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NOTE 1 When an International Publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

NOTE 2 Up-to-date information on the latest versions of the European Standards listed in this annex is available here: www.cenelec.eu

Publication	Year	Title	EN/HD	Year
IEC 60721-1	1990	Classification of environmental conditions - Part 1: Environmental parameters and their severities	EN 60721-1[1)]	1995
IEC/TR 62130	-	Climatic field data including validation	-	-
MIL210		Extreme and Percentile Environmental Reference Tables (ExPERT) database (Version 1.0 July 1997)		
PEARCE, E.A., and SMITH, C.G.		The Hutchinson World Weather Guide by Helicon Publishing Ltd (ISBN 1-85986-342-6, 2000)		
KOTTEK, M., GRIESER, J., BECK, C., RUDOLF, B. and RUBEL, F.		World Map of the Köppen-Geiger climate classification updated: 2006, Meteorol. Z., 15, 259-263		

[1)] EN 60721-1 includes A1:1992 to IEC 60721-1.

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INTRODUCTION

Electrotechnical products are used in almost all areas of the world under varying climatic conditions and have to meet the stresses imposed by these climatic conditions with the necessary reliability. A detailed knowledge of the climatic conditions to which the product will be subjected is necessary in the design stage to ensure that reliability is met.

Data on open-air temperature and humidity have been collected and statistically processed for many years throughout the world. Such data is represented in this part of IEC 60721.

In addition to open-air temperature, temperature stresses on a product depend on a number of other environmental parameters, for example solar radiation, air velocity or heating from adjacent equipment.

The effects of humidity depend on temperature, temperature changes and impurities in the humid air.

In many cases the extremes of temperature and humidity are of great importance even if they occur for a short time. In other cases, where large time constants for heat or water penetration are involved, the mean values of temperature and humidity over a certain period may be more important.

It has therefore been considered useful to present here both the mean value over many years of the annual extreme values of temperature and humidity, which will occur only for short periods (a few hours), and the mean value over many years of the extreme daily mean values of temperature and humidity, which will occur for longer periods.

In order to cover cases where rare events need to be taken into account, the absolute extreme temperatures and humidity levels, observed over a period of many years, have also been presented.

CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS –

Part 2-1: Environmental conditions appearing in nature – Temperature and humidity

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60721 presents classifications of open-air climates in terms of temperature and humidity. It is intended to be used as part of the background material when selecting appropriate temperature and humidity severities for product testing and application.

The climates cover all areas of the world, excluding the central Antarctic and high altitudes (above 5 000 m).

This presentation may be used as background material when issuing climatic environmental classes for product applications.

This standard defines a limited number of open-air climate classifications, in terms of temperature and humidity, which represent the conditions most frequently met by products while being transported, stored, installed and used.

2 Normative references

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3 Terms and definitions, abbreviations, quantities and units

Terms and definitions are defined, in context, throughout the present standard.

4 General information regarding data collection and analysis

Climatic data was collected and validated in IEC/TR 62130. The two principle data sources were the MIL210 ExPERT and The Hutchinson World Weather Guide.