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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee EL-026, Protective Enclosures and Environmental Testing for Electrical/Electronic Equipment.

The objective of this Standard is to provide the electrotechnology industry with a complete set of environmental test procedures published as a series under AS 60068 *Environmental testing*. This Standard is Part 2.57 of that series.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from, IEC 60068-2-57:1999, *Environmental testing – Part 2-57: Tests—Test Ff: Vibration—Time-history method.*

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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 60068 details a method for testing components, equipment and other electrotechnical products, hereinafter referred to as "specimens", which in service can be subjected to short-duration random-type dynamic forces of which typical examples are the stresses induced in equipment as a result of earthquakes, explosions and during transport and operation of different kinds of vehicles.

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 test consists, after any preliminary vibration response investigation with sinusoidal or random vibration has been performed, of subjecting the specimen to a vibration time-history 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, or
- a synthesized signal

} artificial time-history

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

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 specimen 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.

Procedures are described for conducting the test and for the measurement of the vibration at given points. The requirements for the vibration motion and for the choice of severities, that is frequency range, required response spectrum, number of high-peaks of the response and number and duration of time-histories, are also detailed.

Specification writers will find in clause 13 a list of details to be considered for inclusion in specifications, in annex A, on the guidance, and in annex B, on recommended test frequency ranges.

It is emphasized that vibration testing always demands a certain degree of engineering judgement and both supplier and purchaser should be fully aware of this fact. The writer of the relevant specification is expected to select the testing procedure and the values of severity appropriate to the specimen and its use.

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1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60068 aims to provide a standard procedure for determining, by the time-history method, the ability of a specimen to withstand specified severities of transient vibration.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 60068. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 60068 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60068-1:1988, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-6:1995, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-27:1987, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-47:1982, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Mounting of components, equipment and other articles for dynamic tests including shock (Ea), bump (Eb), vibration (Fc and Fd) and steady-state acceleration (Ga) and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-64:1993, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Fh: Vibration, broad-band random (digital control) and guidance*

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

ISO 266:1997, *Acoustics – Preferred frequencies*

ISO 2041:1990, *Vibration and shock – Vocabulary*

3 Definitions

For the purpose of this part of IEC 60068, the terms and definitions given in ISO 2041, IEC 60068-1, IEC 60068-2-6, IEC 60068-2-64 and the following apply.