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The objective of this document is to establish a test method for determining the ability of components or equipment to withstand transportation, storage and use under conditions of high humidity.

The method investigates the effect of high humidity at constant temperature without condensation on a specimen over a specified period.

It is applicable to small equipment or components as well as large equipment and can be applied to both heat-dissipating and non-heat-dissipating specimens.

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d) inclusion of a specified preconditioning procedure;

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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 60068 provides a test method of high humidity at constant temperature without condensation on the specimen over a specified period. This test is performed to evaluate the specimen as it is influenced by the absorption and diffusion of moisture and moisture vapour.

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