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Partie 2: Froid, chaleur, humidité



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- Part 11: Mould growth
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- Part 16: Combined bounce or steady-state acceleration, in dry heat or cold
- Part 17: Combined contamination, solar radiation
- Part 18: Combined damp heat and low internal pressure
- Part 19: Temperature cycles combined with sinusoidal or random vibration
- Part 20: Humid atmosphere containing sulfur dioxide or hydrogen sulfide

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Introduction

Optical instruments are affected during their use by a number of different environmental parameters which they are required to resist without significant reduction in performance.

The type and severity of these parameters depend on the conditions of use of the instrument (for example, in the laboratory or workshop) and on its geographical location. The environmental effects on optical instrument performance in the tropics and subtropics are totally different from those found when they are used in the arctic regions. Individual parameters cause a variety of different and overlapping effects on instrument performance.

The manufacturer attempts to ensure, and the user naturally expects, that instruments will resist the likely rigours of their environment throughout their life. This expectation can be assessed by exposure of the instrument to a range of simulated environmental parameters under controlled laboratory conditions. The severity of these conditions is often increased to obtain meaningful results in a relatively short period of time.

In order to allow assessment and comparison of the response of optical instruments to appropriate environmental conditions, ISO 9022 contains details of a number of laboratory tests which reliably simulate a variety of different environments. The tests are based largely on IEC standards, modified where necessary to take into account features special to optical instruments.

It should be noted that, as a result of continuous progress in all fields, optical instruments are no longer only precision-engineered optical products, but, depending on their range of application, also contain additional assemblies from other fields. For this reason, the principal function of the instrument must be assessed to determine which International Standard should be used for testing. If the optical function is of primary importance, then ISO 9022 is applicable, but if other functions take precedence then the appropriate International Standard in the field concerned should be applied. Cases may arise where application of both ISO 9022 and other appropriate International Standards will be necessary.

Optics and optical instruments — Environmental test methods —

Part 2: Cold, heat, humidity

1 Scope

This part of ISO 9022 specifies methods for the testing of optical instruments and instruments containing optical components, under equivalent conditions, for their ability to resist temperature and air humidity.

The purpose of testing is to investigate to what extent the optical, thermal, mechanical, chemical and electrical performance characteristics of the specimen are affected by temperature and/or humidity.

2 Normative reference

The following standard contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 9022. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 9022 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the standard indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 9022-1:1994¹⁾, *Optics and optical instruments — Environmental test methods — Part 1: Definitions, extent of testing*.

1) To be published.

3 General information and test conditions

The specimen is exposed to climatic stress in conditioning chambers or cabinets providing air circulation.

The size of the specimens and their arrangement shall be such as to ensure a uniform conditioning of all specimens. Where moisture condensation is likely to occur, the condensate shall be prevented from dripping onto the specimen.

Where heat-dissipating specimens are involved, the relevant specification shall state the number, method of installation and location of the heat sensors.

WARNING — Persons entering test chambers with dew point temperatures of equal to or greater than 38 °C must be equipped with breathing apparatus (e.g. conditioning methods 12, 13 and 16).

4 Conditioning

The required exposure time shall not commence until all parts of the specimen have reached a temperature within at least 3 K of the test chamber temperature. For heat-dissipating specimens, the period of exposure or dwell time (conditioning methods 14 and 15) shall not begin, or end, until the temperature of the specimen changes not more than 1 K within 1 h at the stabilized test chamber temperature. The last

hour of the temperature soaking time shall be considered to be the first hour of the exposure period.

4.1 Constant stress conditions

During exposure to constant stress conditions, the temperature shall be changed sufficiently slowly to prevent the specimen from being damaged. When testing to conditioning methods 11 and 12, the maximum relative humidity also applied to the temperature change phase. The relevant specification shall state whether condensation of dew on the specimen is acceptable.

4.1.1 Conditioning method 10: Cold

See table 1.

4.1.2 Conditioning method 11: Dry heat

See table 2.

4.1.3 Conditioning method 12: Damp heat

See table 3.

4.1.4 Conditioning method 13: Condensed water

See table 4.

