal position and then towards to the opposite direction.

Requirement:

- 1. There shall not be any flaws, defects, cracks visible to naked eye.
- 2. There shall not be any fall in pressure more than the prescribed limit.

Observation	Remarks

4.8	Flexure Test:	Check and note down the
	Objective: To test the Flexure strength of the splice	observation in Table below
	closure.	
	Test Parameters:	
	1. Internal pressure : 0.5 Kg/sq. cm.	
	Force: Max 500N and 30 degree bending force	
	application 10XD from the end of cable seal	

sleeve. (D is the dia. of cable in mm).

3. No. of cycle : 5

4. Holding time : 5 minutes

5. Change in pressure allowed : < 0.05kg/sq cm.

Requirement: The sample shall be checked for gas tightness. There shall not be any fall in the air pressure more than the prescribed limit and there shall not be any physical damage to the cable or the closure.

Observation	Remarks

4.9	Impact Test:	7		Check and note down the
				observation in Table below
	Objective: To determ			
	to with stand impa			
	installation.			
	Test Parameters:			
	Internal Pressure	:	0.5 Kg/sq. cm.	
	Striking Force	:	5 Kg	
	Dropping height	:	500 mm	

Radius of spherical weight : 50 mm

Location and Number of impacts: 3 Impacts along the length of closure each, at 3 different points located at 120° along the circumference (Total 9 impacts) At least 3 impacts on the mould line.

Change in pressure allowed : < 0.05kg/sq cm.

Requirement: The sample shall be checked for any cracks, permanent deformation or fractures and gas tightness. There shall not be any fall in the air pressure more than the prescribed limit.

Observation	Remarks

4.10	Static Load Test:			Check and note down the
				observation in Table below
	Objective: To determine the mechanical strength			
	capability of splice closure under the action of static			
	load.			
	Test Parameters:			
	Internal Pressure	:	0.5 Kg/sq. cm.	
	Static Load	:	250 kg	
	Duration for keeping load	:	24 hours	

Change in pressure allowed : ≤ 0.05kg/sq cm.

Requirement: The sample shall be checked for any cracks, permanent deformation or fractures and gas tightness test after completion of test. There shall not be any fall in the air pressure more than the prescribed limit.

Test Results:

Observation	Remarks

4.11 Thermal Ageing:

Objective: Sealing components (gasket, grommets. O-ring, seals etc.) used in a closure shall not permit the entry of water into the closure after thermal aging at 90 ° C + 1° C for 720 hours.

Procedure: Place two sets of components (gasket, grommets. O-ring, seals etc.) in an air oven perpendicular to air flow. Age the components at 90°C for 720 hours (30 days). Allow the components to stabilize at room temperature for min 24 hrs.

Requirement: There shall not be any visible

Check and note down the observation in Table below

deterioration or deformation or melting or cracking of the samples. This test should be conducted on the sealed closure followed by the Gas tightness test.

Note: The aged components shall be used on the closure subject to remaining environmental Test.

Observation	Remarks

4.12	Environmental cycle:		Check and note down the
			observation in Table below
	Objective: To determine		
	splice closure for climatic		
	Test Parameters:		
	Lowest temperature	: -20 ° C	
	Highest temperature	: 60° C	
	Dwell Time	: 4 hrs	
	Transition time	: 2 hrs	
	Cycle duration	: 10 and 1/2 hrs.	
	Number of cycles	: 20	
	Closed system pressure	: 0.5 kg/sq. cm.	
	Change in pressure allow	ed : ≤ 0.05kg/sq cm.	

Humidity to be kept at 95% at 60 ° C and uncontrolled % humidity for all other temperature during the cycle.

Requirement:

- The sample shall be checked for any cracks, permanent deformation or fractures and gas tightness.
- 2. There shall not be any fall in the air pressure more than the prescribed limit and the change in attenuation shall not be more than 0.05 dB measured at 1310nm & 1550 nm.

Obse	rvation	Remarks

4.13	Salt spray (Mist) Test (Corrosion Test):	Check and note down the
		observation in Table below
	Objective: To determine the suitability of the splice	
	closure and all metallic components in salt laden	
	atmosphere	
	Test Parameters:	

Salt mist test as per TEC document SD: QM-333 (or TEC 14016:2010) {latest issue}.

Requirement: It shall meet the requirements of salt mist test and there shall not be any damage or any evidence of corrosion to the closure.

Test Results:

Observation	Remarks

4.14 Vibration Test:

Objective: To check the effect of vibration on splice closure and its accessories.

