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**Classification of environmental conditions -
Part 3-5: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their
severities - Ground vehicle installations**



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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) most classes have been replaced by completely new classes based on the use of additional information obtained from referenced Technical Reports;
- b) Table 1 through to Table 7 have been reviewed and updated;
- c) the content of Annex A and Annex B has either been incorporated into the main body of the document or deleted.

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The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60721 classifies the groups of environmental parameters and their severities to which a product, not forming part of the vehicle, is subjected when installed on or in a ground vehicle. Such products are for example radios, communication systems, fare meters, flow meters for liquids transported by the vehicle, for example milk, petroleum products, etc. Vehicles where products can be permanently or temporarily installed include

- road vehicles: passenger cars, commercial vehicles, special vehicles, towing vehicles, trailers, mopeds, motorcycles,
- rail vehicles: trains, trams,
- tracked vehicles: excavators, cranes, rubber tracked vehicles,
- overland vehicles: four-wheel drive cars, tractors, snow scooters,
- handling and storage vehicles: fork-lift trucks (manual and robot), luggage transporters, and
- self-propelled machinery: diggers, harvesters.

Although this document is not intended for products forming part of the vehicles, the environmental condition classification can also be used for some exchangeable parts, installed in a similar way and in the same locations of the vehicle as products which do not form part of the vehicle. Only severe conditions which can be harmful to products are included.

Conditions of storage, transportation and handling are given in IEC 60721-3-1 and IEC 60721-3-2. Classification of storage and transportation environmental conditions are given in other subparts of the IEC 60721-3 series.

Accidental incidents are not included, but it can be important to take their occurrence into account for products vital to the safety of the ground vehicle.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60721-1, *Classification of environmental conditions - Part 1: Environmental parameters and their severities*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60721-1 and the following apply.

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internally mounted

mounted internally in the vehicle, in a compartment which affords some protection from the environment, ranging from complete isolation from external influences to protection only from precipitation when the vehicle is not moving