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FOREWORD

(This Foreword is not part of this Standard.)

This Standard provides information on specifying optical fiber cables for outdoor use in telecommunications applications.

The first edition of this Standard was approved by ICEA on March 4, 1992, and the second revision on September 15, 1999. A third revision was approved by ICEA on June 8, 2005. It was published by ICEA, but was not published as an ANSI-approved Standard. Revision 4 of this Standard, approved by ICEA on September 13, 2006, was a republication of revision 3. It was approved by The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) on December 8, 2006 and adopted by the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) as TIA-472D000-B in April 2007. The fifth revision was approved by ICEA on June 7, 2011 and by ANSI on January 17, 2012. The members of the ICEA Communications Cable Division Working Group who participated in the sixth edition of this standard were:

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This issue replaces the previous issue of ANSI/ICEA S-87-640-2011, *Standard for Optical Fiber Outside Plant Communications Cable*. Major changes in this revision include the following:

- Addition of new fiber types
- Added 200 µm fiber coating option
- Redefined hybrid and composite cable
- Added additional ribbon types
- No fiber splices allowed in cable
- Clarified the residual fiber strain for greater than 100 to 200 kpsi fiber is a maximum of 17 % or proof test load
- Figure 8 galloping test now references IEC 60794-1-21 Method E26 standard
- Added jacket fungus resistance test.

This Standard contains eight annexes. Annexes C, D, and F are normative and are considered part of this Standard. Annex E is normative and considered part of this Standard when required by the customer. Annexes A, B, G, and H are informative and are not considered part of this Standard.

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