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Dew, hoarfrost, ice

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*Partie 14: Rosée, givre, glace*



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## Foreword

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- Part 1: *Definitions, extent of testing*
- Part 2: *Cold, heat, humidity*
- Part 3: *Mechanical stress*
- Part 4: *Salt mist*
- Part 5: *Combined cold, low air pressure*
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- Part 7: *Drip, rain*
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- Part 10: *Combined sinusoidal vibration, dry heat or cold*

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- Part 11: Mould growth
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- Part 13: Combined shock, bump or free fall, dry heat or cold
- Part 14: Dew, hoarfrost, ice
- Part 15: Combined random vibration wide band: reproducibility medium, in dry heat or cold
- Part 16: Combined bounce or steady-state acceleration, in 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
- Part 20: Humid atmosphere containing sulfur dioxide or hydrogen sulfide

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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.

# Optics and optical instruments — Environmental test methods

## Part 14:

Dew, hoarfrost, ice

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 9022 specifies methods for the testing of optical instruments and instruments containing optical elements under equivalent conditions, for their ability to resist dew, hoarfrost or ice.

The purpose of testing is to investigate to what extent the optical, thermal, mechanical and electrical performance characteristics of the specimen are affected by dew, hoarfrost or ice.

### 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 9022. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 9022 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 9022-1:1994<sup>1)</sup>, *Optics and optical instruments — Environmental test methods — Part 1: Definitions, extent of testing.*

ISO 9022-4:1994<sup>1)</sup>, *Optics and optical instruments — Environmental test methods — Part 4: Salt mist.*

### 3 General information and test conditions

Exposure to dew, hoarfrost or ice is effected by rapid change of the environmental conditions in a chamber or by transferring the specimen from a cold chamber to a conditioned room. Instrument parts not exposed to hoarfrost or icing conditions during normal use should be protected from exposure to such conditions during test.

### 4 Conditioning

Table 1 shows the conditioning methods 75 (dew), 76 (hoarfrost followed by the process of thawing), and 77 (ice covering followed by the process of thawing). Conditioning method 77 (ice covering followed by the process of thawing) includes two types of ice formation (see annex A for details).

— rime ice: degree of severity 01 applies;

— glazed ice: degrees of severity 02 to 04 apply.

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