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IEC 60050	Series	International Electrotechnical Vocabulary	-	-
IEC 60068-1	-	Environmental testing - Part 1: General and guidance	EN 60068-1	-
IEC 60068-2-1	1990	Environmental testing - Part 2: Tests - Tests A: Cold	EN 60068-2-1 <sup>1)</sup>	1993
IEC 60068-2-2	1974	Environmental testing - Part 2: Tests - Tests B: Dry heat	EN 60068-2-2 <sup>2) 3)</sup>	1993
IEC 60068-2-6	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-6: Tests - Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)	EN 60068-2-6	-
IEC 60068-2-11	-	Environmental testing - Part 2: Tests - Test Ka: Salt mist	EN 60068-2-11	-
IEC 60068-2-13	-	Environmental testing - Part 2: Tests - Test M: Low air pressure	EN 60068-2-13	-
IEC 60068-2-14	2009	Environmental testing - Part 2-14: Tests - Test N: Change of temperature	EN 60068-2-14	2009
IEC 60068-2-17	-	Environmental testing - Part 2: Tests - Test Q: Sealing	EN 60068-2-17	-
IEC 60068-2-20	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-20: Tests - Test T: Test methods for solderability and resistance to soldering heat of devices with leads	EN 60068-2-20	-
IEC 60068-2-27	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-27: Tests - Test Ea and guidance: Shock	EN 60068-2-27	-
IEC 60068-2-29	-	Environmental testing - Part 2: Tests - Test Eb and guidance: Bump	EN 60068-2-29	- <sup>4)</sup>
IEC 60068-2-30	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-30: Tests - Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)	EN 60068-2-30	-

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IEC 60068-2-54	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-54: Tests - Test Ta: Solderability testing of electronic components by the wetting balance method	EN 60068-2-54	-
IEC 60068-2-61	1991	Environmental testing - Part 2: Test methods - Test Z/ABDM: Climatic sequence	EN 60068-2-61	1993
IEC 60068-2-78	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-78: Tests - Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state	EN 60068-2-78	-
IEC 60457-1	-	Rigid precision coaxial lines and their associated precision connectors - Part 1: General requirements and measuring methods	HD 351.1 S1	-
IEC 60617	Data- base	Graphical symbols for diagrams	-	-
IEC 61726	-	Cable assemblies, cables, connectors and passive microwave components - Screening attenuation measurement by the reverberation chamber method	EN 61726	-
IEC 62037	Series	Passive RF and microwave devices, intermodulation level measurement	EN 62037	Series
IEC 62153	Series	Metallic communication cables test methods	EN 62153	Series
ISO 1000	- <sup>5)</sup>	SI units and recommendations for the use of their multiples and of certain other units	-	-

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<sup>5)</sup> ISO 1000:1992 has been withdrawn.

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## RADIO FREQUENCY CONNECTORS –

### Part 1: Generic specification – General requirements and measuring methods

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61169, which is a generic specification, relates to radio frequency connectors for r.f. transmission lines for use in telecommunications, electronics and similar equipment.

It provides the basis for the sectional standards, which apply to individual connector types. It is intended to establish uniform concepts and procedures concerning:

- terminology;
- standard ratings and characteristics;
- testing and measuring procedures concerning electrical, mechanical and climatic properties;
- classification of connectors with regard to climatic testing procedures involving temperature and humidity.

The test methods and procedures of this standard are intended for acceptance and type approval testing.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-11, *Environmental testing – Part 2-11: Tests – Test Ka: Salt mist*

IEC 60068-2-13, *Environmental testing – Part 2-13: Tests – Test M: Low air pressure*

IEC 60068-2-14:2009, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

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ISO 1000, *SI units and recommendations for the use of their multiples and of certain other units*<sup>3</sup>

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

NOTE Some of the terms defined are not used in the present document, but may be used in the different sectional specifications.

#### 3.1 General, parts of connectors

##### 3.1.1

##### **contact (electrical)**

state in which individual electrically conductive parts are in such close mechanical touch as to provide a low resistance path to electrical current in either direction

##### 3.1.2

##### **contact**

conductive element in a component which mates with a corresponding element to provide an electrical path (to provide electrical contact)

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