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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 2.74 of that series.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60068 gives a method of test which provides a standard procedure to determine the ability of components, equipments or their constituent materials, hereinafter referred to as specimen, to withstand accidental contact with fluids, without being unacceptably affected.

The fluids listed in this part of IEC 60068 are representative of those commonly encountered in operational applications. It is not intended that a specimen should be exposed to all, or even any of them. Nor is the list intended to be complete; fluids not listed and for which a test is appropriate should be included in the relevant specification. Guidance is given in annex A on the choice of test fluids, specimens and severities.

These tests are not intended to demonstrate the suitability of components or equipments to perform in continuous contact with a fluid, e.g. an immersed fuel pump. Nor are they a test to demonstrate immunity from electrolytic corrosion.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 60068. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 60068 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 1817:1985, *Rubber, vulcanized – Determination of the effect of liquids*

3 Test fluid**3.1 Specification of test fluid**

The relevant specification (see clause 12) shall specify the required test fluids which shall wherever possible be selected from the list given in table 1. Each fluid has been specified as being representative of a group of fluids. (See clause A.2.)

The relevant specification shall also specify any additional fluids not listed in table 1 for which a test is required.

3.2 Precaution

Since many fluids may have flash points within the test temperature range, care should be taken to ensure that adequate safety measures are taken to limit the possibility of fire or explosion.