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- a) revision of the requirements for the test chamber;
- b) revision of the temperature tolerances of the test;
- c) updating of the figures for clarification purposes;
- d) revision of the limits of the temperature and relative humidity during conditioning;
- e) revision of the intermediate measurements;
- f) revision of standardized requirements for the test report.

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115 Part 1: General and guidance;

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## ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING –

### Part 2-30: Tests – Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)

#### 1 Scope

This document specifies a test procedure to determine the suitability of components, equipment, or other articles for use, transportation, and storage under conditions of high humidity combined with cyclic temperature changes and, in general, producing condensation on the surface of the specimen. This test method can also be used to validate the packaging of specimen for transportation and storage.

This document does only in exceptional cases apply to specimens that are energized throughout the test.

#### 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 60068-2-67, *Environmental testing – Part 2-67: Tests – Test Cy: Damp heat, steady state, accelerated test primarily intended for components*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60068-1 apply.

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

#### 4 General description

This test comprises one or more temperature cycles in which the relative humidity is maintained at a high level.

Two variants of the cycle are given which are identical except for the cooling period; during this part of the cycle, Variant 2 allows wider limits of relative humidity and the temperature change rate.

The conditioning temperature and the number of cycles (see Clause 6) determine the test severity.

Test profiles illustrating the procedure are shown in Figure 3 to Figure 5.



NOTE For small, low mass specimens, it can be difficult to produce condensation on the surface of the specimen using this procedure; considering an alternative test such as Test Z/AD (IEC 60068-2-38) can be helpful.

## 5 Description of test chamber

The test chamber shall be so constructed that:

- a) the temperature in the can be varied cyclically between 22 °C to 28 °C and the appropriate high conditioning temperature in a period specified in 7.4 as well as Figure 3 to Figure 5, as applicable;
- b) the relative humidity in the working space can be maintained within the limits of Variant 1 or Variant 2 or both as given in 7.4 as well as in Figure 3 to Figure 5, as applicable;
- c) the conditions prevailing at any point in the working space are uniform and are as similar as possible to those prevailing in the immediate vicinity of suitably located temperature- and humidity-sensing devices; the air in the chamber will therefore be continuously stirred at a rate necessary to maintain the specified conditions of temperature and humidity;
- d) the specimen under test is not subjected to radiant heat from the chamber conditioning processes;
- e) the water used for the chamber humidity system complies with the limits given in IEC 60068-2-67;
- f) any water is continuously drained from the chamber and not used again unless it has been re-purified;
- g) the materials used in the construction do not cause any significant corrosion of the specimen, or degradation of the quality of the humidifying water;
- h) injected moisture, when applicable, is not directly applied to the specimen but injected remotely from the specimen.

NOTE All temperatures and humidity values measured refer to the control sensor of the test chamber.

Precautions should be taken to ensure that no condensed water from the walls and roof of the test chamber can fall on the specimen. The specimen should not significantly impede the air flow.

Where no specific mounting is prescribed, the thermal conduction of the mounting shall be low, so that for all practical purposes the specimen is thermally isolated.

## 6 Severities

The combination of the test variant, the conditioning temperature and the number of cycles define the severity of this test.

The severity shall be chosen from the methods given in Table 1:

**Table 1 - Severities of Test Db**

Method	Variant	High conditioning temperature	Number of cycles
I	1	38 °C to 42 °C	2, 6, 12, 21, 56
II		53 °C to 57 °C	1, 2, 6
III	2	38 °C to 42 °C	2, 6, 12, 21, 56
IV		53 °C to 57 °C	1, 2, 6

## 201 7 Testing procedure

### 202 7.1 General

203 The specimens shall be introduced into the chamber either in the unpacked, switched-off, ready-  
204 for-use state, or as otherwise specified in the relevant specification.

205 This test standard does not apply to specimens that are energized during the complete test,  
206 except in exceptional cases. Specimens can be energized during the constant phases of the  
207 tests. Measurements on energized specimens are typically carried out during constant phases  
208 of the test unless specified otherwise (see 7.5).

209 Where no specific mounting is prescribed, the thermal conduction of the mounting shall be low,  
210 so that for all practical purposes the specimen is thermally isolated.

211 The dimensions, properties and/or electrical loading of the specimens under test shall not  
212 appreciably influence conditions within the test chamber.

213 The temperature and relative humidity limits given in this document are intended to take into  
214 account errors in the measurement, slow changes of temperature, and temperature variations  
215 of the working space.

216 NOTE 1 For further information on the working space, see IEC 60068-3-6.

217 The temperature and relative humidity refer to the control sensor of the test chamber, if not  
218 specified otherwise

219 The limits stated in this document do not take measurement uncertainty into consideration.

220 NOTE 2 The limits are valid for an empty test space during stabilized temperature/humidity conditions of the test.  
221 In some conditions, where the specimen has a negligible impact on the chamber control, the limits can still be valid  
222 for the chamber with specimen(s). For further information on the operation of a test chamber with specimens, see  
223 IEC 60068-3-7 and IEC 60068-3-11.

224 NOTE 3 To maintain the relative humidity within the required limits, it can be necessary to keep the temperature  
225 difference between any two points in the working space at any moment within narrower limits.

226 The dimensions of the specimen shall be such that it is entirely within the working space of the  
227 test chamber. The specimen shall not be placed directly on the floor of the test chamber.

### 228 7.2 Preconditioning

229 The temperature of the specimens shall be stabilized between 22 °C and 28 °C.

230 This shall be achieved by either placing the specimens in a separate test chamber before  
231 introducing it into the test chamber or adjusting the temperature of the test chamber accordingly  
232 to stay within the specified limits (22 °C to 28 °C) after the introduction of the specimens and  
233 maintaining them at this level until the specimens attain temperature stability. A representative  
234 point (or points) on the specimen can be used for this measurement.

235 During the stabilization of temperature by either method, the relative humidity shall be within  
236 the limits specified for standard atmospheric conditions for measurement and test (see IEC  
237 60068-1), 25 % RH to 75 % RH (see Figure 1)

238 Following stabilization, with the specimens in the test chamber, the relative humidity shall be  
239 increased to not less than 95 % RH at a test chamber temperature of 22 °C to 28 °C in a time  
240 not exceeding 1 h.

241 After the stabilization of the relative humidity in the test chamber the first test cycle begins.