Test parameters:

3 Planes : (X-axis, Y-axis, Z-axis)

Sweep : (10-300) Hz \pm 2% at 1octave \pm

10% per minute

a) sine sweep $(10-28) \pm 1$ Hz 0.1" (2.5 mm)

double amplitude

b) sine sweep (28-300) Hz \pm 2% max. 4 g

acceleration

Time : 2 hours each axis

Internal pressure: 0.5 kg/sq cm.

Check and note down the observation in Table below

Change in pressure allowed	: < 0.05kg/sq cm.
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Requirement: The sample shall be checked for any cracks, permanent deformation or fractures and gas tightness. There shall not be any fall in the air pressure more than the prescribed limit.

Test Results:

Observation	Remarks

4.15 Aggressive Media Test:

Resistance to aggressive media test a.

Test conditions:

The samples shall be checked under internal pressure of 0.5 kg/sq cm. in the solutions as stated below at ambient temperature:

Change in pressure allowed: < 0.05kg/sq cm.

Solution	Test Time
pH 2	5 days
pH 12	5 days
Kerosene	5 days
Petroleum ielly	5 days

Check and note down the observation in Table below

Fuel Oil	5 days
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Requirement: The sample shall be checked for the receptivity of splice closure in the given media. There shall not be any fall in the air pressure more than the prescribed limit.

b) Resistance to stress cracking test

Test conditions:

The samples shall be checked under internal pressure of 0.5-kg/sq cm. in the solutions as stated below:

Test temperature : $50 \pm 2^{\circ}$ C

Test medium : 10% Igepal

Internal pressure : 0.5 kg/sq cm.

Test time : 7 days

Change in pressure allowed $: \le 0.05 \text{kg/sq cm}.$

Requirement: The sample shall be checked for the receptivity of splice closure in the given media. There shall not be any fall in the air pressure more than the prescribed limit.

Observation	Remarks

Observation	Remarks

4.16 Current Surge Test (Applicable for Armoured Optical fibre cable)

Check and note down the observation in Table below

Objective: This test is intended to check that externally grounded closures can safely conduct an accidental current surge on the cable through a controlled metal path to ground.

Test Parameters:

The internal current carrying components shall with stand a current surge of 1000 Amps for 5 seconds in case of Armoured optical fibre cable.

Requirement: No damage to any component part of the splice closure.

Observation	Remarks

4.17	UV test:	Check and note down the
		observation in Table below

Objective: To determine the effect of ultraviolet exposure if any on the Tensile and elongation properties of the non - metallic materials.

Test Method:

ASTM G-154 (latest issue) or as per Telcordia's GR 771 issue 2, July 2008 Duration: 2000 hours.

Test procedure:

- Prepare four-test sample of the non metallic material. Keep two samples inside the chamber and expose them to ultraviolet radiation. Continue the test for 2000 hours.
- 2. Check and compare the properties of the tensile and elongation of the two samples subject to radiation with the other 2 samples kept outside at ambient.

Requirement:

- There should not be any crack or damage to the sample.
- 2. The parameters of tensile and elongation shall not be reduced more than 20 % from the two samples at ambient.

Note: A test certificate from Govt. of India

recognized or accredited laboratory/ institute may	
be acceptable.	

Test Results:

Observation	Remarks

4.18 Galvanized Test: Objective: To check galvanized coating and the quality of galvanizing on metallic components of splice closure Test Method: IS: 2633-1972 for uniformity Requirement: The metallic components shall meet the requirement of the specifications.

Observation	Remarks
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5.0	Consumable Spares: As per Annexure -III	

6.0	Engineering Requirements:	
6.1	The splice closure shall be manufactured as per the latest state of art technology.	Check as per the requirement of the clause and comment
6.2	The splice closure shall be compact and composite in construction. The mechanical design and construction of the splice closure shall be inherently robust and rigid under all conditions of installation, operation, replacement, storage and transportation etc. The manufacturer shall define the weight of the closure. It shall be made up of heat resistance	Note and record the weight of the Splice Closure furnished by the manufacturer. Check as per the requirement of the clause
	material. The design of the closure must ensure: a) The splice closure shall be possible to be sealed hermetically and shall be able to prevent the intrusion of liquid and vapor into the closure interior. The neoprene/Silicon/EPDM_rubber Oring/gasket (circular in cross section) along with a circular clamp is to be used. b) Mechanical and Optical protection of the splice. c) Environmental protection of the splice. d) It shall be possible to pressurise the closure after installation to check the integrity of the environmental seal. The splice closure must be equipped with an integrated pressure valve. The valve shall be such mounted as to avoid any leakage or entry of moisture etc.	and comment Check as per the requirement of the clause and comment.

