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0 INTRODUCTION

The ideal would be for a single atmosphere for conditioning and/or testing to be specified, but this simple solution has not been possible because of the diversity of climates and because of the difficulty of establishing tables of values reduced to this single standard atmosphere, from test results obtained previously under various tests and/or conditioning atmospheric conditions.

It is desirable, however, in the implementation of this International Standard, that every effort should be made to use a single atmosphere selected from those given in this document.

1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard lays down three standard atmospheres for conditioning and/or testing which are not very different from ordinary ambient conditions.

2 SPECIFICATIONS

2.1 Standard atmospheres for conditioning and/or testing

Designation	Temperature	Relative humidity	Pressure	Remarks
	°C	%	kPa	
23/50	23	50	between 86 and 106	Recommended atmosphere
27/65	27	65		For tropical countries
20/65	20	65		Used in certain fields of application

2.2 Tolerances

Tolerances	Temperature	Relative humidity
	°C	%
Ordinary (normal) tolerances (wide tolerances)	± 2	± 5*
Reduced tolerances (close tolerances)	± 1	± 2*

* The resultant limits of relative humidity are therefore :

- ordinary (normal) tolerances : (45 to 55 %) and (60 to 70 %);
- reduced tolerances : (48 to 52 %) and (63 to 67 %).