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INTRODUCTION

The goal of this document is to define the performance test methods for image quality, a feature of video surveillance systems which is subject to change depending on the environmental conditions (temperature and humidity).

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62676 is an extension of IEC 62676-5 which defines measuring methods for performance values of video surveillance camera equipment and defines image quality tests under the given temperature and humidity environment.

This document is mainly targeting cameras with integrated lenses as the lenses are a major component that can impact the results. If the lens is selectable, the lens will be stated together with the results.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60068-2-1:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Test A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 62676-5:2018, *Video surveillance systems for use in security applications – Part 5: Data specifications and image quality performance for camera devices*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

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3.1.1

colour temperature

numerical value used to indicate the chromaticity of a light source that has a spectral distribution of (or close to) the radiation generated when heat is applied to a blackbody radiator

3.1.2

gain

camera's function to amplify the electronic signal

3.1.3 image

visual representation of a scene shown through the camera

Note 1 to entry: The term "image" in this document shall include multiple images within an image stream.

3.1.4 image quality

precision with which an image reproduces the captured scene

Note 1 to entry: Image quality is measured as a collection of parameters like sharpness, brightness, colour reproduction, resolution, uniformity of illumination, contrast, image distortion (see IEC 62676-5).

3.1.5 resolution

ability of a camera or video system to reproduce the details of the original scene

3.1.6 stable temperature

state reached when the internal object temperature changes less than 0,1 °C for a period of 5 min, with a measurement integration time of > 10 s

3.1.7 field of view

angle at which a camera can capture an image through the lens

Note 1 to entry: The field of view is expressed as a horizontal field of view, a vertical field of view, and a diagonal field of view.

3.2 Abbreviated terms

AGC automatic gain control

CPU central processing unit

MTF modulation transfer function [IEC 62676-5-1](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/iec/8bc33d47-c091-44c3-ad0c-21c2ffe1c525/iec-62676-5-1)

s-SFR sine-based spatial frequency response

4 Test environment

4.1 Overview

Clause 4 provides general conditions of the test environment and equipment configuration necessary for the evaluation of image quality in accordance with the temperature and humidity conditions during operation of a video surveillance system.

4.2 Test environment configuration

Standard measurement conditions shall follow IEC 62676-5:2018, 5.1.

Measurement shall be at a room temperature of 23 °C ± 2 °C.

4.3 Measurement environment

The measurement environment shall follow IEC 62676-5:2018, 5.3.

As environmental testing is required, the test equipment shall be placed into an environmental chamber to change environmental conditions. An example of the measurement environment is shown in Figure 1.

