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**Part 2:**

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This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

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\* IEC technical committee 50: Environmental testing, has been transformed into IEC technical committee 104.

## ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING –

### Part 2: Tests – Test Xc: Fluid contamination

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60068 gives a method of test which provides a standard procedure to determine the ability of components, equipments or their constituent materials, hereinafter referred to as specimen, to withstand accidental contact with fluids, without being unacceptably affected.

The fluids listed in this part of IEC 60068 are representative of those commonly encountered in operational applications. It is not intended that a specimen should be exposed to all, or even any of them. Nor is the list intended to be complete; fluids not listed and for which a test is appropriate should be included in the relevant specification. Guidance is given in annex A on the choice of test fluids, specimens and severities.

These tests are not intended to demonstrate the suitability of components or equipments to perform in continuous contact with a fluid, e.g. an immersed fuel pump. Nor are they a test to demonstrate immunity from electrolytic corrosion.

#### 2 Normative references

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ISO 1817:1985, *Rubber, vulcanized – Determination of the effect of liquids*

#### 3 Test fluid

##### 3.1 Specification of test fluid

The relevant specification (see clause 12) shall specify the required test fluids which shall wherever possible be selected from the list given in table 1. Each fluid has been specified as being representative of a group of fluids. (See clause A.2.)

The relevant specification shall also specify any additional fluids not listed in table 1 for which a test is required.

##### 3.2 Precaution

Since many fluids may have flash points within the test temperature range, care should be taken to ensure that adequate safety measures are taken to limit the possibility of fire or explosion.



Some fluids may themselves, or in combination with other fluids or the specimen, be toxic. Due consideration should be given to this possibility before commencing the tests. Consultation of a health and safety expert is strongly advised.

**Table 1 – Major contaminant fluid groups and test fluids**

Contaminant fluid group		Test fluid reference	Test fluid <sup>1)</sup>	Test temperature <sup>2)</sup> ±2 °C
Fuels	Kerosene (turbine)	(a)	ISO 1817 test liquid F	70 <sup>3)</sup>
	Gasoline (piston engine)	(b)	ISO 1817 test liquid B	40 <sup>3)</sup>
Hydraulic fluids	Mineral oil based	(c)	NATO H-520; (OM18) <sup>4)</sup>	70
	Phosphate ester based (synthetic)	(d)	ISO 1817 test liquid 103	70
	Silicone based	(e)	Dimethyl silicone, 10 mm <sup>2</sup> /s (cSt) at 25 °C (ZX42; NATO S1714)	70
Lubricating oils	Mineral based	(f)	NATO 0-1176 (OMD 80)	70
	Ester based (synthetic)	(g)	ISO 1817 test liquid 101	150
Solvents and cleaning fluids		(h)	Propan-2-ol (isopropyl alcohol)	50 <sup>3)</sup>
		(i)	De-natured alcohol	23
		(j)	Detergent	23
De-icing and anti-freeze fluids		(k)	Inhibited ethanediol (ethylene glycol) with a volume fraction of 80 % in water	23
		(l)	Inhibited ethanediol (ethylene glycol) with a volume fraction of 50 % in water	23
Runway de-icers		(m)	25 % urea/25 % ethanediol (ethylene glycol) in water <sup>4)</sup>	23
		(n)	50 % inhibited potassium acetate in water <sup>4)</sup>	23
Insecticides		(o)	Dichlorvos (DDVP) pyrethrum based, 2 % solution in kerosene	23
		(p)	D-phenothrin 2 % solution in kerosene	23
Coolant dielectric fluid (see A.2.9)		(q)	Coolanol 25R	70
Fire extinguishants		(r)	Fluorochemical foam (rapid intervention)	23
		(s)	Fluoroprotein foam	23
<p>1) Wherever possible the fluid given is specified in an International Standard or is described by its constituent chemicals. In some cases a NATO identification has been used in preference to a commercial identification. Reference to relevant commercial literature can correlate the NATO number with commercially available fluid(s).</p> <p>2) See clauses 8, 9, 10 and A.7.</p> <p>3) This temperature exceeds the critical flash point temperature. Expert advice should be taken on the conduct of the test.</p> <p>4) NATO H-515 may be used as an alternative if desired.</p>				