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## INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 60721 is intended as part of the strategy for defining an environmental description from measured data acquired at multiple locations whilst a product is either in storage, being transported or in-use at weather or non-weather protected locations. This measured data is normally in the form of acceleration versus time records. This, in turn, will then allow appropriate severities to be chosen from the IEC 60068-2 series [1]<sup>1</sup> of shock and vibration test methods. Environmental levels given in IEC 60721-3 [2] should then be applied, having been updated based upon the strategy described in this standard.

More detailed information may be obtained from specialist documentation, some of which is given in the bibliography.

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## CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS –

### Part 2-9: Environmental conditions appearing in nature – Measured shock and vibration data – Storage, transportation and in-use

#### 1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60721 is intended to be used to define the strategy for arriving at an environmental description from measured data when related to a product's life cycle.

Its object is to define fundamental properties and quantities for characterization of storage, transportation and in-use shock and vibration data as background material for the severities to which products are liable to be exposed during those phases of their lifecycle.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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##### 3.1 Introductory remarks

Shock and vibrations measured in storage, transportation platforms and in-use locations can vary considerably from a basic sinusoidal character to pure random, which itself may or may not be normally distributed. If it is the latter, it can be reasonably assumed that the process is a sum of normally distributed random waves of differing amplitudes mixed in a complex manner.

Rarely can a real world environment be classified purely as a sinusoidal vibration and is normally associated with a discrete excitation mechanism such as rotating machinery, aero engines, propellers and is normally mixed with an associated random vibration process. It is then necessary for the specification writer to decide whether to conduct a random vibration test only or to perform one of the mixed mode tests.

Associated with the vibration environment for each life-cycle stage is, potentially, a shock environment which may produce much higher acceleration levels in certain circumstances. Generally speaking, the frequency content for these shocks is contained within the 0 Hz to 200 Hz bandwidth for, say, transportation, assuming that the packaged product is firmly secured to the transport platform base and is not therefore 'bouncing around'. However, much higher frequencies, maybe in the kHz range, may be present in the in-use stage, again dependent upon the real world scenario.

The process described below is for a random vibration environment, since it is probably the most common form of test conducted. Any statement made therefore about the random process should be interpreted as applying to the alternative process. However, it can equally be applied to the shock environment by calculating the shock response spectrum and conducting the same process on this spectrum as for an acceleration spectral density (ASD)

spectrum. It is also equally applicable to sinusoidal data in the form of acceleration versus frequency. However, special attention may be required for this data dependent upon the initial process involved, that is, the acceleration involved, the r.m.s. value or the discrete value at the frequency in question.

Other factors to be considered in this process include:

- a) factoring for the random spectra, which may depend upon the eventual purpose of the test programme, for example, robustness, qualification etc.;
- b) statistical properties of the environment;
- c) statistical properties of the product;
- d) time – life cycle profile.

This clause looks at some of the general characteristics that can be expected from the storage, transportation and use of a product.

### 3.2 Storage

During storage, the product is placed at a certain site for long periods, but not intended for use during these periods. The storage location may be weather-protected, either totally or partially, or non-weather-protected. In any case, in the storage environment the product will undergo handling, thus it may be subjected to severe shock and vibration levels depending on the type of handling devices and storage racks. As a consequence, the product may be subjected to very benign, insignificant shock and vibration levels through to significant levels, such as those transmitted from machines or passing vehicles, and maybe even higher levels of shock and vibration such as that seen when stored close to heavy machines and conveyor belts.

### 3.3 Transportation

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#### 3.3.1 Road

A shock and vibration environment is experienced any time a product is transported by road. The main factors affecting the magnitude and frequency of such an environment are

- the design of the carrying vehicle,
- the velocity of the vehicle,
- the road profile,
- the position of the product in the vehicle,
- the reference axis for the vibration measurements with respect to the vehicle axis, generally a vertical axis is the worst,
- the product itself may influence the vehicle response,
- the payload on the vehicle.

Historically, the road transport environment was simulated in the laboratory using sinusoidal vibration. Today, it is more usual to use random vibration and the strategy defined in this standard applies to that technique. It is also normal practice to include both road transport and handling shocks in a test regime as the content can be very different. The relevant specification will need to specify if this is a requirement.

#### 3.3.2 Rail

Rail environments depend upon the suspension design which, in modern trains, is air based. Nevertheless, not all trains are modern, especially when dealing with freight transportation, thus high level and wide frequency range environments extending to high values can be anticipated. The air-based suspension system provides a very smooth, therefore generally low level, low frequency environment. Shunting shocks may produce significantly higher