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FOREWORD

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This sixth edition cancels and replaces the fifth edition, published in 1984, and its amendment 1 (1986) and constitutes a technical revision.

The major changes with regard to the previous edition concern:

- merging of the previous version of IEC 60068-2-14 with IEC 60068-2-33: *Guidance on change of temperature tests*;
- updating of the figures, changes to some of the wording and editorial corrections made for clarification.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

It has the status of a basic safety publication in accordance with IEC Guide 104.

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- reconfirmed,
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INTRODUCTION

A change of temperature test is intended to determine the effect on the specimen of a change of temperature or a succession of changes of temperature.

It is not intended to show effects which are due only to high or low temperatures. For these effects, the dry heat test or the cold test should be used.

The effect of such tests is determined by

– values of high and low conditioning temperature between which the change is to be effected,
– the conditioning times for which the test specimen is kept at these temperatures,
– the rate of change between these temperatures,
– the number of cycles of conditioning,
– the amount of heat transfer into or from the specimen.

Guidance on the choice of suitable test parameters for inclusion in the detail specification is given throughout this standard.

ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING –

Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60068 provides a test to determine the ability of components, equipment or other articles to withstand rapid changes of ambient temperature. The exposure times adequate to accomplish this will depend upon the nature of the specimen.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60068 (all parts), *Environmental testing*

IEC 60068-2-1, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Test A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-17, *Environmental testing – Part 2-17: Tests – Test Q: Sealing*

IEC Guide 104, *The preparation of safety publications and the use of basic safety publications and group safety publications*

3 Field conditions of changing temperature

It is common in electronic equipment and components that changes of temperature occur. Parts inside equipment undergo slower changes of temperature than those on an external surface when the equipment is not switched on.

Rapid changes of temperature may be expected

– when equipment is transported from warm indoor environments into cold open air conditions or vice versa,
– when equipment is suddenly cooled by rainfall or immersion in cold water,
– in externally mounted airborne equipment,
– under certain conditions of transportation and storage.

Components will undergo stresses due to changing temperature when high temperature gradients build up in an equipment after being switched on, e.g. in the neighbourhood of high wattage resistors, radiation can cause rise of surface temperature in neighbouring components while other portions are still cool.

Artificially cooled components may be subjected to rapid temperature changes when the cooling system is switched on. Rapid changes of temperature in components may also be induced during manufacturing processes of equipment. Both the number and amplitude of temperature changes and the time interval between them are important.