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ISO 9022 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Optics and photonics — Environmental test methods*:

- Part 1: *Definitions, extent of testing*
- Part 2: *Cold, heat and humidity*
- Part 3: *Mechanical stress*
- Part 4: *Salt mist*
- Part 6: *Dust*
- Part 7: *Resistance to drip or rain*
- Part 8: *High internal pressure, low internal pressure, immersion*
- Part 9: *Solar radiation and weathering*
- Part 11: *Mould growth*
- Part 12: *Contamination*
- Part 14: *Dew, hoarfrost, ice*
- Part 17: *Combined contamination, solar radiation*
- Part 20: *Humid atmosphere containing sulfur dioxide or hydrogen sulfide*

- *Part 22: Combined cold, dry heat or temperature change with bump or random vibration*
- *Part 23: Low pressure combined with cold, ambient temperature and dry and damp heat*

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Introduction

Optical instruments are affected during their use by a number of different environmental parameters which they are required to resist without significant reduction in performance and to remain within defined specifications.

The type and severity of these parameters depend on the conditions of use of the instrument (for example, in the laboratory or workshop) and on its geographical location. The environmental effects on optical instrument performance in the tropics and subtropics are totally different from those found when they are used in arctic regions. Individual parameters cause a variety of different and overlapping effects on instrument performance.

The manufacturer attempts to ensure, and the user naturally expects, that instruments will resist the likely rigours of their environment throughout their life. This expectation can be assessed by exposure of the instrument to a range of simulated environmental parameters under controlled laboratory conditions. The severity of these conditions is often increased to obtain meaningful results in a relatively short period of time.

In order to allow assessment and comparison of the response of optical instruments to appropriate environmental conditions, ISO 9022 contains details of a number of laboratory tests which reliably simulate a variety of different environments. The tests are based largely on IEC standards, modified where necessary to take into account features special to optical instruments.

As a result of continuous progress in all fields, optical instruments are no longer only precision-engineered optical products; but, depending on their range of application, also contain additional assemblies from other fields. For this reason, the principal function of the instrument is to be assessed to determine which International Standard should be used for testing. If the optical function is of primary importance, then ISO 9022 is applicable, but if other functions take precedence, then the appropriate International Standard in the field concerned should be applied. Cases can arise where application of both ISO 9022 and other appropriate International Standards will be necessary.

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Optics and photonics — Environmental test methods —

Part 3: Mechanical stress

1 Scope

This part of ISO 9022 specifies the methods relating to the environmental tests of optical instruments including additional assemblies from other fields (e.g. mechanical, chemical, and electronic devices), under equivalent conditions, for their ability to resist the influence of mechanical stress.

The purpose of the testing is to investigate to what extent the optical, climatic, mechanical, chemical, and electrical (including electrostatic) performance characteristics of the specimen are affected by mechanical stress.

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 9022-1, *Optics and photonics — Environmental test methods — Part 1: Definitions, extent of testing*

IEC 60068-2-6:2007, *Environmental testing — Part 2-6: Tests — Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-7, *Environmental testing — Part 2-7: Tests — Test Ga and guidance: Acceleration, steady state*

IEC 60068-2-27, *Environmental testing — Part 2-27: Tests — Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-31, *Environmental testing — Part 2-31: Tests — Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment type specimens*

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

IEC 60068-2-55, *Environmental testing — Part 2-55: Tests — Test Ee and guidance: Loose cargo testing including bounce*

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

3 General information and test conditions

The test shall be carried out at ambient atmospheric conditions and in accordance with ISO 9022-1 and with the International Standards listed in [Table 1](#). The specimens shall be mounted on the test apparatus (shock machine, acceleration facility, or electrodynamic shaker) in accordance with IEC 60068-2-47.

“ g_n ” is the standard acceleration due to the earth’s gravity, which itself varies with altitude and geographical latitude.

