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**Part 3:  
Mechanical stress**

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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 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 3: Mechanical stress

### 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 mechanical stress.

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

### 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 9022. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were 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 editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 9022-1:1994, *Optics and optical instruments — Environmental test methods — Part 1: Definitions, extent of testing.*

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

IEC 60068-2-7:1983, *Environmental testing — Part 2: Tests — Test Ga and guidance: Acceleration, steady state.*

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

IEC 60068-2-29:1987, *Environmental testing — Part 2: Tests — Test Eb and guidance: Bump.*

IEC 60068-2-31:1969, *Environmental testing — Part 2: Tests — Test Ec: Drop and topple, primarily for equipment-type specimens.*

IEC 60068-2-32:1975, *Environmental testing — Part 2: Tests — Test Ed: Free fall.*

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 60068-2-55:1987, *Environmental testing — Part 2: Tests — Test Ee and guidance: Bounce.*

IEC 60068-2-64:1993, *Environmental testing — Part 2: Test methods — Test Fh: vibration, broad-band random (digital control) and guidance.*

### 3 General information and test conditions

The test shall be carried out at ambient atmospheric conditions and in accordance with ISO 9022-1 and with the International Standards listed in table 1. The specimens shall be mounted on the test apparatus (shock machine, acceleration facility, or electrodynamic shaker) in accordance with IEC 60068-2-47.

“ $g_n$ ” is the standard acceleration due to the earth’s gravity, which itself varies with altitude and geographical latitude.

NOTE For the purposes of this part of ISO 9022, the value of  $g_n$  is rounded up to the nearest whole number, that is 10 m/s<sup>2</sup>.

**Table 1 — Conditioning methods and applicable International Standards for testing**

Subclause	Conditioning methods	International Standard
4.1	30: Shock	IEC 60068-2-27
4.2	31: Bump	IEC 60068-2-29
4.3	32: Drop and topple	IEC 60068-2-31
4.4	33: Free fall	IEC 60068-2-32
4.5	34: Bounce	IEC 60068-2-55
4.6	35: Steady-state acceleration	IEC 60068-2-7
4.7	36: Sinusoidal vibration	IEC 60068-2-6
4.8	37: Random vibration (wide-band), digital control	IEC 60068-2-64

### 4 Conditioning

#### 4.1 Conditioning method 30: Shock

See table 2.

When testing optical instruments, a half-sine shock pulse shall be applied. The specimen shall be subjected to three shocks in each direction along each axis.

**Table 2 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 30: Shock**

Degree of severity	01	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	04	<b>05</b>	06	07	08 <sup>1)</sup>
Acceleration amplitude $m \cdot s^{-2}$	100	150	300	300	500	500	1 000	5 000
$g_n$ multiples	10	15	30	30	50	50	100	500
Duration of nominal shock ms	6	11	6	18	3	11	6	1
State of operation	0 or 1 or 2							

NOTE Degrees of severity in boldface shall be given preference.

1) Applicable to testing of components and assemblies. Complete optical instruments should be subjected to 500  $g$  acceleration and shocks of 0,5 ms duration.

## 4.2 Conditioning method 31: Bump

See table 3.

**Table 3 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 31: Bump**

Degree of severity	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Acceleration $m \cdot s^{-2}$	100	100	100	100	250	250	400	400
amplitude $g_n$ multiples	10	10	10	10	25	25	40	40
Duration of nominal shock ms	6	6	16	16	6	6	6	6
Number of shocks in each direction along each axis $\pm 10$	1 000	4 000	1 000	4 000	1 000	4 000	1 000	4 000
State of operation	0 or 1 or 2							

## 4.3 Conditioning method 32: Drop and topple

See table 4.

**Table 4 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 32: Drop and topple**

Degree of severity	01 <sup>1)</sup>	02 <sup>1)</sup>	03 <sup>1)</sup>	04 <sup>2)</sup>
Height of overturn mm	25	50	100	Toppling over
Acceptable deviation mm	$\pm 5$			—
State of operation	0 or 1			
1) The specimen shall be subjected to one drop on each of four bottom corners and along each of four bottom edges.				
2) The specimen shall be subjected to one topple about each of four bottom edges.				

## 4.4 Conditioning method 33: Free fall

See table 5.

