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- a) Revision of the introduction and scope;
- b) Including new figures and symbols for clarification purposes;
- c) Clarification of the test procedure for ascertaining high or low air velocity in the test chamber;
- d) Clarification of the requirements for measuring points around, on or in specimens;
- e) Reintroducing the nomogram procedure for the correction of the conditioning temperature when testing with high air velocity (Test Bd and Test Be);
- f) Revision of the temperature tolerances of the test;
- g) Revision of standardized requirements for the relevant specification and test report;
- h) Including the advantages and disadvantages of the testing procedures.

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INTRODUCTION

153 The working ranges and performance of equipment and machinery can be significantly affected
154 or limited by ambient temperatures. The degree of this influence may depend on temperature
155 distributions of the environment as well as temperatures on components of the device itself. In
156 order to determine the existing degree of influence and to ensure that the device is suitably
157 designed for its ambient conditions, tests are carried out with cold (IEC 60068-2-1) and/or dry
158 heat. During the test, it is to be taken into account whether the tested device itself emits heat
159 or not.

160 Reducing the air flow within the test chamber may be required to reduce the air velocity at heat-
161 dissipating specimens. This can be achieved by using air baffles or adjusting the air flow of the
162 test chamber. If the reduction of air velocity is not practical or possible due to the required test
163 conditions, this document provides an alternative test procedure without the need for adjustable
164 air flow as well as guidance on selecting the applicable test procedure.

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ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING –

Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat

172 **1 Scope**

173 This document specifies dry heat temperature tests that are applicable to non-heat-dissipating
174 and heat-dissipating specimens, to determine the ability of components, equipment or other
175 articles to be used, transported or stored at high temperature.

176 This document is applicable to energized as well as not energized specimens, that normally
177 achieve temperature stability during the test. The specimens can be packed or unpacked in the
178 test.

179 This document does not specify tests to determine the impact of temperature changes on
180 specimens.

181 **2 Normative references**

182 IEC 60068-1, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

183 IEC 60068-5-2, *Environmental testing – Part 5-2: Guide to drafting of test methods – Terms and*
184 *definitions*

185 **3 Terms and definitions**

186 For the purposes of this document, the definitions in IEC 60068-1 and IEC 60068-5-2, as well
187 as the following definitions, apply.

188 ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following
189 addresses:

- 190 • IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
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192 **3.1**

193 **low air velocity**

194 velocity of conditioning airflow within a working space which is sufficient to maintain conditions
195 but low enough so that the temperature at any point on the test specimen is not reduced by
196 more than 5 K by the influence of the circulation of the air.

197 **3.2**

198 **high air velocity**

199 velocity of conditioning airflow within a working space, which, in order to maintain conditions,
200 also reduces the temperature at any point on the test specimen by more than 5 K by the
201 influence of the circulation of the air.

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203 **4 Symbols**

T_B	high conditioning temperature
$T_{B'}$	corrected high conditioning temperature (nomogram procedure)
T_{STD}	temperature of standard atmospheric conditions for measurement and test (15 °C to 35 °C)
T_{Ca}	measured ambient temperature in the vicinity of the specimen, either in the test chamber or the laboratory air, without forced convection (see 5.2)
T_{Cb}	measured test chamber temperature with forced convection (see 5.2)
T_S	temperature of the energized specimen at the specified conditioning temperature
T_{Sa}	temperature of the energized specimen at the temperature of standard atmospheric conditions without forced convection (see 5.2)
T_{Sb}	temperature of the energized specimen at the temperature of standard atmospheric conditions with forced convection (see 5.2)
ΔT_S	temperature difference between the energized specimen and the air
$\Delta T_{Sa/b}$	temperature difference between the energized specimen without forced convection (T_{Sa}) and with forced convection (T_{Sb}) at the temperature of standard atmospheric conditions
dT_R	temperature change rate
t_s	stabilization time of specimen temperature before exposure to the high conditioning temperature
t_{s0}	stabilization time of specimen temperature after energizing
t_1	exposure time of the specimen to the high conditioning temperature

204 **5 Application of tests for non-heat-dissipating specimens versus tests for**
205 **heat-dissipating specimens**206 **5.1 General**

207 This test is subdivided as follows:

208 – Test Bb, Dry heat for non-heat-dissipating specimens;

209 – Test Bd, Dry heat for heat-dissipating specimens that are energized after initial temperature
210 stabilization;

211 – Test Be: Dry heat for heat-dissipating specimens that are energized throughout the test.