- fibres and buffers during mounting, functioning and dismounting.
- f) The possibility of the repeated, reopening and re-closing of the dome and base for access to fibre organizer shall be made available without removing or modifying the entire structure but only by replacing the sealing reusable component, if required.
- g) The addition of new cables shall be possible without replacing the complete closure, when a growth scenario is encountered. The closure shall allow the installation of a mid-sheath cable in addition to the 1st installation of either a butt or mid sheath splice. The addition of a new cable must be accomplished without the use of any special tool, if required and must not require the replacement or addition of any other closure parts.
- h) It shall be able to work in saline atmosphere in coastal areas and should be protected against corrosion.

6.4 Marking on body of the splice closures:

The following information by marking on the body of the splice closure shall be provided by way of engraving or laser printing method

- a) Manufacturer's name & date / year of production.
- b) Type of Joint closure (for example i.e. ARMJC)
- c) Number of splice (organizer) cassettes
- d) Number of Splices per cassette.

Check as per the requirement of the clause and comment.

	e) Batch number	
	f) Serial Number	
	g) Model No.	
	h) Capacity i.e. No. of cables and fibres	
	i) TEC GR No.	
7.0	Quality Requirements:	
7.1	The instrument shall be manufactured in	Note that the equipment is
	accordance with international quality standards ISO	manufactured in
	9001:2015 or latest issue for which the	accordance with
	manufacturer should be duly accredited. A quality	international quality
	plan describing the quality assurance system	standards ISO 9001:2015
	followed by the manufacturer would be required to	or latest issue. Also a
	be submitted by the manufacturer.	quality plan describing the
		quality assurance system
		followed by the
		manufacturer should be
		submitted.
8.0	Environmental Requirements:	
8.1	The splice closure shall meet the environmental	Ţ.
	requirements as per document QM-333 (or TEC	as per QM-333 Category
	14016:2010) (Latest issue) specification for	"C" shall be carried out
	environmental testing. The applicable tests shall be	separately. Test reports
	for environment category "C" including drop &	from any NABL accredited
	topple, vibration and corrosion tests, unless	test lab or any Conformity
	otherwise specified separately.	Assessment Body (CAB)
		recognized by TEC shall
		be acceptable.

8.2	The splice closure shall meet Telcordia's GR-771	Check as per the
	requirement for environment applications including	requirement of the clause
	section on sealing.	and comment.
9.0	Safety Requirements:	Check as per the
		requirement of the clause
	The materials used for manufacturing the	and comment.
	components parts of the closure should not be	
	noxious for the installation and maintenance	
	personnel and shall not cause any environmental	
	pollution. It shall be dermatologically safe. The	
	closure installation shall not require the use of any	
	noxious contact cements or liquid adhesives.	

CHAPTER-2

Clause	Clause	Type of Test / Test No. etc. *	
No.			
10.0	Documentation:	Check as per the requirement	
	The technical literature in English language	of the clause and comment.	
	along with detailed drawings of all the		
	assemblies and parts shall be provided. All the		
	aspects of Installation, Operation and		
	Maintenance including illustration of external		
	and internal parts shall be covered in the		
	manual. The soft copy as well as hard copy of		
	the manuals shall also be provided. The		
	manuals shall include the following:		
	a) Installation, Operation and Maintenance	Check as per the requirement	
	details of closure	of the clause and comment.	
	b) Safety measures to be observed in handling	Check as per the requirement	
	the closure.	of the clause and comment.	
	c) Precautions for operation and maintenance	Check as per the requirement	
		of the clause and comment.	
	d) Illustration of internal and external parts.	Check as per the requirement	
		of the clause and comment.	
	e) List of the parts including their source and	Check as per the requirement	
	ordering information for all the replaceable	of the clause and comment.	
	parts.		
	f) Detailed method for re-opening and re-	Check as per the requirement	
	closing of the splice closure.	of the clause and comment.	

