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## Part 3-3: Guidance – Seismic test methods for equipments

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- The main aim of this revision is to connect the testing level to the seismic activity level of the zone where the equipment could be installed;
- A standard shape for the Required Response Spectrum is given also for the General Seismic Class for which the seismic environment is either not known or is imprecisely known;

86 - With reference to the old document clauses from 11 to 15 were moved in section one by  
 87 renumbering them and by making some adjustments. This action is justified because the  
 88 contents of those clauses are very general and the requirements can be applied both to  
 89 the general seismic class and to the specific seismic class;

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## INTRODUCTION

112 Guidance is included in each of the two test methods referred to in this standard but it is  
 113 specific to the test method. The guidance in this standard is directed towards choosing the  
 114 appropriate test method and applying it to seismic testing.

115 This standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 60068-1.

## ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING –

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#### I - SECTION ONE – GENERAL

##### 1 Scope

This document applies primarily to electro-technical equipments but its application can be extended to other equipments and to components.

Also if some sort of analysis is always performed when making a seismic qualification, e.g. for the choice of the representative sample to be tested or for the extension of the seismic qualification from the tested specimen to similar specimens, the verification of the performance of an equipment by analysis or by a combination of testing and analysis may be acceptable but is outside the scope of this guide, which is restricted to verification based entirely upon data from dynamic testing.

This guide deals solely with the seismic testing of a full-size equipment which can be tested on a vibration table. The seismic testing of an equipment is intended to demonstrate its ability to perform its required function during and/or after the time it is subjected to the stresses and displacements resulting from an earthquake.

The object of this guide is to present a range of methods of testing which, when prescribed by the relevant specification, can be applied to demonstrate the performance of equipments for which seismic testing is required with the main aim of achieving qualification.

NOTE Qualification by so-called “fragility-testing” is not considered to be within the scope of this guide which has been prepared to give generally applicable guidance on seismic testing and specifically on the use of IEC 60068-2 test methods.

The choice of the method of testing can be made according to the criteria described in this guide. The methods themselves are closely based on published IEC test methods.

This guide is intended for use by manufacturers to substantiate, or by users to evaluate and verify, the performance of an equipment.

##### 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 60068-1 Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance

IEC 60068-2-6 Test Fc and guidance: Vibration (sinusoidal)

IEC 60068-2-47 Mounting of components, equipment and other articles for dynamic tests including shock (Ea), bump (Eb), vibration (Fc and Fd) and steady-state acceleration (Ga) and guidance

156 IEC 60068-2-57 Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Ff: Vibration – Time-history  
157 and sine-beat method.

158 IEC 60068-2-64 Environmental testing – Part 2-64: Tests – Test Fh: Vibration, broadband  
159 random (digital control) and guidance

160 IEC 60068-2-81 2003 Environmental testing – Part 2-81: Tests – Test Ei: Shock – Shock  
161 response spectrum synthesis

162 IEC 60721-2-6: 1990 Classification of environmental conditions. Part 2: Environmental  
163 conditions appearing in nature. Earthquake vibration and shock

164 IEC TS 62271-210:2013 High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 210: Seismic  
165 qualification for metal enclosed and solid-insulation enclosed switchgear and controlgear  
166 assemblies for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV

167 ISO 2041 – Vibration and shock – Vocabulary

### 168 3 Terms and definitions

169 The terms used in this standard are generally defined in ISO 2041 or in IEC 60068-1, IEC  
170 60068-2-6 and IEC 60068-2-57. Where, for the convenience of the reader, a definition from  
171 one of these sources is included here, the derivation is indicated and departures from the  
172 definitions in those sources are also indicated.