**Table 5 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 33: Free fall**

Degree of severity	01	02	03	04	05	06
Height of fall mm	25	50	100	250	500	1000
Acceptable deviation mm	$\pm 5$			$\pm 10$		
State of operation	0 or 1					
Mass of specimen including packing <sup>1)</sup> kg	> 500	$\leq 500$	$\leq 200$	$\leq 100$	$\leq 50$	$\leq 20$
NOTE Storage containers shall not be considered as packing.						
1) Recommendation for selection of degrees of severity.						

Unpackaged optical instruments shall not be tested unless they are specially designed, constructed and armoured (e.g. rubber armouring) for free fall. The degrees of severity are applicable to normal transport handling. Unless otherwise prescribed in the relevant specification, the specimen shall be subjected to two falls. If another number of falls is taken, the total number of falls shall be preferably taken from the following series: 10; 20; 50.

#### 4.5 Conditioning method 34: Bounce

See table 6.

The test shall be carried out according to IEC 60068-2-55 on a bounce table with a double amplitude of 25,5 mm ± 0,5 mm and a frequency of 4,75 Hz ± 0,05 Hz.

**Table 6 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 34: Bounce**

Degree of severity		01	<b>02</b>	03
Exposure time	min	15	60	180
	Acceptable deviation	± 10 %		
State of operation		0 or 1		
NOTE The degree of severity printed in boldface shall be given preference. The period of exposure shall be allocated in equal portions to each of the surfaces to be exposed.				

#### 4.6 Conditioning method 35: Steady-state acceleration, centrifugal

See table 7.

**Table 7 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 35: Steady-state acceleration, centrifugal**

Degree of severity		01	02	03	04	05	06
Acceleration	m·s <sup>-2</sup>	50	100	200	500	1000	2000
	g <sub>n</sub> multiples	5	10	20	50	100	200
Exposure time along each axis and in each direction	s	>10*)					
State of operation		0 or 1 or 2					
*) The exposure time begins after reaching the rated number of revolutions.							

#### 4.7 Conditioning method 36: Sinusoidal vibration

##### 4.7.1 General

The degrees of severity specified in table 8 are relevant to optical instruments because the low frequencies combined with large displacement amplitudes do not stress optical instruments.

In special cases refer to table 4 or figure 1 of IEC 60068-2-6:1995.

#### 4.7.2 Vibration testing using sweep frequencies

See tables 8 and 9.

**Table 8 — Degrees of severity for conditioning method 36: Sinusoidal vibration using sweep frequencies**

Degree of severity		01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Displacement	mm	0,035	0,075	0,15	0,15	0,15	0,15	0,35	0,35	0,35	1,0
Acceleration	$m \cdot s^{-2}$	5	10	20	20	—	20	50	50	50	—
	$g_n$ multiples	0,5	1	2	2	—	2	5	5	5	—
Number of frequency cycles <sup>1)</sup> to be used on each axis per frequency band	10 Hz to 55 Hz	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	20
	10 Hz to 150 Hz	—	—	20	—	—	—	5	—	—	—
on each axis per frequency band	10 Hz to 500 Hz	2	—	—	10	—	—	—	10	—	—
	10 Hz to 2000 Hz	—	2	—	—	—	10	—	—	10	—
State of operation		0 or 1 or 2									
1) The sweep rate for the specified number of frequency cycles shall be 1 octave per minute.											

**Table 9 — Typical applications**

Frequency band Hz	Examples of application
10 to 55	Instruments installed in ships and other naval craft or in the neighbourhood of heavy rotating machines and for general industrial requirements.
10 to 150	Instruments for general industrial requirements and for use in and transport on ground vehicles.
10 to 500	Equipment for general airborne use and for use in ground vehicles (e.g. tracked vehicles) under special conditions.
10 to 2000	Equipment for use in high-speed aircraft and missiles and in special vehicles such as hovercraft.

#### 4.7.3 Vibration fatigue test using characteristic frequencies

See table 10.

The vibration fatigue test, using characteristic frequencies, shall not be performed unless in combination with the condition specified in 4.7.2.

The specimen shall be vibrated along each axis for the time specified in table 10. If the characteristic frequencies depend on the location of the specimen, they shall be specified in the relevant specification. In the event that more than one characteristic frequency is used, portions of the exposure time shall be allocated to each frequency. The portion of exposure time to be allocated to each characteristic frequency shall be specified in the relevant specification.

**Table 10 — Duration of the vibration fatigue test using characteristic frequencies**

Acceleration or displacement		To be selected from table 8		
Exposure time using characteristic frequencies	min	10	30	90
	Acceptable deviation	± 10 %		