212 A specimen, while energized, is considered to be heat-dissipating only if the hottest point on its
213 surface or any other relevant point, measured in free air conditions (i.e. low air velocity
214 circulation), is more than 5 K above the ambient temperature of the surrounding atmosphere
215 after temperature stability has been reached (see 3.11 of IEC 60068-1).216 NOTE 1 In some cases, for example for test specimens with air-permeable housings, the relevant measuring points
217 can be located inside the external housing.218 Tests of heat-dissipating and non-heat-dissipating specimens generally differ in the air velocity
219 applied. Non-heat-dissipating specimens are typically tested at high air velocity to reduce the
220 time required to reach temperature stability. Heat-dissipating specimens are generally tested
221 at low air velocity to allow for the formation of local hotspots similar to those that would appear

222 in installed applications. Annex A gives an overview of the relevant test conditions and shows
223 the relationship of suffixes between Test A: Cold and Test B: Dry heat.

224 Testing with low air velocity may not apply to heat-dissipating specimens with an external
225 housing and built-in fan, provided that the representative measuring point is located at a point
226 inside the external housing which is not affected by external air movement. It should be ensured
227 that the induced air movement does not interfere with the operation of the built-in fan, if not
228 specified otherwise.

229 NOTE 2 The induced air movement can have an influence on the operation of a built-in fan if both air movements
230 act either in the same or opposite direction.

231 Where it is not feasible to test heat-dissipating specimens with low air velocity, e.g., due to the
232 required test conditions, Annex B gives an alternative procedure for testing with high air
233 velocity.

234 The relevant specification shall state which test procedure shall be applied. The advantages
235 and disadvantages of both test procedures should be considered when specifying the intended
236 test. For more information on these advantages and disadvantages, see Annex C.

237 When the relevant specification calls for a storage or transportation test or does not specify an
238 applied load during the test, Test Bb applies.

239 5.2 Ascertaining high or low air velocity in the test chamber

240 To ascertain, whether high or low air velocity prevails in the test chamber, the cooling effect of
241 the air movement on the specimen shall be determined. Therefore, the specimen's temperature
242 shall be measured with and without forced convection by the test chamber's fan. Both
243 temperatures shall be compared in accordance with the following procedure. It is recommended
244 to ascertain the prevailing air velocity in the test chamber for every specimen, since the
245 occurring cooling effect can vary for different specimens.

246 Under standard atmospheric conditions for measurements and test (see IEC 60068-1) with an
247 air velocity <0,2 m/s, achieved without forced convection, the heat-dissipating specimen shall
248 be switched on or electrically loaded as specified for the high temperature at which the test is
249 to be carried out.

250 When temperature stability of the specimen has been reached, the temperature of a
251 representative point around or on the specimen and the ambient temperature T_{Ca} shall be
252 measured using a suitable monitoring device. Either the hottest point or any point of particular
253 interest on the specimen may be used as representative point for measuring the temperature
254 of the energized specimen T_{Sa} without forced convection.

255 NOTE 1 To determine the representative point, an infrared camera can be helpful.

256 The temperature rise that occurs at each point shall then be noted. This measurement may be
257 done in an open test chamber (e.g. with an opened door or a lifted test space enclosure, if
258 applicable) or outside of the test chamber to prevent an improper temperature rise of the
259 surrounding air.

260 NOTE 2 The operation of a heat-dissipating specimen in a closed and switched-off test chamber leads to a
261 temperature rise within the test space. In a small test chamber or with a large heat load, the temperature rise can
262 influence the measurement result.

263 NOTE 3 The temperature T_{Ca} is the temperature in the vicinity of the specimen during the measurement without
264 forced convection. It can be the temperature in the test chamber or the temperature of the laboratory air, depending
265 on where the test was done.

266 The specimen is then introduced into the test chamber, if applicable, and test chamber is
267 switched on. The temperature is set to the previously recorded temperature T_{Ca} .