173 The additional terms and definitions that follow are also applicable for the purpose of this  
174 standard.

175 **3.1**  
176 **assembly**  
177 two or more devices sharing a common mounting or supporting structure

178 **3.2**  
179 **bandpass at –3 dB**

180 frequency intervals defined by the points possessing an ordinate larger than or equal to  $\sqrt{2}/2$   
181 times the maximum value of the plot

182 Note 1 to entry: See figure 2.

183 **3.3**  
184 **basic response spectrum**

185 unmodified response spectrum defined by the characteristics of the building, its floor level,  
186 damping ratio, etc. and obtained from a specific ground motion

187 Note 1 to entry: See figure 2.

188

189 Note 2 to entry The basic response spectrum is generally of the narrow band type at floor level. The basic  
190 response spectrum is calculated by the architect engineer of the plant and it is generally not known by the  
191 equipment manufacturer and by the test engineer.

192 **3.4**  
193 **broadband response spectrum**

194 response spectrum that describes the motion indicating that a number of interacting  
195 frequencies exist which must be treated as a whole

196 Note 1 to entry: See figure 3c.



197 Note 2 to entry The bandwidth is normally greater than one octave.

198 **3.5**  
199 **critical frequency**  
200 frequencies at which:

- 201 – malfunctioning and/or deterioration of performance of the specimen which are dependent
  - 202 on vibration are exhibited, and/or
  - 203 – mechanical resonances and/or other response effects occur, for example chatter
- 204 [SOURCE: IEC 60068-2-6, 3.9, modified – The text was editorially corrected]

205 **3.6**  
206 **crossover frequency**  
207 frequency at which the characteristic of a vibration changes from one relationship to another

208 Note 1 to entry For example, a crossover frequency may be that frequency at which the control of the test  
209 vibration amplitude changes from a constant displacement value versus frequency to a constant acceleration value  
210 versus frequency.

211 [SOURCE: ISO 2041, 2.118, modified – Example omitted and note added]

212 **3.7**  
213 **damping**  
214 generic term ascribed to the numerous energy dissipation mechanisms in a system. In  
215 practice, damping depends on many parameters, such as the structural system, mode of  
216 vibration, strain, applied forces, velocity, materials, joint slippage, etc.

217 Note 1 to entry This definition is not identical with ISO 2041 definition.

218 **3.7.1**  
219 **critical damping**  
220 minimum viscous damping that will allow a displaced system to return to its initial position  
221 without oscillation

222 **3.7.2**  
223 **damping ratio**  
224 ratio of actual damping to critical damping in a system with viscous damping

225 **3.8**  
226 **direction factor**  
227 factor taking account of the difference in magnitude at ground level that normally exists  
228 between the horizontal and vertical accelerations resulting from an earthquake

229 **3.9**  
230 **floor acceleration**  
231 acceleration of a particular building floor (or an equipment mounting) resulting from the  
232 ground motion of a given earthquake

233 Note 1 to entry In practice the floor acceleration may be resolved into its horizontal and vertical components.

234 **3.10**  
235 **geometric factor**  
236 factor required in single axis testing to take into account the interaction along the different  
237 axes of the equipment of simultaneous multi-directional input vibrations

238 **3.11**  
239 **"g<sub>n</sub>"**  
240 standard acceleration due to the earth's gravity, which itself varies with altitude and  
241 geographical latitude

242 Note 1 to entry For the purposes of this standard, the value of  $g_n$  is rounded up to the nearest whole number, that  
243 is 10 m/s<sup>2</sup>.

### 244 **3.12**

#### 245 **ground acceleration**

246 acceleration of the ground resulting from the motion of a given earthquake

247 Note 1 to entry In practice the ground acceleration may be resolved into its horizontal and vertical components.

### 248 **3.13**

#### 249 **lateral frequencies**

250 two frequencies determined according to the –3 dB response around the overall resonance  
251 frequency

252 Note 1 to entry: See figure2.

### 253 **3.14**

#### 254 **malfunction**

255 loss of capability of the equipment to initiate or sustain a required function, or the initiation of  
256 undesired spurious action which may result in adverse consequences for safety

257 Note 1 to entry Malfunction will be defined by the relevant specification.

### 258 **3.15**

#### 259 **narrowband response spectrum**

260 response spectrum in which single frequency excitation predominates

261 Note 1 to entry: See figure 3a.

262 Note 2 to entry The bandwidth is normally 1/3 octave or less.

263 Note 3 to entry When several widely spaced well-defined frequencies exist, if justified, each of their responses  
264 may be treated separately as a narrow-band response spectrum (see figure 3b).

