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The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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# FIBRE OPTIC INTERCONNECTING DEVICES AND PASSIVE COMPONENTS – BASIC TEST AND MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES –

## Part 2-48: Tests – Temperature-humidity cycling

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61300 details a procedure for determining the suitability of a fibre optic device or closure to withstand variations in humidity and temperature that may occur during operation, storage and/or transport. The test is intended to indicate the performance of such devices when exposed to heat and humidity followed by short-term freezing.

In general terms, this test provides a high temperature to induce potential failures due to softening and expansion, a high humidity to encourage moisture absorption and swelling and a low temperature to facilitate ice formation, embrittlement and contraction.

This test differs from other cyclic environmental tests, notably the damp heat cyclic test of IEC 61300-2-46 and the composite temperature-humidity cyclic test of 61300-2-21, by incorporating alternative levels of severity. This is achieved through

- a) a greater number of cycles;
- b) a greater cyclic temperature range;
- c) a decreased cyclic period.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 61300-3-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-1: Examinations and measurements – Visual examination*

IEC 61300-3-4, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-4: Examinations and measurements – Attenuation*

### 3 General description

The specimen is placed in an environmental chamber and subjected to a number of temperature-humidity cycles, as defined in the relevant specification. The attenuation of the specimen is monitored throughout the duration of the test.