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## INTRODUCTION

IEC 60068 (all parts) contains fundamental information on environmental testing procedures and severities.

The expression "environmental conditioning" or "environmental testing" covers the natural and artificial environments to which components or equipment may be exposed so that an assessment can be made of their performance under conditions of use, transport and storage to which they may be exposed in practice.

Temperature chambers used for "environmental conditioning" or "environmental testing" are not described in any publication, although the method of maintaining and measuring temperature and/or humidity has a great influence on test results. The physical characteristics of temperature chambers can also influence test results.

## ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING –

### Part 3-5: Supporting documentation and guidance – Confirmation of the performance of temperature chambers

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60068 provides a uniform and reproducible method of confirming that temperature test chambers, without specimens, conform to the requirements specified in climatic test procedures of IEC 60068-2 (all parts) and other standards. This document is intended for users when conducting regular chamber performance monitoring.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60068-2 (all parts), *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests*

IEC 60068-3-7, *Environmental testing – Part 3-7: Supporting documentation and guidance – Measurements in temperature chambers for tests A and B (with load)*

IEC 60068-3-11, *Environmental testing – Part 3-11: Supporting documentation and guidance – Calculation of uncertainty of conditions in climatic test chambers*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

##### 3.1

##### **temperature test chamber**

enclosure or space in some parts of which the temperature conditions, specified in IEC 60068-2 (all parts), can be achieved

##### 3.2

##### **temperature setpoint**

desired temperature as set by the chamber controls

##### 3.3

##### **achieved temperature**

stabilized temperature which desired temperature at the centre of the working space achieves within specified tolerance