### 265 **3.16**

#### 266 **damped natural frequency**

267 frequency of free vibration of a damped linear system depending only on its own physical  
268 characteristics (mass, stiffness, and damping)

### 269 **3.17**

#### 270 **overall resonance**

271 resonance frequency at which a complete structure amplifies the exciting motion

272 Note 1 to entry Within the frequency range between 1 Hz and 35 Hz, overall resonance generally corresponds to  
273 the first mode of vibration. It is important to take into account the overall resonance frequencies when they are  
274 enclosed in the strong part of the required response spectrum (see 3.27).

### 275 **3.18**

#### 276 **pause**

277 interval between consecutive test waves (for example sine beats)

278 Note 1 to entry A pause should be such that it results in no significant superposition of the response motions of  
279 an equipment.

### 280 **3.19**

#### 281 **preferred testing axes**

282 three orthogonal axes which correspond to the most vulnerable axes of the equipment

### 283 **3.20**

#### 284 **required response spectrum**

285 response spectrum specified by the user

286 Note 1 to entry: See figure1, 2 and 3.

### 287 **3.21**

#### 288 **resonance frequency**

289 frequency at which, in forced oscillation, a change in the frequency of excitation causes a  
290 decrease in the response of the system.

291 Note 1 to entry The value of resonance frequency depends upon the measured variable. For a damped linear  
292 system, the values of resonance frequency for displacement, velocity and acceleration (respectively dynamic  
293 compliance, mobility and accelerance; see ISO 2041) are in increasing order of frequency. The differences  
294 between these resonance frequency values are small for the usual damping ratios.

295 Note 2 to entry In seismic testing, it is often assumed that a resonance frequency is significant when the  
296 transmissibility of the response is greater than 2.

297 Note 3 to entry This definition is not identical with ISO 2041 definition.

### 298 **3.22**

#### 299 **response spectrum**

300 plot of the maximum response to a defined input motion of a family of single-degree-of-  
301 freedom bodies at a specified damping ratio

302 Note 1 to entry: See figure1, 2 and 3.

303 Note 2 to entry This definition is not identical with ISO 2041 definition.

### 304 **3.23**

#### 305 **S1-earthquake**

306 an earthquake which would be expected to occur during the operating life of the equipment  
307 and for which safety related equipments are to be designed to continue to operate without  
308 malfunction

309 Note 1 to entry An S1-earthquake corresponds in nuclear applications to the operating base earthquake (OBE).

### 310 **3.24**

#### 311 **S2-earthquake**

312 an earthquake which produces the maximum vibratory ground motion for which certain  
313 structures, systems and components are designed to remain functional. These structures,  
314 systems and components are those essential to assure proper function, integrity and safety of  
315 the total system

316 Note 1 to entry An S2-earthquake corresponds in nuclear applications to the safe shutdown earthquake (SSE).

### 317 **3.25**

#### 318 **sine beat**

319 continuous sinusoidal wave of one frequency which is modulated by a sinusoidal wave of a  
320 lower frequency. The duration of one sine beat is half the period of the modulating frequency

321 Note 1 to entry: See figure 5.

322 Note 2 to entry In this standard, the sine beat is considered as a single frequency wave.

### 323 **3.26**

#### 324 **strong part of time-history**

325 part of time-history from the time when the plot first reaches 25 % of the maximum value to  
326 the time when it falls for the last time to the 25 % level.

327 Note 1 to entry: See figure 5.

328 **3.27**  
329 **strong part of the response spectrum**  
330 part of the spectrum for which the response acceleration is higher than for the  $-3$  dB  
331 bandpass of the required response spectrum.

332 Note 1 to entry: See figure 2.

333 Note 2 to entry Generally, the strong part of the response spectrum is located in the first third of the frequency  
334 band.