	g) Each splice closure shall be supplied along	Check as per the requirement
	with small booklet giving the installation method	of the clause and comment.
	etc. in brief to help the installer in field by way	
	of illustrations.	
	h) Packaging list of all items included in the	Check as per the requirement
	shipping container.	of the clause and comment.
	i) A flow chart for the installation of the closure	Check as per the requirement
	(giving the diagrams and details of parts etc.)	of the clause and comment.
	shall be provided along with the each closure.	
11.0	Shipping Container and Packaging	
	Arrangement:	
	a) All the materials and component parts	Check as per the requirement
	specified by the manufacturer for installation	of the clause and comment.
	shall be shipped in a single container.	
	Packaging of parts in the carton shall be such	
	that the parts become available in the order in	
	which they are needed.	
	b) The shipping container and the packaging	Check as per the requirement
	equipment shall be reusable, recyclable or	of the clause and comment.
	biodegradable.	
	c) The packaged parts shall be clearly labeled	Check as per the requirement
	with part number & names consistent with	of the clause and comment.
	those given in the instructions	
	d) If consumable material with a limited shelf	Check as per the requirement
	life is packaged with the closure assembly, the	of the clause and comment.
	expiration date shall be clearly marked.	
	e) The packaging shall be adequate to ensure	Check as per the requirement
	that no damage will occur to the splice closure	of the clause and comment.
	or materials under normal handling, shipping	
	and storage in reasonably dry unheated	

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	quarters.	
12.0	Guidelines for the Purchaser	Guidelines are for the
12.0		
	Following clauses shall be applicable for Splice	reference of the purchaser only
	closure for Armoured Optical fibre cable:	
	 i. The size of the cassette (or splice tray) to be used inside the splice closure is mentioned in Clause No. 3.6.3 of this GR. The purchaser may procure a higher size splice tray as per their requirement, provided the given splice closure meets the requirements as specified in this GR. ii. The bond clamp shall remain firmly attached to the cable shield of an Armoured cable when the clamp to sheath joint is subjected to a tensile load of 9 kg. There shall be no evidence of the clamps loosening or damage to the clamp or to the cable that would reduce its current carrying capacity as required by AC surge current test (clause no. 4.16) after the removal of the load. The closure must be designed to allow independent and common bonding. iii. Arrangement shall be made inside the closure to ensure metallic continuity with the 	
	metallic parts of the cables.	

iv. The point of connection on the splice closure for earthling shall be waterproof and airtight to avoid ingress of moisture into the closure. v. A grounding device and mounting accessories shall be provided for grounding the splice closure if required by the user, and in such cases: a. It shall be possible to make metallic connection on the body of the closure for proper grounding arrangement of the closure. b. All the fixture like lugs (thimble) suitable to accommodate earth wire of 6 SWG, washers, bolt & nuts etc. shall be provided. Note: The earthing of the splice closure may be carried out, only in case of armoured optical fibre cables, if required by the user or purchaser. 13.0 Procedure for Issue of Approval Certificate 13.1 The approval certificate against this Standard for GR shall be issued after successful testing against the clauses of this Standard. 13.2 There may be variations in the fibre holding arrangement within the cassette (splice tray) of the Splice closure depending on the application of the splice closure whether for Ribbon or Non-Ribbon optical fibre cables. The manufacturer seeking approval certificate against this Standard for GR for Splice closure shall

	explicitly mention the different types of the cassettes (splice trays) with their		
	corresponding application (i.e. whether for accommodating loose fibres or		
	ribboned fibre), that intend to be put inside the given splice closure.		
13.3	The different types of cassette(or splice tray) designed for accommodating either loose fibres or		
	ribboned fibre may be covered under a single approval certificate issued against this Standard		
	for GR for Splice closure, provided they meet the requirements as specified in this GR and		
	testing being done for each type of cassette(or splice tray).		
13.4	The approval certificate issued against this Standard for GR for Splice closure should clearly		
	mention the types of cassettes (splice trays) used inside the given splice closure and whether		
	these cassettes (splice trays) types are for accommodating loose fibres or ribboned fibres.		

^{*}Physical Check/Declaration/Documentation/ Report from Accredited test lab/ Functional verification / Information / Test No.

I. SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS

GR/IR No	
TSTP No	
Equipment name & Model No	

Clause	Compliance	Remarks /
No.	(Complied /Not Complied / Submitted/Not Submitted	Test Report
	/ Not Applicable)	Annexure No.

[Add as per requirement]

Date	,
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Place:

Signature & Name of TEC testing Officer /

* Signature of Applicant / Authorized Signatory

^{*} Section J as given above is also to be submitted by the Applicant/ Authorised signatory as part of in-house test results along with Form-A. The Authorised signatory shall be the same as the one for Form 'A'.

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Name of Manufac	turer/Stakeholde	r:	
Organization:			
Contact details:			
Clause No.	Clause	Comments	Other Remarks,

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