

A Guideline for Aerospace Platform Fiber Optic Training and Awareness Education
Introduction to Aerospace Fiber Optics
Knowledge Competencies

RATIONALE

The Aerospace industry has always required the highest standards of workmanship to be maintained. To ensure that the Aerospace fiber optics industry adopts these same high standards, it's essential that minimum training and certification requirements be established. This document outlines the minimum training requirements for all personnel working or associated with fiber optic components or systems in accordance with aerospace industry best practices.

1. SCOPE

This document establishes training guidelines applicable to fiber optic safety training, technical training and fiber awareness for individuals involved in the manufacturing, installation, support, integration and testing of fiber optic systems. Applicable personnel include:

Managers

Engineers

Technicians

Logisticians

Trainers/Instructors

Third Party Maintenance Agencies

Quality Assurance

Shipping

Receiving

Production

Purchasing

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2.1 ANSI Publications

Available from American National Standards Institute, 25 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036-8002, Tel: 212-642-4900, www.ansi.org.

ANSI Z136.1-200 American National Standard for Safe Use of Lasers

ANSI Z136.2-1997 American National Standard for the Safe Use of Optical Fiber Communication Systems Utilizing Laser Diode and LED Sources

ANSI/TIA-440-B-2004 Fiber Optic Terminology

2.2 IEC Publications

Available from International Electrotechnical Commission, 3, rue de Varembe, P.O. Box 131, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, Tel: +44-22-919-02-11, www.iec.ch.

IEC 60825-1 Laser Safety Equipment Classification (Safety of laser products)

IEC 60825-2 Safety of Optical Fibre Communication Systems

IEC 60825-4 Laser Guards

2.3 NASA Publications

Available from NASA, Documentation, Marshall Space Flight Center, AL 35812, www.nas.nasa.gov.

NASA-STD-8739.5 Fiber Optic Terminations, Cable Assemblies, and Installation

2.4 NAVAIR Publications

Available from Commanding Officer, Naval Air Technical Data and Engineering Service Command, Naval Air Station, North Island, P.O. Box 357031, Building 90, Distribution, San Diego, CA 92135-7031.

NAVAIR 01-1A-505.4 Installation and Testing Practices Aircraft Fiber Optic Cabling

2.5 U.S. Government Publications

Available from the Document Automation and Production Service (DAPS), Building 4/D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Tel: 215-697-6257, <http://assist.daps.dla.mil/quicksearch/>.

FED-STD-1037C Glossary of Telecommunications Terms

2.6 Other Applicable References

Understanding Fiber Optics, Jeff Hecht, ISBN 0-13-956145-5

Fiber Optics Installer and Technician Guide, Bill Woodward, ISBN 0-7821-4390-3

3. HOW TO USE THIS DOCUMENT

This document is intended to be used as a guideline for all persons conducting aerospace fiber optic awareness training. This training document is broken into 16 major categories. Each category contains detailed training competencies. The detailed training competencies describe the level of knowledge each student should have about that particular item.

1. INTRODUCTION TO AEROSPACE FIBER OPTICS

- 1.1 Explain the historical evolution of fiber optic technology
- 1.2 Explain the harsh environments of fiber optic technology in aeronautical and space applications

2. PRINCIPLES OF FIBER OPTIC TRANSMISSION

- 2.1 Describe the basic parts of a fiber optic link
- 2.2 Describe the basic operation of a fiber optic transmitter
- 2.3 Describe the basic operation of a fiber optic receiver
- 2.4 Describe how the decibel is used to compare relative power levels (dB)
- 2.5 Describe how the decibel is used to measure absolute power (dBm)

3. SAFETY AWARENESS

- 3.1 Explain personnel and platform safety issues including foreign object damage (FOD) and equipment damage
- 3.2 Describe the best practices associated with the safe handling of fiber materials and hand tools
- 3.3 Describe how to properly dispose of fiber optic waste
- 3.4 Explain how to properly handle hazardous materials and the purpose of a material safety data sheet (MSDS)
- 3.5 Describe emergency procedures

4. BASIC PRINCIPLES OF LIGHT

- 4.1 Compare wavelength and frequency, and demonstrate how to calculate one when the other is known
- 4.2 Explain light wave and light particle theory