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- a) 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;
- b) a standard shape for the required response spectrum is also given for the general seismic class for which the seismic environment is either not known or is imprecisely known;

- c) Clauses 11 to 15 were renumbered and some adjustments were made as their content is very general and the requirements can be applied both to the general seismic class and to the specific seismic class;
- d) the word “envelope” is replaced with “dominance” and “to envelop” with “to dominate” in order to provide a more precise meaning from a mathematical point of view.

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## INTRODUCTION

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING –

### Part 3-3: Supporting documentation and guidance – Seismic test methods for equipment

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60068 applies primarily to electro-technical equipment but its application can be extended to other equipment and to components.

In addition, if some type of analysis is always performed when making a seismic qualification, for example 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 can be acceptable but is outside the scope of this document, which is restricted to verification based entirely upon data from dynamic testing.

This document 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 document is to present a range of methods of testing which, when specified by the relevant specification, can be applied to demonstrate the performance of equipment 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 document 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 document. The methods themselves are closely based on published IEC test methods.

This document 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.

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IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-47, *Environmental testing – Part 2-47: Test – Mounting of specimens for vibration, impact and similar dynamic tests*

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

IEC 60068-2-64, *Environmental testing – Part 2-64: Tests – Test Fh: Vibration, broadband random and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-81, *Environmental testing – Part 2-81: Tests – Test Ei: Shock – Shock response spectrum synthesis*

ISO 2041, *Mechanical vibration, shock and condition monitoring – Vocabulary*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60068-1, IEC 60068-2-6, IEC 60068-2-57 and ISO 2041 and the following apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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#### 3.1

##### **assembly**

two or more devices sharing a common mounting or supporting structure

#### 3.2

##### **bandpass at –3 dB**

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

SEE: Figure 2.

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#### 3.3

##### **basic response spectrum**

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

SEE: Figure 2.

Note 1 to entry: The basic response spectrum is generally of the narrow band type at floor level. The basic response spectrum is calculated by the architect engineer of the plant and it is generally not known by the equipment manufacturer and by the test engineer.

#### 3.4

##### **broadband response spectrum**

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

SEE: Figure 3c).

Note 1 to entry: The bandwidth is normally greater than one octave.

#### 3.5

##### **critical frequency**

frequency at which:

- malfunctioning and/or deterioration of performance of the specimen which are dependent on vibration are exhibited, and/or
- mechanical resonances and/or other response effects occur, for example chatter

[SOURCE: IEC 60068-2-6:2007, 3.9]