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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2001. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) verbal forms have, in many parts, been changed to express requirements instead of recommendations ('shall' instead of 'should');
- b) Table 1 has been updated.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

A list of all parts in the IEC 60068 series, published under the general title *Environmental testing*, can be found on the IEC website.

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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 great influence on test results. The physical characteristics of temperature chambers can also influence test results.

## ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING –

### Part 3-7: Supporting documentation and guidance – Measurements in temperature chambers for tests A (Cold) and B (Dry heat) (with load)

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60068 specifies a uniform and reproducible method of confirming that temperature test chambers conform to the requirements specified in the climatic test procedures of IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2, when loaded with either heat-dissipating or non heat-dissipating specimens under conditions which take into account air circulation inside the working space of the chamber. This document is intended primarily for users when conducting regular chamber performance monitoring.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60068-3-5:2018, *Environmental testing – Part 3-5: Supporting documentation and guidance – Confirmation of the performance of temperature chambers*

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##### 3.1

##### **test specification**

procedure applied to test chambers with or without forced air circulation, suitable for a wide range of chamber sizes

Note 1 to entry: A summary of test conditions in IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2 is given in Table 1; conditions including sudden change of temperature have been removed from earlier versions of these documents.