
**Optics and optical instruments —
Environmental test methods —**

**Part 4:
Salt mist**

*Optique et instruments d'optique — Méthodes d'essais d'environnement —
Partie 4: Brouillard salin*



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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 9022-4:1994), which has been technically revised.

ISO 9022 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Optics and optical instruments — Environmental test methods*:

- *Part 1: Definitions, extent of testing*
- *Part 2: Cold, heat and humidity*
- *Part 3: Mechanical stress*
- *Part 4: Salt mist*
- *Part 5: Combined cold, low air pressure*
- *Part 6: Dust*
- *Part 7: Drip, rain*
- *Part 8: High pressure, low pressure, immersion*
- *Part 9: Solar radiation*
- *Part 10: Combined sinusoidal vibration and dry heat or cold*
- *Part 11: Mould growth*
- *Part 12: Contamination*
- *Part 13: Combined shock, bump or free fall and dry heat or cold*
- *Part 14: Dew, hoarfrost, ice*
- *Part 15: Combined digitally controlled broad-band random vibration and dry heat or cold*
- *Part 16: Combined bounce or steady-state acceleration and dry heat or cold*
- *Part 17: Combined contamination, solar radiation*
- *Part 18: Combined damp heat and low internal pressure*
- *Part 19: Temperature cycles combined with sinusoidal or random vibration*

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- *Part 20: Humid atmosphere containing sulfur dioxide or hydrogen sulfide*
- *Part 21: Combined low pressure and ambient temperature or dry heat*

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Introduction

Optical instruments are affected during their use by a number of different environmental parameters which they are required to resist without significant reduction in performance.

The type and severity of these parameters depend on the conditions of use of the instrument (for example, in the laboratory or workshop) and on its geographical location. The environmental effects on optical instrument performance in the tropics and subtropics are totally different from those found when they are used in the arctic regions. Individual parameters cause a variety of different and overlapping effects on instrument performance.

The manufacturer attempts to ensure, and the user naturally expects, that instruments will resist the likely rigours of their environment throughout their life. This expectation can be assessed by exposure of the instrument to a range of simulated environmental parameters under controlled laboratory conditions. The severity of these conditions is often increased to obtain meaningful results in a relatively short period of time.

In order to allow assessment and comparison of the response of optical instruments to appropriate environmental conditions, ISO 9022 contains details of a number of laboratory tests which reliably simulate a variety of different environments. The tests are based largely on IEC standards, modified where necessary to take into account features special to optical instruments.

It should be noted that, as a result of continuous progress in all fields, optical instruments are no longer only precision-engineered optical products, but, depending on their range of application, also contain additional assemblies from other fields. For this reason, the principal function of the instrument must be assessed to determine which International Standard should be used for testing. If the optical function is of primary importance, then ISO 9022 is applicable, but if other functions take precedence then the appropriate International Standard in the field concerned should be applied. Cases may arise where application of both ISO 9022 and other appropriate International Standards will be necessary.

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Part 4: Salt mist

1 Scope

This part of ISO 9022 specifies methods for the testing of optical instruments and instruments containing optical components, under equivalent conditions, for their ability to resist salt mist.

Exposure to salt mist mainly results in the corrosion of metals; effects may also occur by way of clogging or binding of moving parts.

The purpose of testing is to assess as early as possible the ability of the instrument, and particularly of the surfaces and protective coatings of the instrument, to resist the effects of a salt atmosphere.

Normally, representative samples or complete small units are used for testing. Complete large instruments or assemblies are only tested as specified in this part of ISO 9022 in exceptional cases.

2 Normative reference

The following normative document contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 9022. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, this publication do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 9022 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the normative document indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 9022-1:1994, *Optics and optical instruments — Environmental test methods — Part 1: Definitions, extent of testing*

3 General information and test conditions

3.1 Limitations of testing

3.1.1 General

The aim of salt mist testing is unlikely to be achieved unless the deficiencies and limitations of such testing as detailed in 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 are fully recognized.

3.1.2 Suitability

Salt mist testing is considered suitable for:

- a) the assessment of the resistance of optical and other functional layers;
- b) assessing the anticorrosion effect of metallic and non-metallic coatings;
- c) early detection of the unacceptability of material combinations.