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More detailed information may be obtained from specialist documentation, some of which is given in the bibliography.

¹ Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

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1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60721 is intended to be used to define the strategy for arriving at an environmental description from measured data when related to a product's life cycle.

Its object is to define fundamental properties and quantities for characterization of storage, transportation and in-use shock and vibration data as background material for the severities to which products are liable to be exposed during those phases of their lifecycle.

2 Normative references

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3 General

3.1 Introductory remarks

Shock and vibrations measured in storage, transportation platforms and in-use locations can vary considerably from a basic sinusoidal character to pure random, which itself may or may not be normally distributed. If it is the latter, it can be reasonably assumed that the process is a sum of normally distributed random waves of differing amplitudes mixed in a complex manner.

Rarely can a real world environment be classified purely as a sinusoidal vibration and is normally associated with a discrete excitation mechanism such as rotating machinery, aero engines, propellers and is normally mixed with an associated random vibration process. It is then necessary for the specification writer to decide whether to conduct a random vibration test only or to perform one of the mixed mode tests.

Associated with the vibration environment for each life-cycle stage is, potentially, a shock environment which may produce much higher acceleration levels in certain circumstances. Generally speaking, the frequency content for these shocks is contained within the 0 Hz to 200 Hz bandwidth for, say, transportation, assuming that the packaged product is firmly secured to the transport platform base and is not therefore 'bouncing around'. However, much higher frequencies, maybe in the kHz range, may be present in the in-use stage, again dependent upon the real world scenario.

The process described below is for a random vibration environment, since it is probably the most common form of test conducted. Any statement made therefore about the random process should be interpreted as applying to the alternative process. However, it can equally be applied to the shock environment by calculating the shock response spectrum and conducting the same process on this spectrum as for an acceleration spectral density (ASD)