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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.

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This issue replaces the previous issue of ANSI/ICEA S-87-640-2006, *Standard for Optical Fiber Outside Plant Communications Cable*. Major changes in this revision include the following:

- Addition of new fiber types
- Addition of a mid-span buffer tube storage testing
- Addition of a buffer tube kink test
- Addition of all-dielectric self-support cable requirements
- Addition of an informative annex on General Outside Plant Optical Fiber Cable Installation Considerations

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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