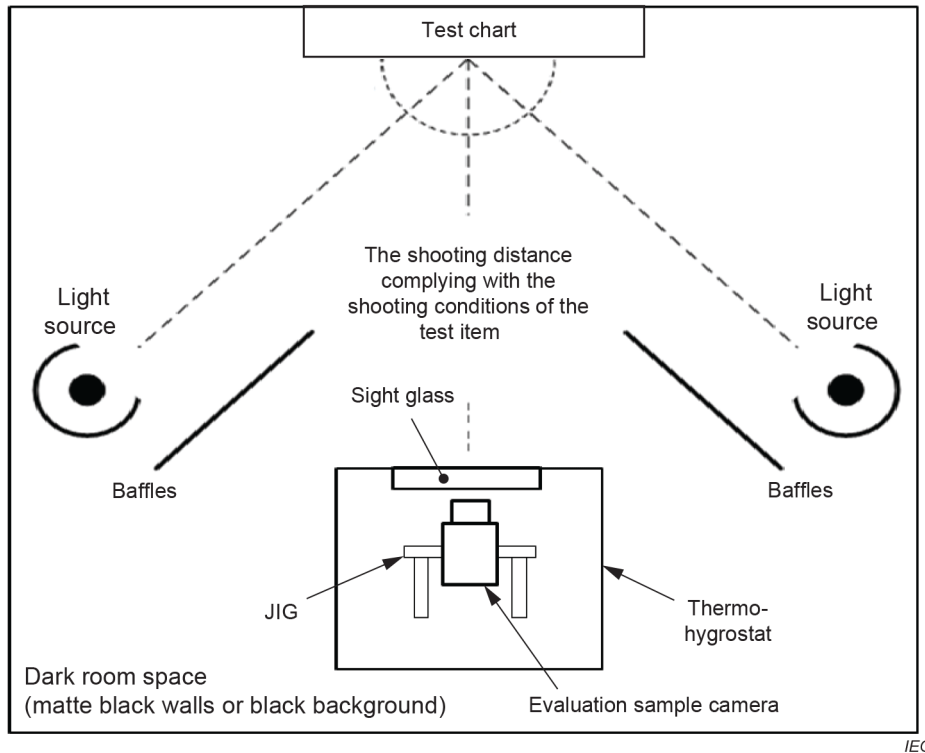


Figure 1 – Example of measurement environment

The structure of the test equipment consists of a thermo-hygrostat chamber with a sight glass, an evaluation sample camera, a jig (for horizontal or vertical control of the evaluation sample camera), a chart (test chart), a light source, and baffles. The test lab shall be a dark space (matte black walls or a black background).

Only the evaluation sample camera shall be placed in the thermo-hygrostat chamber. Other measurement equipment such as test chart, light source and others shall not be placed inside the thermo-hygrostat chamber because specifications are not guaranteed in conditions different from room temperature.

The distance between the evaluation sample camera and the sight glass shall be as close as possible to avoid reflection or other optical issues.

When a 3 100 K light source is irradiated, the illuminance attenuation of 50 % or less shall be maintained compared to the conditions without a sight glass. See Annex A for the method of measuring the sight glass illuminance attenuation rate.

NOTE Baffles are used to prevent the light source from directly irradiating the evaluation sample camera, but it can be removed if the camera is not influenced by the configuration of the test lab.

5 Test

5.1 General test conditions

General test conditions shall follow IEC 62676-5:2018, 5.3.

5.2 General standard photographing conditions

5.2.1 Lighting conditions

Lighting conditions shall follow IEC 62676-5:2018, 5.1.2.1.

5.2.2 Field angle

Field angle shall follow IEC 62676-5:2018, 5.1.2.4.

5.2.3 Lens iris

Lens iris shall follow IEC 62676-5:2018, 5.1.2.5.

5.2.4 Standard camera settings

Standard camera settings shall follow IEC 62676-5:2018, 5.1.2.6.

5.3 Image quality

5.3.1 Resolution

5.3.1.1 General

To evaluate the resolution change as part of the image quality in the environmental conditions of video surveillance system cameras, the sine-based spatial frequency response (s-SFR) measurement method defined in IEC 62676-5:2018, 5.4.2.4, shall be used.

In IEC 62676-5:2018, 5.4.2.3, the visual resolution method using a resolution chart to determine the visibility of the wedge pattern is introduced. This method can be used where it is not possible to apply the s-SFR method requiring video capture and calculation on a personal computer.

In case the visual resolution method is used it shall be reported together with the results.

5.3.1.2 Camera setting conditions

The camera setting conditions shall be in accordance with the general camera standard settings in 5.2.4, except for the items listed in Table 1.

In the case where it is possible to have the settings indicated in Table 1 (or other similar settings) below, such settings shall apply.

Table 1 – Camera settings for resolution

Item	Settings
Automatic gain control (AGC)	OFF
Gain	0 dB

For cameras that cannot be set as above, use the default values (factory default settings).

High CPU load (e.g. multi-stream, multi-codecs, high-bandwidth output, etc.) can lead to increase of the internal temperature of the camera and can affect the results. If the test is done in a different setting from above, the conditions shall be stated with the result.

5.3.1.3 Prior test of sight glass impact

The optical characteristics (e.g. modulation transfer function (MTF)) of the sight glass are usually not defined and are unknown. Therefore, the effect on resolution measurement shall be measured beforehand to test whether the sight glass can qualify the resolution measurement with the target camera to be tested. The degradation of resolution with and without the sight glass shall be less than 10 %. If the resolution degradation result is greater than 10 %, this measurement shall be done with another thermo-hygrostat chamber that fulfils this requirement.