4.2 Cycling exposure conditions

When applying conditioning methods 14 and 15, the specimens shall have reached a temperature at least within 3 K of the test chamber temperatures t_1 and t_2 not later than at the end of the dwell times shown in the respective tables. If the requirement cannot be met, owing to large-sized specimens, a pretest may be performed to determine the dwell times required.

When applying conditioning method 15 intermediate storage (e.g. overnight) will be acceptable at t_2 only.

4.2.1 Conditioning method 14: Slow temperature change

See table 5 and figure 1.

4.2.2 Conditioning method 15: Rapid temperature change (temperature shock)

See table 6 and figure 2.

4.2.3 Conditioning method 16: Damp heat, cyclic

See table 7.

The cycling curve for degrees of severity 01 to 03 is shown in figure 3; curves for degrees of severity 04 to 06 are shown in figure 4.

5 Procedure

5.1 General

The test shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the relevant specification and with ISO 9022-1.

5.2 Pretest

For conditioning methods 14 and 15, the dwell times for large-sized specimens shall be determined in a pretest and documented in the test report.

6 Environmental test code

The environmental test code shall be as defined in ISO 9022-1.

EXAMPLE

The environmental test of optical instruments for resistance to slow temperature change, in accordance with conditioning method 14, degree of severity 02, state of operation 1, shall be identified as:

Environmental test ISO 9022-14-02-1

7 Specification

The relevant specification shall contain the following details:

- a) environmental test code;
- b) number of specimens;
- c) number, location and method of installation of the temperature sensors required for heat-active specimens;
- d) conditioning method 10: justification of state of operation 2 at degree of severity 09 or 10. Determination of additional requirements for testing a cold specimen in an open cold chamber or outside the cold chamber and for protecting the specimen against hoarfrost or bedewing;
- e) conditioning method 12: acceptability of dew condensation;

- f) conditioning method 14, degrees of severity 04 to 09: justification of state of operation 2 if that state of operation is required;
- g) conditioning method 15: the time of temperature change actually required for specimens beyond 10 kg mass shall be stated in the test report; justification of state of operation 2 at all degrees of severity;
- h) conditioning method 16, degrees of severity 04 to 06: relative humidity values other than those shown in figure 4 shall be specified;
- i) preconditioning;
- j) type and scope of initial test;
- k) state of operation 2: period of operation;
- l) state of operation 2: type and scope of intermediate test;
- m) recovery;
- n) type and scope of final test;
- o) criteria of evaluation;
- p) type and scope of test report.

Table 1 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 10: Cold

Degree of severity	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Test chamber temperature °C	- 0 ± 3	- 10 ± 3	- 15 ± 3	- 20 ± 3	- 25 ± 3	- 30 ± 3	- 35 ± 3	- 40 ± 3	- 55 ± 3	- 65 ± 3
Exposure time h	16									
State of operation	0 or 1 or 2 ¹⁾									0 or 1
1) When testing to degree of severity 09 is required, state of operation 2 should be justified in the relevant specification.										

Table 2 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 11: Dry heat

Degree of severity	01	02	03	04	05	06
Test chamber temperature °C	10 ± 2	40 ± 2	55 ± 2	63 ± 2	70 ± 2	85 ± 2
Relative humidity %	< 40					
Exposure time h	16				6	
State of operation	0 or 1 or 2					0 or 1

Table 3 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 12: Damp heat

Degree of severity	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Climatic conditions	40 °C ± 2 °C and 90 % to 95 % r.h.					55 °C ± 2 °C and 90 % to 95 % r.h.	
Exposure time	16 h	4 d	10 d	21 d	56 d	6 h	16 h
State of operation	0 or 1 or 2 ¹⁾						
1) State of operation 2 during the last 4 h of exposure only.							

Table 4 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 13: Condensed water

Degree of severity	01	02	03	04	05	06
Climatic conditions	40 °C ± 2 °C and approximately 100 % relative humidity, including bedewing of specimens.					
Exposure time	6 h	16 h	2 d	4 d	8 d	16 d
State of operation	0 or 1 or 2 ¹⁾					
1) State of operation 2 during the last 4 h of exposure only.						

