

# Datasheet



## External Underground Mini Loosetube OM3 Multimode Optical cable

CAT. NO. MLTOM306, MLTOM312, MLTOM324, MLTOM348



- IEC 60794-5
- **Multi-loose tube construction** – Single layer 2 to 48 fibres.
- **Central strength member (CSM):** Glass fibre reinforced plastic material (GRP) with over-sheathing.
- **Tube:** Thermoplastic material, containing up to 12 optical fibres filled with a low viscosity, thixotropic, non-melting gel fully compatible with fibre coating and tube material.
- **Stranding:** The required numbers of elements (tubes and fillers) are SZ stranded around the central strength member.
- **Longitudinal water tightness:** Water swellable elements (dry-core)
- **Sheath:** UV stabilised polyethylene in compliance with AS 1049. Two ripcords provided beneath the sheath for easy removal.
- **Outer jacket:** UV stabilised polyamide (Nylon) in compliance with AS1049 integrally bonded to PE sheath.

### Application and Installation

This loose tube dielectric optical cable is designed for external underground installations in (micro) ducts by pulling, blowing or floating techniques or by direct burial in open-cut trenches. Polyamide provides anti-termite protection. Optimised for blowing into mini ducts of 10 mm diameter.

### Cable Technical Specifications

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Number of fibres	6	12	24	48
Number of elements	6			
Tube/ Filler diameter	1.55 mm			
Cable Nominal diameter	6.3 mm			
Cable Nominal weight	33 kg/km			
Max. Installation tension	1.0 kN			
Max. Crush resistance	2.0 kN/100 mm			
Min. Bending Radius	At full load 130 mm or at no load 65 mm			
Temperature range	Installation -0°C to +50°C	Transport & Storage -20°C to +70°C		Operation -10°C to +70°C

### Identification

Fibre and Buffer Tube Colours

No	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Colour	BLUE	ORANGE	GREEN	BROWN	GREY	WHITE	RED	BLACK	YELLOW	VIOLET	PINK	AQUA

Fillers are either natural (opaque) or black.

### Sheath Colour

The outer sheath colour is blue.

**Sheath Marking:** The outer sheath is marked in 1 metre intervals as follows:

LEGRAND <LEGRAND CODE> <NFIB>F <FIBRE TYPE> MINI LOOSE  
TUBE DUCT C/N#### MM/YY MADE IN AUSTRALIA \*\*\*\*\*M >> | << \*\*\*\*\*M

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### Main mechanical characteristics

Parameter	Test method	Test conditions	Acceptance criteria*
Tensile strength	IEC 60794-1-21-E1	Load: As per cable maximum tensile strength in table above	Fibre strain $\leq$ 0.6%. No physical damage and no change in attenuation after test
Crush	IEC 60794-1-21-E3	Short time: 10 min Long time: 120 min Load: As per maximum crush resistance in table above Number of positions: 3 adjacent sections (ensuring one over tube and one over lay reversal)	No damage to the sheath or to the core structure and no attenuation change throughout the test
Impact	IEC 60794-1-21-E4	Weight: 1.5 kg Height: 1.0 m Anvil radius: 12.5 mm Impacts: 1	After 5 minutes no fibre breaks, no damage to the sheath or to the core structure and no attenuation change throughout test
Torsion	IEC 60794-1-21-E7	Sample length: 1m  Rotation: a) 180°clockwise b) return to starting position c) 180° anticlockwise d) return to starting position  Four movements constitute one cycle. Complete 10 cycles (a to d) in one minute maximum	During the final tenth cycle at a), c) and after completion (no rotation) check transmitting fibres  No fibre breaks, no damage to the sheath or to the core structure and no attenuation change throughout test
Bend	IEC 60794-1-21-E11	Mandrel radius: As per Min. bending radius at no load in technical data table above No. of turns/helix: 4 No. of cycles: 3	No attenuation change throughout test
Bend under tension	Concurrent to tensile test	Mandrel radius: As per Min. bending radius at full load in technical data table above Bend: 360°, 1 turn	After 1 minute no fibre breaks, no damage to the sheath or to the core structure and no attenuation change throughout test
Temperature cycling	IEC 60794-1-22-F1	Sample length: 1000 m (minimum) Temperature range: As per Operation temperature range in technical data table above	No change in attenuation between 10°C & 30°C. Max. change in attenuation $\leq$ 0.15 dB/km between Min. & Max. operation temperatures
Cable Aging	IEC 60794-1-22-F9	85°C for 168 h followed by Temperature cycling	Max. change in attenuation $\leq$ 0.10 dB/km after test
Water penetration	IEC 60794-1-22-F5C	Sample length = 3 m Water height = 1 m	No water leakage after 24 hours

\*All optical measurements for single mode fibres performed at 1550 nm.

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### Fibres Technical Specifications

#### Standards and Norms

IEC 60793-2-10: type A1a.2	ISO / IEC 11801 Category OM3
ITU G.651.1	AS/CA S008

#### Attenuation of cabled fibre

Attribute	Measurement method	Units	Limits
Attenuation at 850 nm	IEC 60793-1-40	dB/km	≤ 2.5
Attenuation at 1300 nm		dB/km	≤ 0.7
Point discontinuity at 850 nm & 1300 nm		dB/km	≤ 0.1
Numerical aperture	IEC 60793-1-43	-	0.200 +/- 0.015

#### Group index of refraction

Attribute	Measurement method	Values
Typical group index of refraction at 850 nm	IEC 60793-1-22	1.482
Typical group index of refraction at 1300 nm		1.477

#### Geometrical properties

Attribute	Measurement method	Units	Limits
Core diameter	IEC 60793-1-20	µm	50 ± 2.5
Cladding diameter			125.0 ± 1.0
Core-cladding concentricity error			≤ 1.5
Core non-circularity	IEC 60793-1-20	%	≤ 5
Cladding non-circularity			≤ 1.0
Primary coating diameter	IEC 60793-1-21	µm	245 ± 10
Primary coating non-circularity		%	≤ 5
Primary coating-cladding concentricity error		µm	≤ 10

#### Bending Loss

Attribute	Measurement method	Units	Limits
2 turns on a R= 7.5 mm mandrel at 850 nm	IEC 60793-1-40	dB	≤ 0.2
2 turns on a R= 7.5 mm mandrel at 1300 nm			≤ 0.5
2 turns on a R= 15 mm mandrel at 850 nm			≤ 0.1
2 turns on a R= 15 mm mandrel at 1300 nm			≤ 0.3

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### Mechanical properties

Attribute	Measurement method	Units	Limits
Proof stress level	IEC 60793-1-30	GPa	$\geq 0.7$ ( $\approx 1\%$ )
Average strip force ( $F_{ave}$ )	IEC 60793-1-32	N	$1.0 \leq F_{ave} \leq 3.0$
Peak strip force ( $F_{peak}$ )			$1.3 \leq F_{peak} \leq 8.9$

### Bandwidth

Attribute	Measurement method	Units	Limits
Overfilled launch modal bandwidth (OFL) at 850 nm	IEC 60793-1-41	Mhz.km	$\geq 1500$
Overfilled launch modal bandwidth (OFL) at 1300 nm			$\geq 500$
Effective modal bandwidth (EMB) @ 850 nm	IEC 60793-1-49		$\geq 2000$

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