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Environmental conditions appearing in nature -
Temperature and humidity**

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**Normative references to international publications
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The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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NOTE 2 Up-to-date information on the latest versions of the European Standards listed in this annex is available here: www.cenelec.eu

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INTRODUCTION

Electrotechnical products are used in almost all areas of the world under varying climatic conditions and have to meet the stresses imposed by these climatic conditions with the necessary reliability. A detailed knowledge of the climatic conditions to which the product will be subjected is necessary in the design stage to ensure that reliability is met.

Data on open-air temperature and humidity have been collected and statistically processed for many years throughout the world. Such data is represented in this part of IEC 60721.

In addition to open-air temperature, temperature stresses on a product depend on a number of other environmental parameters, for example solar radiation, air velocity or heating from adjacent equipment.

The effects of humidity depend on temperature, temperature changes and impurities in the humid air.

In many cases the extremes of temperature and humidity are of great importance even if they occur for a short time. In other cases, where large time constants for heat or water penetration are involved, the mean values of temperature and humidity over a certain period may be more important.

It has therefore been considered useful to present here both the mean value over many years of the annual extreme values of temperature and humidity, which will occur only for short periods (a few hours), and the mean value over many years of the extreme daily mean values of temperature and humidity, which will occur for longer periods.

In order to cover cases where rare events need to be taken into account, the absolute extreme temperatures and humidity levels, observed over a period of many years, have also been presented.