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IEC 60068-2-64	2008	Environmental testing - Part 2-64: Tests - Test Fh: Vibration, broadband random and guidance	EN 60068-2-64	2008
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IEC 60068-3-8	-	Environmental testing - Part 3-8: Supporting documentation and guidance - Selecting amongst vibration tests	EN 60068-3-8	-

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## INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 60068 details methods for testing components, equipment and other electrotechnical products (hereinafter referred to as “specimens”) which in service can be subjected to random or oscillating type dynamic forces of short duration, typical examples of which are the stresses induced in equipment as a result of earthquakes, explosions and certain phases of transportation, or by transient, short time vibration in machinery.

The characteristics of these forces and the damping of the specimen may be such that the vibration response of the specimen will not reach a steady-state condition.

The time-history test consists, after any preliminary vibration response investigation with sinusoidal or random vibration, in subjecting the specimen to a vibration (acceleration, velocity or displacement) the time history being specified by a response spectrum with characteristics simulating the effects of the dynamic forces.

A time history may be developed or obtained from

- a natural event (natural time history),
  - a random sample
  - a synthesized signal
- } artificial time history.

In general, to adapt to the required testing severity, some modification is necessary.

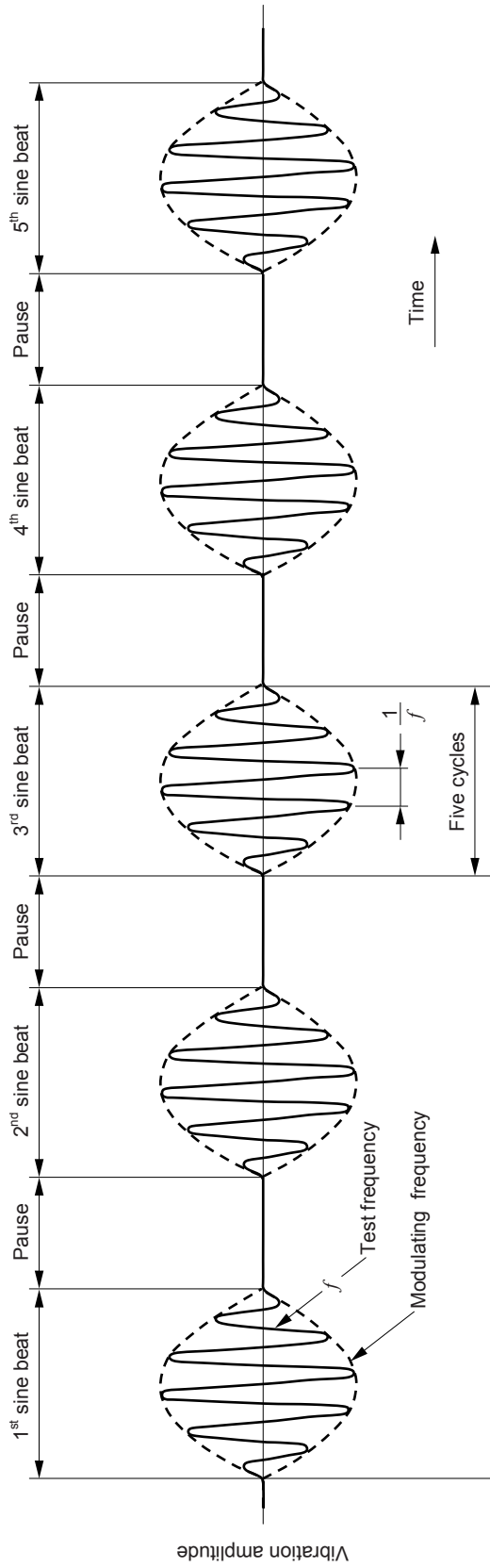
The use of a time history allows a single test wave to envelop a broadband response spectrum.

It is possible for all the modes of the structure in the excitation axis (or axes) to be excited at the same time and consequently the stresses derived from the combined effects of the coupled modes are generally taken into account.

In the sine beat test, the specimen is excited at fixed frequencies with a preset number of sine beats (see Figure 1). These fixed test frequencies are predetermined test frequencies, or critical frequencies identified by means of a sinusoidal vibration test (IEC 60068-2-6), or both. Pauses are provided between the individual sine beats in order to allow decay of the free response of the specimen.

In Clause 12 specification writers will find a list of details to be considered for inclusion in specifications and, in Annex A, guidance giving necessary extra information.





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Figure 1 – Sequence of five sine beats with five cycles

## ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING –

### Part 2-57: Tests – Test Ff: Vibration – Time-history and sine-beat method

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60068 provides a standard procedure for determining, by the time-history and sine-beat methods, the ability of a specimen to withstand specified severities of transient vibration.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60068 (all parts), *Environmental testing*

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

IEC 60068-2-6:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-47:2005, *Environmental testing – Part 2-47: Tests – Mounting of specimens for vibration, impact and similar dynamic tests*

IEC 60068-2-64:2008, *Environmental testing – Part 2-64: Tests –Vibration, broadband random and guidance*

IEC 60068-3-3:1991, *Environmental testing – Part 3: Guidance – Seismic test methods for equipments*

IEC 60068-3-8, *Environmental testing – Part 3-8: Supporting documentation and guidance – Selecting amongst vibration tests*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

NOTE Some of the following terms can be found in ISO 2041, IEC 60068-1 or in IEC 60068-2-6. Where, for the convenience of the reader, a definition from one of those sources is included here, it is indicated.

##### 3.1

##### **critical frequency**

frequency at which

- malfunctioning and/or deterioration of performance of the specimen which are dependent on vibration are exhibited, and/or
- mechanical resonances and/or other response effects occur, for example chatter

[SOURCE: IEC 60068-2-6:2007, definition 3.9]