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Foreword

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ISO 18185 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Freight containers — Electronic seals*:

- *Par 1: Communication protocol*
- *Part 2: Application requirements*
- *Part 3: Environmental characteristics*
- *Part 4: Data protection*
- *Part 5: Physical layer*

Introduction

This part of ISO 18185 defines the environmental characteristics for compliant electronic seals.

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Freight containers — Electronic seals —

Part 3: Environmental characteristics

1 Scope

This part of ISO 18185 specifies test methods and conditions for environmental characteristics of electronic seals.

This part of ISO 18185 describes the environmental requirements for the ISO 18185 series, for ISO 10374 and for ISO 17363 and for ISO 10891 since it is expected that the implementation of these International Standards will face the same international conditions. However, each of these International Standards has its own unique requirements other than environmental conditions.

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.

ISO 17712, *Freight containers — Mechanical seals*

IEC 61000-4-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques — Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-3, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques — Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

electronic seal e-seal

read-only, non-reusable freight container seal conforming to the high-security seal defined in ISO 17712 and to this International Standard that electronically provides evidence of tampering or intrusion through the container doors

3.2

equipment under testing EUT

any type of device that will undergo the tests described in this part of ISO 18185

3.3

interrogator identification interrogator ID

code used to identify the source address during every communication session originated by the interrogator

3.4

operation test

short functional test by a suitably qualified person to confirm that the *electronic seal* (3.1) complies with the operational requirements including a check of survives and maintains the integrity of stored data

3.5

seal identification

seal ID

unique code used to identify each manufactured seal incorporating a combination of the serial number (i.e. tag ID) and the manufacturer ID

4 Environmental characteristics

4.1 General

This part of ISO 18185 shall be used in conjunction with other parts of ISO 18185.

This part of ISO 18185 applies to all electronic seals used on freight containers covered by the following International Standards: ISO 668, ISO 1496-1, ISO 1496-2, ISO 1496-3, ISO 1496-4, ISO 1496-5, and ISO 830. This part of ISO 18185 should also, wherever appropriate and practicable, be applied to freight containers other than those covered by the aforementioned International Standards.

This part of ISO 18185 establishes minimum operating parameters for environmental characteristics and the test used to measure those characteristics.

This part of ISO 18185 is designed to test container seal resistance to electrical and mechanical deterioration due to exposure to the shipboard environment or to the rigors of mishandling such as dropping, where appropriate, or transportation and installation. Container seals are typically subjected to the harsh environments of the marine, rail, and road transportation industries. Sand and dust, salt spray, grease, snow, ice, and grime can be expected to coat the tag and sensing equipment. Physical shock and vibration are commonly encountered as a result of handling and transport operations.

Normal ambient conditions are defined as any combination of the following:

- temperature: (15 to 35) °C;
- relative humidity: (20 to 75) %;
- air pressure: (86 to 106) kPa.

4.2 Low temperature

4.2.1 Test purpose

The purpose of this test is to verify that no damage is caused to the EUT and no permanent or temporary malfunction occurs after being stored and during storage at cold temperatures for the low temperature testing.

4.2.2 Test requirement

EUT shall fully operate after having been stored at a minimum low temperature.

4.2.3 Test method for storage temperature testing

- Preconditioning: normal ambient conditions.
- The EUT shall be placed in the test chamber and the temperature cycle is started at normal ambient conditions. The EUT shall be kept at the test temperature for the test period (see [Table 1](#)).

Table 1 — Conditions of low storage temperature

Storage temperature	(-55 ± 2) °C
Duration	96 h (four days)

- The operation test shall be performed after bringing the EUT up to ambient temperature for 4 h prior to conducting the test.

4.2.4 Test method for operating temperature testing

- Preconditioning: normal ambient conditions
- The EUT (equipment under testing) shall be placed in the test chamber and the temperature cycle is started at normal ambient conditions. The EUT shall be kept at the test temperature for the period specified in [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Conditions of low operating temperature

Operating temperature	(-40 ± 2) °C
Duration	4 h

- The operation test shall be performed while conducting the test.
- Reference: IEC 60068-2-1, Test Ab and Ad (or MIL-STD-810G, Method 502.5), IEC 60721-3-2:1997, Table 1, Classes 2K4 and 2K5.

4.3 High temperature (standards.iteh.ai)

4.3.1 Test purpose

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The purpose of this test is to verify that no damage is caused to the EUT and no permanent or temporary malfunction occurs after being stored and during storage at hot temperatures for the high temperature testing.

4.3.2 Test requirement

EUT shall fully operate after having been stored at a maximum high temperature.

4.3.3 Test method for storage temperature testing

- Preconditioning: normal ambient conditions
- The EUT shall be placed in the test chamber and the temperature cycle is started at normal ambient conditions. The EUT shall be kept at the test temperature for the period specified in [Table 3](#).

Table 3 — Conditions of high storage temperature

Storage temperature	(85 ± 2) °C
Duration	96 h (4 days)

- The operation test shall be performed after bringing the EUT up to ambient temperatures for 4 h prior to conducting the test.

4.3.4 Test method for operating temperature testing

- Preconditioning: normal ambient conditions.

- The EUT shall be placed in the test chamber and the temperature cycle is started at normal ambient conditions. The EUT shall be kept at the test temperature for the period specified in [Table 4](#).

Table 4 — Conditions of high operating temperature

Operating temperature	(70 ± 2) °C
Duration	4 h

- The operation test shall be performed while conducting the test.
- Reference: IEC 60068-2-2, Test Bb and Bd (or MIL-STD-810G, Method 501.5), IEC 60721-3-2:1997, Table 1, Classes 2K4 and 2K5.

4.4 Mechanical shock

4.4.1 Test purpose

The purpose of this test is to verify that no damage is caused to the EUT and no permanent or temporary malfunctions occur under the influence of mechanical shocks.

4.4.2 Test requirement

EUT shall fully operate during and after having been subject to a mechanical shock.

4.4.3 Test method

- Three successive shocks shall be applied in each direction of three mutually perpendicular axes of EUT for a total of 18 shocks.

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Table 5 — Conditions of mechanical shocks

Peak acceleration	50 g ^a for 11 ms
Pulse shape (see Figure 1)	half-sine
The number of shock	18
Orientation	three mutually perpendicular axes
^a 1g = 9,8 m/s ² (equivalent 10 m/s ²).	

