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## Part 1-200: Environmental test methods – General requirements

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61196 gives the general requirements and conditions for environmental tests to be performed on coaxial communication cables and applies to the IEC 61196-1-2xx series, which specifies environmental test methods for coaxial communication cables.

Further test details (e.g. temperature, duration) and/or test requirements ~~may~~ can be given in the relevant test procedure and/or the relevant sectional or detail specification.

A table with environmental test methods of the IEC 61196-1-2xx series is given in Annex A.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 61196-1, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1: Generic specification – General, definitions and requirements*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 61196-1 apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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### 4 Sampling

#### 4.1 Cable under test (CUT)

Unless otherwise specified in the relevant test method, the length of the CUT shall be selected to take into account the dynamic range of the measuring equipment to yield the required level of accuracy. The length should be measured with an accuracy better than 1 % unless otherwise stated in the relevant cable specification.

#### 4.2 Pre-conditioning

The CUT shall be pre-conditioned at a constant ambient temperature for such time as to allow the specimen temperature to stabilize according to 6.1.

## 5 Tests

The tests required and performance characteristics applicable to each type of cable are given in the relevant cable standard.

## 6 Test conditions

### 6.1 Ambient conditions

Tests shall be made at:

- temperature: 15 °C to 35 °C,
  - relative humidity: 25 % to 75 % (no condensation),
  - air pressure: 86 kPa to 106 kPa,
- unless otherwise specified.

### 6.2 Tolerance on temperature values

Unless otherwise specified in the relevant specification, the tolerance on temperature shall be  $\pm 2$  °C.

## 7 Equipment calibration

Equipment calibration shall be considered as part of the quality system.

## 8 Test report

The test report shall include the measurement results and the actual measuring conditions with their maximum deviations.

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### Environmental test methods of the IEC 61196-1-2xx series

IEC 61196-1-2xx, Coaxial communication cables – Part 1-2xx: Environmental test methods, consists of the following documents:

IEC 61196-1-200	General requirements
IEC 61196-1-201	Test for cold bend performance of cable
<del>IEC 61196-1-202</del>	<del>Resistance to environmental stress cracking<sup>1</sup></del>
IEC 61196-1-203	Test for water penetration of cable
IEC 61196-1-205	Resistance to solvents and contaminating fluids
IEC 61196-1-206	Climatic sequence
IEC 61196-1-208	Longitudinal pneumatic resistance
IEC 61196-1-209	Thermal cycling <sup>2</sup>
IEC 61196-1-212	UV stability
IEC 61196-1-215	High temperature cable ageing

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