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- b) Clause 5: severities aligned with IEC 60721-2-3 and IEC 60721-3 (all parts);
- c) addition of Annex A (guidance on selecting the duration of exposure).

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## ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING –

### Part 2-13: Tests – Test M: Low air pressure

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60068 specifies methods of test applicable to specimens which, during transportation, storage or in service, can be subjected to low air pressure.

The object of the low air pressure test is to determine the ability of components, equipment or other articles to be used, transported or stored at low air pressure.

Components, equipment or other articles to be used, transported or stored under a simultaneous combination of high or low temperature and low air pressure, where the combination is important for the stresses imposed on the articles or for the failure mechanisms, are then tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-39.

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#### 4 Test description

##### 4.1 General

The specimen is introduced into the test chamber, the chamber air pressure is then reduced to the appropriate value specified in the relevant specification.

These conditions are maintained for the specified duration.

##### 4.2 Description of test apparatus

The test chamber shall be capable of maintaining the air pressure conditions given in Clause 5.

Care should be taken to avoid air contamination by ancillary equipment and devices and by the air introduced when pressure is restored to normal.