Table 5 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 14: Slow temperature change

Degree of severity		01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Test chamber temperature	t_2	40 ± 2	55 ± 2	70 ± 2	55 ± 2	63 ± 2	70 ± 2	70 ± 2	70 ± 2	85 ± 2
	t_1	-10 ± 3	-25 ± 3	-25 ± 3	-40 ± 3	-35 ± 3	-40 ± 3	-50 ± 3	-65 ± 3	-65 ± 3
Temperature difference	K	50	80	95	95	98	110	120	135	150
Number of cycles		5								
Dwell time at t_1 and t_2		Until specimen has reached a temperature at least within 3 K of the test chamber temperature but not less than 2,5 h. For heat-dissipating specimens, refer the first paragraph of clause 4.								
Test chamber temperature change rate		Between 0,2 K/min and 2 K/min.								
State of operation		0 or 1 or 2 1)								
1) When testing to degrees of severity 0,4 to 0,9 state of operation 2 should be justified in the relevant specification.										

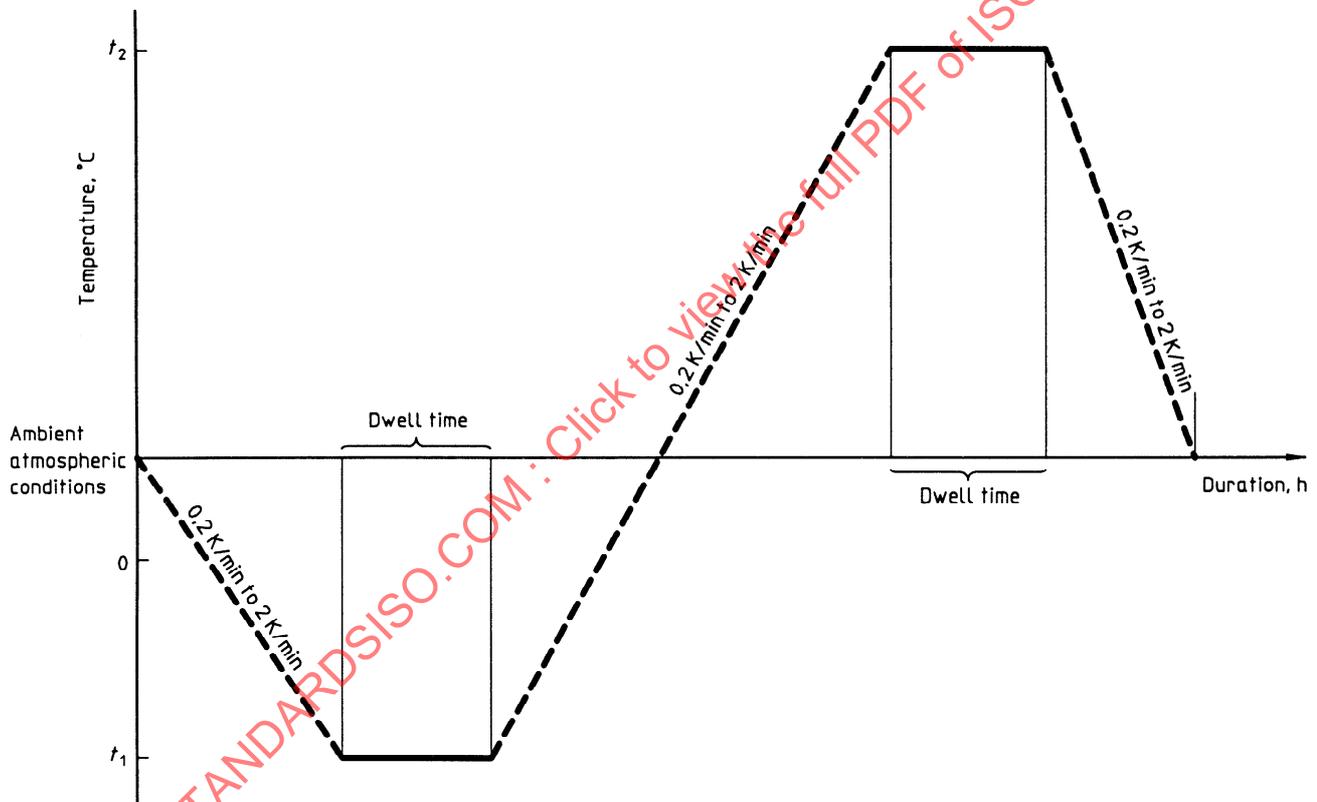


Figure 1 — Cycling curve for conditioning method 14 (slow temperature change)

