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Electrical relays – Tests and Measurements

Part 7-14: Mould growth

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77 **1 Scope**

78 This part of IEC 61810-7 is used for testing along with the appropriate severities and conditions
79 for measurements and tests designed to assess the ability of specimens to perform under
80 expected conditions of transportation, storage and all aspects of operational use.

81 The object of this test is for determining the extent to which electrical relays support mould
82 growth and how any mould growth may affect the performance and other relevant
83 properties/function of a relay.

84 **2 Normative references**

85 The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content
86 constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies.
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88 amendments) applies.

89 IEC 60068-2-10:2019, *Environmental testing - Part 2-10: Tests – Test J and guidance: Mould*
90 *growth*

91 IEC 61810-7-0:202X, *Electrical relays – Tests and Measurements – Part 7-0: Testing general*

92 IEC 61810-7-7:202X, *Electrical relays – Tests and Measurements – Part 7-7: Functional test*

93 **3 Terms and definitions**

94 Clause 3 of IEC 61810-7-0 is applicable.

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96 **4 Test procedure**

97 **4.1 Purpose**

98 To assess the extent of mould growth on a relay, or the effect of mould growth on the function
99 of a relay.

100 **4.2 Procedure**

101 The test shall be carried out in accordance with test J of IEC 60068-2-10 and if not otherwise
102 specified test variant 1 with a test duration of 28 days (severity 1) applies.

103 As part of the initial measurements all DUT shall be tested in line with IEC 60068-2-10, clause
104 9 and IEC 61810-7-7 Functional test.

105 The final examination shall be followed IEC 60068-2-10, clause 12 and a final functional test
106 according to IEC 61810-7-7.

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108 4.3 Conditions to be specified

109 The conditions to be specified are the following.

110 All details following items a) to f) of Clause 13 of IEC 60068-2-10.

111 a) Test variant 1 or 2

112 b) Test variant 1 duration of incubation (severity)

113 c) Initial electrical and mechanical measurements and functional checks (only if performance
114 deterioration is to be determined)

115 d) Preconditioning by cleaning

116 e) Inoculation method (if not by spraying)

117 f) Interruption of incubation for visual intermediate inspection

118 5 Evaluation

119 Final examinations shall include the following and be in line with Clause 12 of IEC 60068-2-10

120 a) Visual examination

121 b) Effect of growth

122 c) Extent of growth – any grade is permitted as long the following functional test is passed

123 d) Functional test according to IEC 61810-7-7, and the relay parameters are in line with
124 the product specification.

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(informative)****Test report**126
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130 The Test report shall consist of the following:

- 131 • Description of test specimen
- 132 • Test standard, edition and test variant
- 133 • Severity for test variant 1
- 134 • Test fungi (if deviating from the test standard)
- 135 • Initial, intermediate and final examinations (detailed)
- 136 • Cleaning of the specimen(s) (if applied)
- 137 • Method of inoculation
- 138 • Conditions of incubation (if deviating from the test standard)
- 139 • Mould growth on the control strips (after 7 days incubation)
- 140 • Test results (specific observations inclusive)
- 141 • Test criterion (permissible grade of mould growth if prescribed)
- 142 • Evaluation of the performance (basing on the test criterion)
- 143 • If applicable – any other observation

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146 IEC 60068-1:2013, *Environmental testing — Part 1: General and guidance*

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