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les défaillances précoces
d'un système complexe et unique
(CEI 62429:2007)

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IEC 60050-191	1990	International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) - Chapter 191: Dependability and quality of service	-	-
IEC 60300-3-5	- ¹⁾	Dependability management - Part 3-5: Application guide - Reliability test conditions and statistical test principles	-	-
IEC 60605-2	- ¹⁾	Equipment reliability testing - Part 2: Design of test cycles	-	-
IEC 61163-1	2006	Reliability stress screening - Part 1: Repairable assemblies manufactured in lots	EN 61163-1	2006
IEC 61163-2	- ¹⁾	Reliability stress screening - Part 2: Electronic components	-	-
IEC 61164	- ¹⁾	Reliability growth - Statistical test and estimation methods	EN 61164	2004 ²⁾
IEC 61710	- ¹⁾	Power law model - Goodness-of-fit tests and estimation methods	-	-

¹⁾ Undated reference.

²⁾ Valid edition at date of issue.

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RELIABILITY GROWTH – STRESS TESTING FOR EARLY FAILURES IN UNIQUE COMPLEX SYSTEMS

1 Scope

This International Standard gives guidance for reliability growth during final testing or acceptance testing of unique complex systems. It gives guidance on accelerated test conditions and criteria for stopping these tests. "Unique" means that no information exists on similar systems, and the small number of produced systems means that information deducted from the test has limited use for future production.

This standard concerns reliability growth of repairable complex systems consisting of hardware with embedded software. It can be used for describing the procedure for acceptance testing, "running-in", and to ensure that reliability of a delivered system is not compromised by coding errors, workmanship errors or manufacturing errors. It only covers the early failure period of the system life cycle and neither the constant failure period, nor the wear out failure period. It can also be used when a company wants to optimize the duration of internal production testing during manufacturing of prototypes, single systems or small series.

It is applicable mainly to large hardware/software systems, but does not cover large networks, for example telecommunications and power networks, since new parts of such systems cannot usually be isolated during the testing.

It does not cover software tested alone, but the methods can be used during testing of large embedded software programs in operational hardware, when simulated operating loads are used.

It addresses growth testing before or at delivery of a finished system. The testing can therefore take place at the manufacturer's or at the end user's premises.

If the user of a system performs reliability growth by a policy of updating hardware and software with improved versions, this standard can be used to guide the growth process.

This standard covers a wide field of applications, but is not applicable to health or safety aspects of systems.

This standard does not apply to systems that are covered by IEC 62279^[39].

2 Normative references

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IEC 60050-191:1990, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 191: Dependability and quality of service*

IEC 60300-3-5, *Dependability management – Part 3-5: Application guide – Reliability test conditions and statistical test principles*

IEC 60605-2, *Equipment reliability testing – Part 2 Design of test cycles*

IEC 61163-1:2006, *Reliability stress screening – Part 1: Repairable assemblies manufactured in lots*

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IEC 61164, *Reliability growth – Statistical test and estimation methods*

IEC 61710, *Power law model – Goodness-of-fit and estimation methods*

3 Terms, definitions, abbreviations and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-191, as well as the following, apply.

3.1.1

time compression

reducing test time by testing with higher use time than in the field

NOTE An example is testing a system that is used 8 h a day for 24 h a day.

3.1.2

accelerated test

test in which the applied stress level is chosen to exceed that stated in the reference conditions in order to shorten the time duration required to observe the stress response of the item, or to magnify the response in a given time duration

NOTE To be valid, an accelerated test should not alter the basic fault modes and failure mechanisms, or their relative prevalence.

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3.1.3

(time) acceleration factor

ratio between the time durations necessary to obtain the same stated number of failures or degradations in two equal size samples, under two different sets of stress conditions involving the same failure mechanisms and fault modes and their relative prevalence.

NOTE One of the two sets of stress conditions should be a reference set.

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3.1.4

execution time

time to perform a stated number of transactions

3.1.5

fault

state of an item characterized by inability to perform a required function, excluding the inability during preventive maintenance or other planned actions, or due to lack of external resources.

NOTE 1 A fault is often the result of a failure of the item itself, but may exist without prior failure.

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