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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee EL-026, Protective Enclosures and Environmental Testing for Electrical/Electronic Equipment.

The objective of this Standard is to provide the electrotechnology industry with a complete set of environmental test procedures published as a series under AS 60068 *Environmental testing*. This Standard is Part 2.14 of that series.

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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 the high or low temperature. 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 in IEC 60068-2-33: Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2: Tests – Guidance on change of temperature tests, which should be read in conjunction with this standard.

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1 Test Na: Rapid change of temperature with prescribed time of transition

1.1 Scope

This test determines 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.

1.2 General description of the test

The specimen is exposed to rapid changes of temperature in air, or in a suitable inert gas, by alternate exposure to low temperature and to high temperature.

1.3 Description of the test apparatus

1.3.1 Testing chamber

1.3.1.1 Two separate chambers shall be provided, one for the low temperature and one for the high temperature, the location being such as to allow transfer of the specimen from one chamber to the other within the prescribed time. Either manual or automatic transfer methods may be used.

1.3.1.2 The chambers shall be capable of maintaining the atmosphere at the appropriate temperature for the test in any region where the specimen is placed.

1.3.1.3 The absolute humidity of the atmosphere should not exceed 20 g/m^3.

1.3.1.4 The temperature of the walls of the hot and cold chambers shall not differ by more than 3 % and 8 % respectively from the specified ambient temperature of the test, expressed in kelvins. This requirement applies to all parts of the chamber walls and the specimens shall be unable to “see” any heating or cooling elements which do not comply with this requirement.

1.3.1.5 The volume of the chambers and the air velocity shall be such that after insertion of the test specimens, the temperature of the atmosphere shall be within the specified tolerance after a time of not more than 10 % of the exposure time.

1.3.1.6 The air in the chamber shall be circulated. Air velocity measured close to the test specimen shall be not less than 2 m/s.

1.3.2 Mounting or supporting of the test specimen

Unless otherwise specified in the relevant specification, the thermal conduction of the mounting or supports shall be low, such that for practical purposes the specimen is thermally isolated. When testing several specimens simultaneously they shall be so placed that free circulation should be provided between specimens, and between specimens and chamber surfaces.