Table 6 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 15: Temperature shock

Degree of severity		01	02	03	04	05
Test chamber temperature	°C t_2	20 ± 2	40 ± 2	55 ± 2	70 ± 2	70 ± 2
	t_1	-10 ± 2	-25 ± 2	-40 ± 3	-55 ± 3	-65 ± 3
Temperature difference	K	30	65	95	125	135
Number of cycles		5				
Dwell time at t_1 and t_2		Until specimen has reached a temperature at least within 3 K of the test chamber temperature but not less than 2,5 h. For heat-dissipating specimens, refer to clause 4.				
Time allowed for temperature change		Max. 20 s for equipment of up to 10 kg; beyond 10 kg as short as possible but not more than 10 min. The time actually taken should be documented in the test report.				
State of operation		0 or 1 or 2 ¹⁾				
1) State of operation 2 should be justified in the relevant specification.						

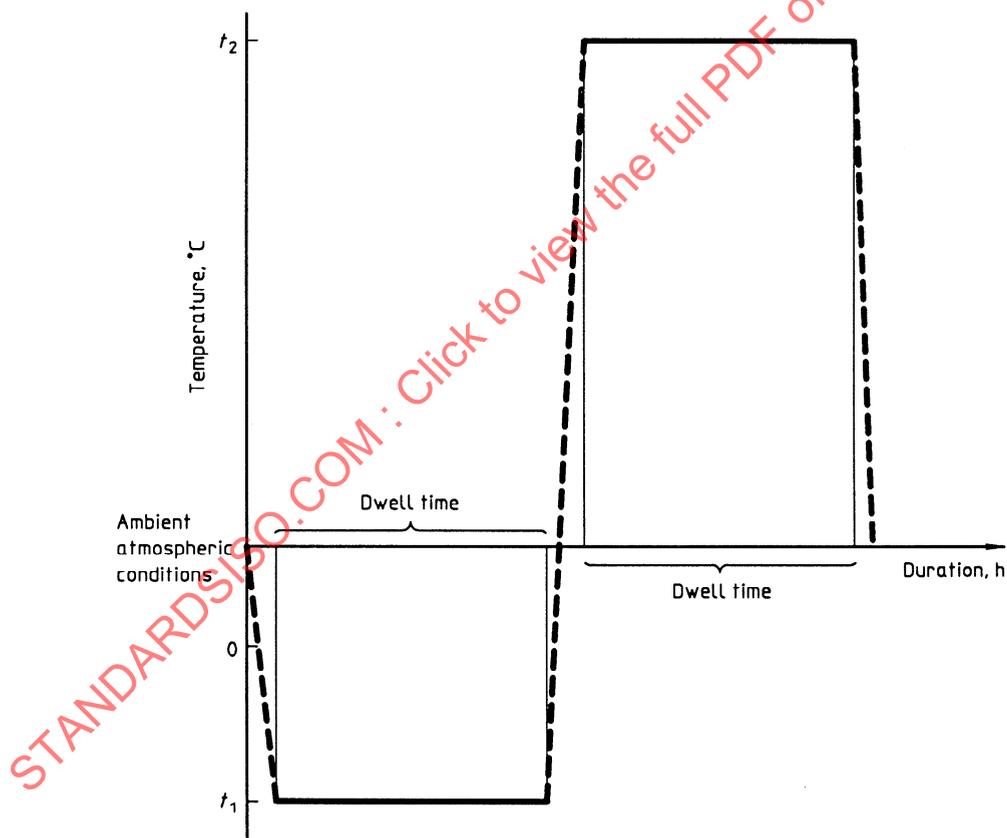


Figure 2 — Cycling curve for conditioning method 15 (temperature shock)