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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) Modification of title.
b) Revision of Clauses 6, 7 and 8 including new defined test setups.
c) Compatibility with IEC 61587-2, IEC 61587-3 and IEC 61587-5.

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INTRODUCTION

This document provides a common methodology to perform and report conformance tests of IEC 60917 or IEC 60297 compliant cabinets, racks, subracks, chassis, chassis integrated subracks and associated plug-in units under indoor condition use and transportation conditions.

Manufacturers can show the performance and characteristics of products in their catalogues by using the classifications in accordance with this document.

Users get comparative figures to compare products of different producers and can choose products for their targeted system from their catalogues. With the information of different classification levels, they get important indices for the possible maximum loads of the enclosure, which are important for their individual and safe applicability.

Designers of new products can define the performance requirements of these new products for their targeted systems by referencing this document. This allows a cost optimized design in accordance with the intended application.

This edition 5 constitutes a revision of the previous edition, with the following changes:

a) Subracks, chassis with integrated subracks and associated plug-in units
   - The static mechanical tests of subracks as described in edition 4 were based on the inspection of load bearing structural parts (single point load). On the other hand, the dynamic mechanical load test in edition 4 described not only subracks but also various types of chassis with integrated subracks, based on the load categories. In addition, the dynamic mechanical test for plug-in units with mass load was defined. There was no mention of mechanical tests for chassis.
   - This edition 5 provides test methods for static load tests for subracks and chassis integrated subracks, which are categorized based on subracks' associated mass loaded plug-in units. The static load test for chassis is similarly categorized by applying with dummy loads for chassis. These load categories for subracks, chassis with integrated subracks and chassis are applied for the dynamic load tests. These test methods solve previous edition lack of requirements on the static/dynamic tests for subracks and associated plug-in units, chassis with integrated subrack and chassis.
   - Furthermore, a test setup is defined in a test fixture with optional recessed assembly fixtures at subracks in a housing or rack.
   - In the dynamic load tests, the random vibration test is added.
   - Specification of individual mechanical tests for plug-in units, which were defined in edition 4, are required for applications of single board computing system or embedded systems in relation with applied connector reliability test. The test specification is introduced as Annex A (normative).
b) Cabinets and racks
   - Test setups for the cabinet for different applications, e.g. using a mounting plate, are added.
   - The cabinet/rack samples with different dummy loads have been extended by a test sample with dummy loads mounted on a mounting plate for industrial electrical installations.
   - The vertical structure test is supplemented instead of the lifting test (LT) of edition 4.
   - In the dynamic load tests, the random vibration test is added.

In the revised Clause 9, stability, installation conditions of racks and cabinets are added.

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Part 1: Environmental requirements, test setups and safety aspects

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61587 specifies environmental requirements, test set-ups, as well as safety aspects for empty enclosures, i.e. cabinets, racks, subracks, chassis, chassis integrated subracks and associated plug-in units under indoor condition use and transportation. It defines classifications (product performance levels) for these products, regarding and simulating the usually arising loads during their use. For mechanical static and dynamic load tests typical examples with dummy loads are used.

The purpose of this document is to establish defined levels of physical performance in order to meet certain requirements of manufacture, storage, transport and final location conditions.

This document applies in general only to the above cited mechanical structures.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60068-1, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-1, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Test A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-11, *Environmental testing – Part 2-11: Tests – Test Ka: Salt mist*

IEC 60068-2-27, *Environmental testing – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-30, *Environmental testing – Part 2-30: Tests – Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)*

IEC 60068-2-42, *Environmental testing – Part 2-42: Tests – Test Kc: Sulphur dioxide test for contacts and connections*

IEC 60068-2-43, *Environmental testing – Part 2-43: Tests – Test Kd: Hydrogen sulphide test for contacts and connections*

IEC 60068-2-49, *Environmental testing – Part 2-49: Tests – Guidance to test Kc: Sulphur dioxide test for contacts and connections*