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Foreword

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International Standard ISO 9022-9 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 172, *Optics and optical instruments*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Fundamental standards*.

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

— *Part 1: Definitions, extent of testing*

— *Part 2: Cold, heat, humidity*

— *Part 3: Mechanical stress*

— *Part 4: Salt mist*

— *Part 5: Combined cold, low air pressure*

— *Part 6: Dust*

— *Part 7: Drip, rain*

— *Part 8: High pressure, low pressure, immersion*

— *Part 9: Solar radiation*

— *Part 10: Combined sinusoidal vibration, dry heat or cold*

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— *Part 11: Mould growth*

— *Part 12: Contamination*

— *Part 13: Combined shock, bump or free fall, dry heat or cold*

— *Part 14: Dew, hoarfrost, ice*

— *Part 15: Combined random vibration wide band: reproducibility medium, in dry heat or cold*

— *Part 16: Combined bounce or steady-state acceleration, in dry heat or cold*

— *Part 17: Combined contamination, solar radiation*

— *Part 18: Combined damp heat and low internal pressure*

— *Part 19: Temperature cycles combined with sinusoidal or random vibration*

— *Part 20: Humid atmosphere containing sulfur dioxide or hydrogen sulfide*

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.

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 the 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.

It should be noted that, 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 must 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 may arise where application of both ISO 9022 and other appropriate International Standards will be necessary.

Optics and optical instruments — Environmental test methods —

Part 9:
Solar radiation

1 Scope

This part of ISO 9022 specifies methods for the testing of optical instruments and instruments containing optical components, under equivalent conditions, for their ability to resist the effects of simulated solar radiation. It is applicable to instruments that may be exposed to sunlight during operation or unsheltered storage on the earth's surface, or in the lower atmosphere.

The purpose of testing is to investigate to what extent the optical, thermal, mechanical, chemical and electrical performance characteristics of the specimen are affected by solar radiation.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 9022. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 9022 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 9022-1:1994[1], *Optics and optical instruments — Environmental test methods — Part 1: Definitions, extent of testing.*

IEC 68-2-9:1975 *Environmental testing — Part 2: Tests — Guidance for solar radiation testing.*

3 General information and test conditions

A radiation source capable of generating irradiance as specified in table 1 on the specimen surface or in a plane specified in the relevant specification is installed in a heated test chamber. The data shall include any radiation reflected from the test chamber walls but not infrared radiation emitted from the chamber walls on account of the wall temperature.

Ozone generated during exposure shall be removed from the test chamber.

The position and mounting of the specimen, the characteristics of its support and the location of the test points for measuring the radiation and the temperature within the exposure zone shall be specified in the relevant specification.

In addition to the requirements specified above, IEC 68-2-9 applies.

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