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

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IEC 60068-3-11	2007	Environmental testing -- Part 3-11: Supporting documentation and guidance - Calculation of the uncertainty of conditions in climatic test chambers	EN 60068-3-11	2007

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

a) Confirmation procedures are clarified.

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

FDIS	Report on voting
104/760/FDIS	104/779/RVD

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.

IEC 60068-3-6 is to be read in conjunction with IEC 60068-3-5:2001 and IEC 60068-3-7:2001.

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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- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

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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 and humidity 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 and humidity chambers can also influence test results.

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1 Scope

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

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60068-3-5:2001, *Environmental testing – Part 3-5: Supporting documentation and guidance – Confirmation of the performance of temperature chambers*

IEC 60068-3-7:2001, *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

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

NOTE 1 For terms and definitions regarding temperature testing, refer to IEC 60068-3-5.

NOTE 2 Unless otherwise specified, "humidity" is relative humidity (RH).

3.1
temperature/humidity chamber
enclosure or space in some parts of which the temperature/humidity conditions specified in IEC 60068-2 (all parts) can be achieved

Note 1 to entry: See IEC 60068-3-4.

3.2
absolute humidity
mass of water vapour present in a unit volume of moist air

Note 1 to entry: Typical units of measure are g/m3.