NOTE For the purposes of this part of ISO 9022, the value of g_n is rounded up to the nearest whole number which is 10 m/s².

Table 1 — Conditioning methods and applicable International Standards for testing

Subclause	Conditioning methods	International Standard
4.1	30: Shock	IEC 60068-2-27
4.2	31: Bump	IEC 60068-2-27
4.3	32: Drop and topple	IEC 60068-2-31
4.4	33: Free fall	IEC 60068-2-31
4.5	34: Bounce	IEC 60068-2-55
4.6	35: Steady-state acceleration	IEC 60068-2-7
4.7	36: Sinusoidal vibration	IEC 60068-2-6
4.8	37: Random vibration (wide-band), digital control	IEC 60068-2-64

4 Conditioning

4.1 Conditioning method 30: Shock

See [Table 2](#).

When testing optical instruments, a half-sine shock pulse shall be applied. The specimen shall be subjected to three shocks in each direction along each axis.

Table 2 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 30: Shock

Degree of severity		01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08 ^a
Acceleration amplitude	m s ⁻²	100	150	300	300	500	500	1 000	5 000
	g_n multiples	10	15	30	30	50	50	100	500
Duration of nominal shock	ms	6	11	6	18	3	11	6	1
State of operation		0 or 1 or 2							
NOTE Degrees of severity 02, 03 and 05 are to be given preference.									
^a Applicable to testing of components and assemblies. Complete optical instruments should be subjected to 500 g_n acceleration and shocks of 0,5 ms duration.									

4.2 Conditioning method 31: Bump

See [Table 3](#).

Table 3 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 31: Bump

Degree of severity		01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Acceleration amplitude	m s ⁻²	100	100	100	100	250	250	400	400
	g_n multiples	10	10	10	10	25	25	40	40
Duration of nominal shock	ms	6	6	16	16	6	6	6	6
Number of shocks in each direction along each axis ± 10		1 000	4 000	1 000	4 000	1 000	4 000	1 000	4 000
State of operation		0 or 1 or 2							

4.3 Conditioning method 32: Drop and topple

See [Table 4](#).

Table 4 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 32: Drop and topple

Degree of severity		01 ^a	02 ^a	03 ^a	04 ^b
Height of overturn	mm	25	50	100	Toppling over
	Acceptable deviation mm	±5			—
State of operation		0 or 1			
^a The specimen shall be subjected to one drop on each of four bottom corners and along each of four bottom edges.					
^b The specimen shall be subjected to one topple about each of four bottom edges.					

4.4 Conditioning method 33: Free fall

See [Table 5](#).

Table 5 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 33: Free fall

Degree of severity		01	02	03	04	05	06
Height of fall	mm	25	50	100	250	500	1 000
	Acceptable deviation mm	±5			±10		
State of operation		0 or 1					
Mass of specimen including packing ^a kg		>500	≤500	≤200	≤100	≤50	≤20
NOTE Storage containers are not to be considered as packing.							
^a Recommendation for selection of degrees of severity:							

Unpackaged optical instruments shall not be tested unless they are especially designed, constructed, and armoured (e.g. rubber armouring) for free fall. The degrees of severity are applicable to normal transport handling. Unless otherwise prescribed in the relevant specification, the specimen shall be subjected to two falls. If another number of falls is taken, the total number of falls shall be preferably taken from the following series: 10, 20, 50.

4.5 Conditioning method 34: Bounce

See [Table 6](#).

The test shall be carried out according to IEC 60068-2-55 on a bounce table with a double amplitude of 25,5 mm ± 0,5 mm and a frequency of 4,75 Hz ± 0,05 Hz.

Table 6 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 34: Bounce

Degree of severity		01	02	03
Exposure time	min	15	60	180
	Acceptable deviation	±10 %		
State of operation		0 or 1		
NOTE Degree of severity 02 is to be given preference. The period of exposure is to be allocated in equal portions to each of the surfaces to be exposed.				