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The main changes are as follows:

— standard environments were revised and new standard environments were added.

— example of selection of standard environmental tests were added as Annex B.

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Introduction

Optical and photonic instruments including additional assemblies from other fields (e.g. mechanical, chemical, and electronic devices) are affected during their use by a number of different environmental and handling parameters, which they are required to resist without significant reduction in performance and to remain within defined specifications. This is what the manufacturer attempts to ensure and the user expects to receive.

This expectation can be assessed by exposure of the instrument to a range of simulated environmental parameters under controlled laboratory conditions. The cumulative combination, degree of severity, and sequence of these conditions can be selected to obtain meaningful results in a relatively short period of time.

Technical requirements as given in the tables of this document are abbreviated and the reader has to consult the referenced standards (i.e. the relevant part of ISO 9022) for the full specification of the technical requirement.

For the purposes of this document, nominal values for properties or performance characteristics are understood to be the manufacturer's internal technical data and do not directly reflect manufacturer's product specifications.

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1 Scope

This document contains tables for environmental tests and test parameters which can be used as a guideline for the selection of environmental tests. These include the selection of standardized tests according to ISO 9022 as well as additional parameters not described in ISO 9022 and necessary for the optical or photonic instruments. Ultimately, these tables specify the requirements to be met with regard to the reliability of the optical, mechanical, chemical, and electrical properties or performance characteristics of the instruments when exposed to environmental influences.

Environmental test methods, as specified in ISO 9022 (all parts), can be assigned to the various areas of application for the purpose of ascertaining the suitability of the instruments in the respective area of application.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
environmental requirement
specific natural and technical environmental influences between the limiting values of which optical instruments and instruments with optical, mechanical, chemical, and electrical components are to be operable

3.2
technical requirement
defined limiting value for the natural and technical environmental influences occurring in the envisaged area of application

Note 1 to entry: In order to verify whether an instrument fulfils a technical requirement, conditioning methods can be stipulated with degrees of severity whose limiting values are either higher or lower than those specified.

3.3
extent of testing
sum of all required tests to ascertain operability as well as product performance within the intended use and time of life

Note 1 to entry: The extent of design verification/testing is subdivided into

— design verification and production process controlling (not addressed by this document), and

— testing of functional models, prototypes, and production series products.

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3.4
area of application
classification of the operability of an instrument within a defined environment and intended application

Note 1 to entry: The manufacturer defines the environment parameters. This can be done, e.g. by using pre-defined 'standardized areas of application' such as in Table 3 to Table 12 in full or in part.

EXAMPLE General application in an office environment with air conditioning; or an outdoor application, non-weather protected in arctic climate.

3.5
conditioning method
individual or combined environmental influence(s) to which the specimen is submitted during the test, e.g. shock or damp heat

3.6
degree of severity
parameter containing all the individual quantities required for the test

Note 1 to entry: See also ISO 9022-2 to ISO 9022-23.

EXAMPLE Temperature, humidity, conditioning time, and others have to be defined for the intended area of application.

3.7
state of operation
code that designates the state of operation of a specimen

Note 1 to entry: Table 1 gives states of operation in accordance with ISO 9022 (all parts).

Table 1 — States of operation

State of operation	Comment
0	Specimen in its normal transport and/or storage container as provided by the manufacturer (transport container, shipping package).
1	Specimen is unprotected, ready for operation, power supply not connected.
2	Specimen is in operation during conditioning for a period to be specified in the relevant specification. The mode of the operating status is specified in the relevant specification. During operation, a check is performed to establish if the specimen is functioning as required.

3.8
status after test
code that designates the outcome of the test

Note 1 to entry: Table 2 gives the status after test.

Table 2 — Status after test

Status after test	Comment
A	All performance criteria are satisfied.
B	All performance criteria are satisfied. Damage to parts not needed for function or reduced life are possible.
C	Not all performance criteria are satisfied. Damage to parts not needed for function or reduced life are possible.
D	Device may not operate anymore; damage is expected.

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