335 **3.28**  
336 **superelevation factor**  
337 factor accounting for the change in the acceleration with respect to the earth due to the  
338 transmissibility of buildings and structures

339 **3.29**  
340 **synthesized time-history**  
341 artificially generated time-history such that its response spectrum dominates the required  
342 response spectrum

343 **3.30**  
344 **test level**  
345 largest peak value within a test wave

346 Note 1 to entry In seismic testing, acceleration is the parameter normally used.

347 **3.31**  
348 **test frequency**  
349 frequency at which the specimen is to be excited during a test

350 Note 1 to entry: A test frequency is one of two types as defined in 3.31.1 and 3.31.2.

351 **3.31.1**  
352 **predetermined test frequency**  
353 frequency prescribed by the relevant specification

354 **3.31.2**  
355 **investigated test frequency**  
356 frequency obtained by a vibration response investigation

357 **3.32**  
358 **test response spectrum**  
359 response spectrum derived from the real motion of the vibration table either analytically or by  
360 using spectrum analysis equipment

361 Note 1 to entry: See figures 1, 2c and 2d.

362 **3.33**  
363 **time-history**  
364 recording, as a function of time, of acceleration or velocity or displacement

365 Note 1 to entry This definition is not identical with ISO 2041 definition.

366 **3.34**  
367 **zero period acceleration**  
368 ZPA  
369

370 high-frequency asymptotic value of acceleration of a response spectrum

371 Note 1 to entry: For an example see figure 2.

372 Note 2 to entry The zero period acceleration is of practical significance as it represents the largest peak value of  
373 acceleration, for example in a time-history. This should not be confused with the peak value of acceleration in the  
374 response spectrum.

## 375 **4 General and qualification considerations**

### 376 **4.1 General and specific seismic class**

377 Two seismic classes have been established: a general seismic class and a specific seismic  
378 class. Neither of these classes can be considered to be more demanding than the other. The  
379 difference between the two classes lies in the availability of and/or the accuracy in defining  
380 the characteristics of the seismic environment. When high reliability safety equipment for a  
381 specified environment is required, such as safety related equipment in nuclear power plants,  
382 the use of precise data is necessary and, therefore, the specific seismic class is applicable  
383 and not the general seismic class. Annex A contains a flow chart for the selection of the test  
384 class (general seismic class or specific seismic class) and three flow charts (A.1 to A.3)  
385 covering the possibilities discussed in this guide. To obtain the maximum advantage from this  
386 guide it is strongly recommended that the flow charts be studied very thoroughly.

387 Section Two describes the recommended seismic testing methods for equipment covered by  
388 the general seismic class for which the seismic environment is either not known or is  
389 imprecisely known.

390 This class covers equipments for which the relevant seismic motion does not result from a  
391 specific study taking into account the characteristics of the geographic location and of the  
392 supporting structure or building.

393 In this class, the seismic motion is generally characterized by one datum which is a peak  
394 acceleration at the ground level. This acceleration is derived from the seismic data relative to  
395 the area of interest.

396 When an equipment is not mounted at ground level, the transmissibility of the building and/or  
397 the supporting structure should be taken into account.

398 Section Three describes the recommended seismic testing methods for equipment covered by  
399 the specific seismic class for which the seismic environment is well known or the required  
400 response spectra and/or the time histories are prescribed in the relevant specification.

401 This class covers the equipment for which the relevant seismic motion results from a specific  
402 study taking into account the characteristics of the geographic location and of the supporting  
403 structure or building.

404 In this class, the seismic motion is defined by response spectra (evaluated for different  
405 damping ratios) or by a time-history.

406 The relevant specification should contain information relating to the subjects discussed in 4.2,  
407 4.3 and 4.4.

### 408 **4.2 Service conditions**

409 Service conditions should be duplicated as closely as possible when an equipment is tested,  
410 particularly those conditions (electrical, mechanical, and thermal pressure, etc.) whose  
411 stresses combine with those of the seismic test to affect the operation or integrity of the  
412 equipment. When account is not taken of these service conditions in the test, the omission  
413 should be justified.