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## Introduction

Other International Standards of this series describe how the parameters influencing the human thermoregulation in a given environment must be estimated or quantified. Others specify how these parameters must be integrated in order to predict the degree of discomfort or the health risk in these environments. The present document was prepared to standardize the methods that occupational health specialists should use to approach a given problem and progressively collect the information needed to control or prevent the problem.

The method of computation and interpretation of thermal balance is based on the latest scientific information. Future improvements concerning the calculation of the different terms of the heat balance equation, or its interpretation, will be taken into account when they become available. In its present form, this method of assessment is not applicable to cases where special protective clothing (reflective clothing, active cooling and ventilation, impermeable, with personal protective equipment) is worn.

In addition, occupational health specialists are responsible for evaluating the risk encountered by a given individual, taking into consideration his specific characteristics that might differ from those of a standard subject. ISO 9886 describes how physiological parameters must be used to monitor the physiological behaviour of a particular subject and ISO 12894 describes how medical supervision must be organized.

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# Ergonomics of the thermal environment — Analytical determination and interpretation of heat stress using calculation of the predicted heat strain

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the analytical evaluation and interpretation of the thermal stress experienced by a subject in a hot environment. It describes a method for predicting the sweat rate and the internal core temperature that the human body will develop in response to the working conditions.

The various terms used in this prediction model, and in particular in the heat balance, show the influence of the different physical parameters of the environment on the thermal stress experienced by the subject. In this way, this International Standard makes it possible to determine which parameter or group of parameters should be modified, and to what extent, in order to reduce the risk of physiological strains.

The main objectives of this International Standard are the following:

- a) the evaluation of the thermal stress in conditions likely to lead to excessive core temperature increase or water loss for the standard subject,
- b) the determination of exposure times with which the physiological strain is acceptable (no physical damage is to be expected). In the context of this prediction mode, these exposure times are called "maximum allowable exposure times"

This International Standard does not predict the physiological response of individual subjects, but only considers standard subjects in good health and fit for the work they perform. It is therefore intended to be used by ergonomists, industrial hygienists, etc., to evaluate working conditions.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

ISO 7726, *Ergonomics of the thermal environment — Instruments for measuring physical quantities*

ISO 8996, *Ergonomics of the thermal environment — Determination of metabolic rate*

ISO 9886, *Ergonomics — Evaluation of thermal strain by physiological measurements*

ISO 9920, *Ergonomics of the thermal environment — Estimation of the thermal insulation and evaporative resistance of a clothing ensemble*

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## 3 Symbols

For the purposes of this document, the symbols and abbreviated terms, designated below as “symbols” with their units, are in accordance with ISO 7726.

However, additional symbols are used to for the presentation of the Predicted Heat Strain index.

A complete list of symbols is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1 — Symbols and units**

Symbol	Term	Unit
—	code = 1 if walking speed entered, 0 otherwise	—
—	code = 1 if walking direction entered, 0 otherwise	—
$\alpha$	fraction of the body mass at the skin temperature	dimensionless
$\alpha_i$	skin-core weighting at time $t_i$	dimensionless
$\alpha_{i-1}$	skin-core weighting at time $t_{i-1}$	dimensionless
$\varepsilon$	emissivity	dimensionless
$\theta$	angle between walking direction and wind direction	degrees
$A_{Du}$	DuBois body surface area	square metre
$A_p$	fraction of the body surface covered by the reflective clothing	dimensionless
$A_r$	effective radiating area of a body	dimensionless
$C$	convective heat flow	watts per square metre
$c_e$	water latent heat of vaporization	joules per kilogram
$C_{\text{corr,cl}}$	correction for the dynamic total dry thermal insulation at or above 0,6 clo	dimensionless
$C_{\text{corr,la}}$	correction for the dynamic total dry thermal insulation at 0 clo	dimensionless
$C_{\text{corr,tot}}$	correction for the dynamic clothing insulation as a function of the actual clothing	dimensionless
$C_{\text{corr,E}}$	correction for the dynamic permeability index	dimensionless
$c_p$	specific heat of dry air at constant pressure	joules per kilogram of dry air kelvin
$C_{\text{res}}$	respiratory convective heat flow	watts per square metre
$c_{\text{sp}}$	specific heat of the body	watts per square meter per kelvin
$D_{\text{lim}}$	maximum allowable exposure time	minutes
$D_{\text{lim tre}}$	maximum allowable exposure time for heat storage	minutes
$D_{\text{limloss50}}$	maximum allowable exposure time for water loss, mean subject	minutes
$D_{\text{limloss95}}$	maximum allowable exposure time for water loss, 95 % of the working population	minutes
$D_{\text{max}}$	maximum water loss	grams
$D_{\text{max50}}$	maximum water loss to protect a mean subject	grams
$D_{\text{max95}}$	maximum water loss to protect 95 % of the working population	grams
DRINK	1 if workers can drink freely, 0 otherwise	dimensionless

Symbol	Term	Unit
$dS_i$	body heat storage during the last time increment	watts per square metre
$dS_{eq}$	body heat storage rate for increase of core temperature associated with the metabolic rate	watts per square meter
$E$	evaporative heat flow at the skin	watts per square metre
$E_{max}$	maximum evaporative heat flow at the skin surface	watts per square metre
$E_p$	predicted evaporative heat flow	watts per square metre
$E_{req}$	required evaporative heat flow	watts per square metre
$E_{res}$	respiratory evaporative heat flow	watts per square metre
$f_{cl}$	clothing area factor	dimensionless
$F_{cl,R}$	reduction factor for radiation heat exchange due to wearing clothes	dimensionless
$F_r$	emissivity of the reflective clothing	dimensionless
$H_b$	body height	meters
$h_{cdyn}$	dynamic convective heat transfer coefficient	watts per square metre kelvin
$h_r$	radiative heat transfer coefficient	watts per square metre kelvin
$I_{a\ st}$	static boundary layer thermal insulation	square meters kelvin per watt
$I_{cl\ st}$	static clothing insulation	square meters kelvin per watt
$I_{cl}$	clothing insulation	clo
$I_{tot\ st}$	total static clothing insulation	square meters kelvin per watt
$I_{a\ dyn}$	dynamic boundary layer thermal insulation	square meters kelvin per watt
$I_{cl\ dyn}$	dynamic clothing insulation	square meters kelvin per watt
$I_{tot\ dyn}$	total dynamic clothing insulation	square meters kelvin per watt
$i_{mst}$	static moisture permeability index	dimensionless
$i_{mdyn}$	dynamic moisture permeability index	dimensionless
$incr$	time increment from time $t_{i-1}$ to time $t_i$	minutes
$k_{Sw}$	fraction $k$ of predicted sweat rate	dimensionless
$K$	conductive heat flow	watts per square metre
$M$	metabolic rate	watts per square meter
$p_a$	water vapour partial pressure	kilopascals
$p_{sk,s}$	saturated water vapour pressure at skin temperature	kilopascals
$R$	radiative heat flow	watts per square metre
$r_{req}$	required evaporative efficiency of sweating	dimensionless
$R_{tdyn}$	dynamic total evaporative resistance of clothing and boundary air layer	square metres kilopascals per watt
$S$	body heat storage rate	watts per square metre
$S_{eq}$	body heat storage for increase of core temperature associated with the metabolic rate	watts per square metre
$S_{w_{max}}$	maximum sweat rate	watts per square metre
$S_{w_p}$	predicted sweat rate	watts per square metre
$S_{w_{p,i}}$	predicted sweat rate at time $t_i$	watts per square metre