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**Environmental testing**

**Part 2.5: Tests—Test S<sub>1</sub>: Simulated  
solar radiation at ground level**

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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee EL-026, Protective Enclosures and Environmental Testing for Electric/Electronic Equipment to supersede AS 1099.2.Sa—1980, *Basic environmental testing procedures for electrotechnology Part 2Sa: Tests—Test Sa—Simulated solar radiation*.

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 2.5 of that series.

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**Warning note**

Intending users of this test are directed to the health hazards associated with tests of this nature and should therefore read clause 9 of IEC 60068-2-9.

**1 Object**

To determine the effects (thermal, mechanical, chemical, electrical, etc.) produced on equipment and components as a result of exposure to solar radiation under the conditions experienced at the surface of the earth.

**2 Initial measurements**

The specimen(s) shall be visually inspected and electrically and mechanically checked, as required by the relevant specification.

**3 Test apparatus**

3.1 The enclosure in which the tests are to be carried out shall be provided with means for obtaining, over the prescribed irradiation measurement plane, an irradiance of  $1\,120\text{ kW/m}^2 \pm 10\%$  with the spectral distribution given in table I. The value of  $1\,120\text{ kW/m}^2$  shall include any radiation *reflected* from the test enclosure and received by the specimen under test. It should not include long-wave infra-red radiation, *emitted* by the test enclosure; see 6.1 of IEC 60068-2-9.

NOTE – Where only the thermal effects of solar radiation are of interest, see 2.2 and 2.3 of IEC 60068-2-9.

3.2 Means shall also be provided whereby the specified conditions of temperature, air flow and humidity can be maintained within the enclosure.

NOTE – Circulation of air can significantly reduce the temperature rise of specimens; see 4.5 of IEC 60068-2-9.

3.3 The temperature within the enclosure shall be measured (with adequate shielding from radiated heat) at a point or points in a horizontal plane 0 mm to 50 mm below the prescribed irradiation measurement plane, at half the distance between the specimen under test and the wall of the enclosure, or at 1 m from the specimen, whichever is the lesser.

**4 Conditioning**

4.1 The specimen to be tested shall be placed either on raised supports or on a specified substrate of known thermal conductivity and thermal capacity within the enclosure and so spaced from other specimens as to avoid shielding from the source of radiation or re-radiated heat; see 4.6 of IEC 60068-2-9.

4.2 During the entire test, the irradiation, the temperature within the enclosure, the humidity and any other specified environmental conditions shall be maintained at the levels appropriate to the particular test procedure as called for in the relevant specification.