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Part 5: Environmental test methods

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Foreword

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This standard is part of the EN 50130 series of standards. This series of standards is intended to give the requirements applicable to alarm systems in general (e.g. the environmental test methods, in this case, and EMC immunity requirements in the case of EN 50130-4). The following associated series of European standards are intended to give the other requirements (e.g. performance requirements), which are applicable to the specific types of alarm systems:

- EN 50131, Alarm systems — Intrusion alarm systems;
- EN 50132, Alarm systems — CCTV surveillance systems;
- EN 50133, Alarm systems — Access control systems;
- EN 50134, Alarm systems — Social alarm systems;
- EN 50135, Alarm systems — Hold-up alarm systems;
- EN 50136, Alarm systems — Alarm transmission systems;
- EN 50137, Alarm systems — Combined or integrated alarm systems.

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Introduction

The purpose of environmental testing is to demonstrate that the equipment can operate correctly in its service environment and that it will continue to do so for a reasonable time. Alarm system equipment is however installed in many very different environments but it would be impractical to test every aspect of the most extreme conceivable environmental conditions.

The tests and severities listed in this standard are, therefore, intended to provide a practical series of tests to determine the ability of the equipment to withstand the failure mechanisms most likely to be produced by the environment, in which that type of equipment can be expected to be installed. (i.e. the normal service environment). This standard includes only service environments, which relate to equipment installed in general industrial/commercial premises. Hence it should be noted that, additional precautions may be necessary in particular installations, where some aspects of the environment can be identified as being unusually severe. A special additional severity has been added to the cold test, to cater for the especially cold conditions found in the very north of Europe. The tests are intended to demonstrate failures due to realistic service environments; however, some significant failure mechanisms are brought about by changes which occur slowly under these realistic service conditions. In order to make tests in a practical and economic time, it is sometimes necessary to accelerate these changes by intensifying the conditions (e.g. by increasing the level of an environmental parameter or by increasing the time or frequency of its application).

The tests in this standard are therefore divided into.

Operational tests

In these tests the specimen is subjected to test conditions, which correspond to the service environment. The object of these tests is to demonstrate the ability of the equipment to withstand and operate correctly in the normal service environment and/or to demonstrate the equipment's immunity to certain aspects of that environment. The specimen is therefore operational, its condition is monitored and it may be functionally tested during the conditioning for these tests.

Endurance tests

In these tests the specimen may be subjected to conditions more severe than the normal service environment in order to accelerate the effects of the normal service environment. The object of these tests is to demonstrate the equipment's ability to withstand the long-term effects of the service environment. Since the test is intended to study the residual rather than the immediate effects of the test conditioning the specimen is not normally supplied with power or monitored during the conditioning period.

This standard is intended to act as a source document for environmental tests, which can be referred to in product specific standards for components of alarm systems which fall within its scope. In order to obtain consistency between these standards the working groups drafting the product specific standards should select the tests and severities recommended for the appropriate equipment and environmental classes, unless there are good technical reasons to do otherwise.

1 Scope

This standard specifies environmental test methods to be used for testing the system components of the following alarm systems, intended for use in and around buildings:

- intruder alarm systems;
- hold-up alarm systems;
- social alarm systems;
- CCTV systems, for security applications;
- access control systems, for security applications;
- alarm transmission systems¹⁾.

This standard specifies three equipment classes (fixed, movable and portable equipment) and four environmental classes.

The environmental classes only include the general service environments envisaged for equipment installed in typical residential, commercial and industrial environments. It may be necessary for the product standard to require additional or different environmental tests or severities where

- a) there could be specific environmental problems (e.g. some different severities may be required for break glass detectors stuck to glass windows, due to the local extremes of temperature and humidity);
- b) the test exposure falls within the intended detection phenomenon of the detector (e.g. during a vibration test on a seismic detector).

In order to provide reproducible test methods and to avoid the proliferation of technically similar test methods, the test procedures have been chosen, where possible, from internationally accepted standards. (e.g. IEC publications). For specific guidance on these tests, reference should be made to the appropriate document, which is indicated in the relevant sub-section. For more general guidance and background information on environmental testing reference should be made to IEC-Publications 60068-1 and 60068-3.

¹⁾ Apart from equipment which is part of the public switched telephone network.

This standard does not specify:

- a) the requirements or performance criteria to be applied, which should be specified in the relevant product standard;
- b) special tests only applicable to a particular device (e.g. the effects of turbulent air draughts on ultrasonic movement detectors);
- c) basic safety requirements, such as protection against electrical shocks, unsafe operation, insulation coordination and related dielectric tests;
- d) tests relating to deliberate acts of damage or tampering.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates, by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies:

IEC Publication	Year	Title	EN/HD	Year
60068-1	1988	<i>Environmental testing — Part 1: General and guidance</i>	EN 60068-1	1994
+ corr. Oct.	1988			
+ A1	1992			
60068-2-1	1990	<i>Part 2: Tests: Tests A: Cold</i>	EN 60068-2-1	1993
+ A1	1993		+ A1	1993
+ A2	1994		+ A2	1994
60068-2-2	1974	<i>Tests B: Dry heat</i>	EN 60068-2-2	1993
+ 60068-2-2A	1976			
+ A1	1993		+ A1	1993
+ A2	1994		+ A2	1994
60068-2-3	1969	<i>Test Ca: Damp heat, steady</i>	HD 323.2.3 S2	1987
+ A1	1984			
60068-2-5	1975	<i>Test Sa: Simulated solar radiation at ground level</i>	HD 323.2.5 S1	1988
60068-2-6	1995	<i>Test Fc: Vibration, sinusoidal</i>	EN 60068-2-6	1995
+ corr. Mar.	1995			
60068-2-14	1984	<i>Test N: Change in temperature</i>	HD 323.2.14 S2	1987
+ A1	1986			
60068-2-18	1989	<i>Test R & Guidance: Water</i>	—	—
corr. May	1991			
+ A1.	1993			
60068-2-27	1987	<i>Test Ea & Guidance: Shock (third edition).</i>	EN 60068-2-27	1993
60068-2-30	1980	<i>Test Db & Guidance: Damp heat, cyclic</i>	HD 323.2.30 S3	1988
+ A1	1985	<i>(12 + 12 hour cycle)</i>		
60068-2-32	1975	<i>Test Ed: Free fall</i>	EN 60068-2-32	1993
+ A1	1982			
+ A2	1990			
60068-2-42	1982	<i>Test Kc: Sulfur dioxide test for contacts and connections</i>	—	—
60068-2-52	1996	<i>Test Kb: Salt mist, cyclic (sodium chloride solution)</i>	EN 60068-2-52	1996
60068-2-56	1988	<i>Test Cb: Damp heat steady state, primarily for equipment</i>	HD 323.2.56 S1	1990
60068-2-75	1997	<i>Test Eh: Hammer tests</i>	EN 60068-2-75	1997
60529	1989	<i>Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP code)</i>	EN 60529	1991
			+ corr. May	1993
—	—	<i>Alarm systems — Part 4: Electromagnetic compatibility —</i>	EN 50130-4	1995
		<i>Product family standard: Immunity requirements for</i>	+ A1	1998
		<i>components of fire, intruder and social alarm systems</i>		
—	—	<i>Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical</i>	EN 50102	1995
		<i>equipment against external mechanical impacts (IK Code)</i>		