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IEC 61969-3 has been prepared by subcommittee 48D: Mechanical structures for electrical and electronic equipment, of IEC technical committee 48: Electrical connectors and mechanical structures for electrical and electronic equipment. It is an International Standard.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition published in 2020. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) alignment with the content of ETSI EN 300 019 and IEC 60721 series latest editions, particularly with the actualization of climate conditions;
- b) rationale for the selected operating conditions from IEC 60721-3-4 are added;
- c) tests are grouped according to the classification of conditions in IEC 60721-3-4;
- d) test severities for vibration and shock tests are aligned with ETSI EN 300 019-2-4;
- e) addition of pass/fail criteria for each test.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

Draft	Report on voting
48D/765/FDIS	48D/766/RVD

Full information on the voting for its approval can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

This document was drafted in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, and developed in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and ISO/IEC Directives, IEC Supplement, available at www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs. The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at www.iec.ch/publications.

This International Standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 61969-1:2023.

A list of all parts in the IEC 61969 series, published under the general title *Mechanical structures for electrical and electronic equipment – Outdoor enclosures*, can be found on the IEC website.

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INTRODUCTION

The products covered by IEC 61969 series are empty enclosures for outdoor locations, to be equipped with application-specific combinations of electrical and electronic equipment, and to be used at non-weatherprotected locations above ground.

IEC 61969 series consists of:

- a design guidelines general part: IEC 61969-1;
- a coordination dimensions standard: IEC 61969-2;
- an environmental requirements and tests, safety aspects standard: IEC 61969-3.

This document provides basic environmental requirements and tests, as well as safety aspects, to be used for outdoor enclosures in absence of local regulatory documents, or of application-specific environmental test requirements.

This document provides manufacturers and users of generic outdoor enclosures with minimum performance compliance criteria. The thermal management solution depends on the specific environment of the outdoor enclosure.

Since forced air heat dissipation and acoustic noise are closely related, noise limitations are typically defined by local regulatory documents.

It is responsibility of the outdoor enclosure vendor to provide a solution for thermal management within the local regulatory noise limitations.

MECHANICAL STRUCTURES FOR ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT – OUTDOOR ENCLOSURES –

Part 3: Environmental requirements, tests and safety aspects

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61969 specifies a set of basic environmental requirements and tests, as well as safety aspects for outdoor enclosures for electrical and electronic equipment, under conditions of non-weatherprotected locations above ground.

The purpose of this document is to define a minimum level of environmental performance in order to meet requirements of storage, transport and final installation. The intention is to establish basic environmental performance criteria for outdoor enclosure compliance.

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IEC 60068-2-1, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Test A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

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

IEC 60068-2-10, *Environmental testing – Part 2-10: Tests – Test J and guidance: Mould growth*

IEC 60068-2-11, ~~Basic~~ *Environmental testing procedures – Part 2-11: Tests – Test Ka: Salt mist*

IEC 60068-2-14, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

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

IEC 60068-2-30, *Environmental testing – Part 2-30: Tests – Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)*

~~IEC 60068-2-31, Environmental testing – Part 2-31: Tests – Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment type specimens~~

IEC 60068-2-60, *Environmental testing – Part 2-60: Tests – Test Ke: Flowing mixed gas corrosion test*

~~IEC 60068-2-78, Environmental testing – Part 2-78: Tests – Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state~~

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

~~IEC 60950-1, Information technology equipment – Safety – Part 1: General requirements~~

IEC 60721-3-2, *Classification of environmental conditions – Part 3-2: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities – Transportation and handling*

IEC 60721-3-4, *Classification of environmental conditions – Part 3-4: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities – Stationary use at non-weatherprotected locations*

IEC 60794-1-21, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-21: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – Mechanical tests methods*

IEC 61300-2-10, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-10: Tests – Crush and load resistance*

IEC 61300-2-56:2020, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-56: Tests – Wind resistance of mounted housing*

IEC 61439-5, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 5: Assemblies for power distribution in public networks*

IEC 61587-1, *Mechanical structures for electrical and electronic equipment – Tests for IEC 60917 and IEC 60297 series – Part 1: Environmental requirements, test setups and safety aspects ~~for cabinets, racks, subracks and chassis under indoor condition use and transportation~~*

IEC 61587-2, *Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Tests for IEC 60917 and IEC 60297 – Part 2: Seismic tests for cabinets and racks*

IEC 61587-3, *Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Tests for IEC 60917 and IEC 60297 – Part 3: Electromagnetic shielding performance tests for cabinets and subracks*

IEC 61969-1:~~2020~~2023, *Mechanical structures for electrical and electronic equipment – Outdoor enclosures – Part 1: Design guidelines*

IEC 62194, *Methods of evaluating the thermal performance of enclosures*

IEC 62262, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external mechanical impacts (IK code)*

IEC 62368-1, *Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment – Part 1: Safety requirements*

ISO 2533, *Standard atmosphere*

ISO 3744, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 4892-2, *Plastics – Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources – Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps*

ISO 4892-3, *Plastics – Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources – Part 3: Fluorescent UV lamps*

ETSI EN 300 019-2-2, *Environmental Engineering (EE) – Environmental conditions and environmental tests for telecommunications equipment – Part 2-2: Specification of environmental tests – Transportation*

ETSI EN 300 019-2-4, *Environmental Engineering (EE) – Environmental conditions and environmental tests for telecommunications equipment – Part 2-4: Specification of environmental tests – Stationary use at non-weatherprotected locations*

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Som svensk standard gäller europastandarden EN IEC 61969-3:2024. Den svenska standarden innehåller den officiella engelska språkversionen av EN IEC 61969-3:2024.

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Tidigare fastställd svensk standard SS-EN IEC 61969-3, utg 3:2020 med eventuella tillägg, ändringar och rättelser gäller ej fr o m 2026-12-25.

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Annex ZA (normative)

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IEC 60068-2-6	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-6: Tests - Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)	EN 60068-2-6	-
IEC 60068-2-10	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-10: Tests - Test J and guidance: Mould growth	EN 60068-2-10	-
IEC 60068-2-11	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-11: Tests - Test Ka: Salt mist	EN IEC 60068-2-11	-
IEC 60068-2-14	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-14: Tests - Test N: Change of temperature	EN IEC 60068-2-14	-
IEC 60068-2-27	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-27: Tests - Test Ea and guidance: Shock	EN 60068-2-27	-
IEC 60068-2-30	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-30: Tests - Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)	EN 60068-2-30	-
IEC 60068-2-60	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-60: Tests - Test Ke: Flowing mixed gas corrosion test	EN 60068-2-60	-
IEC 60529	-	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)	EN 60529	-
IEC 60721-3-2	-	Classification of environmental conditions - Part 3-2: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities - Transportation and Handling	EN IEC 60721-3-2	-
IEC 60721-3-4	-	Classification of environmental conditions - Part 3-4: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities - Stationary use at non-weatherprotected locations	EN IEC 60721-3-4	-

IEC 60794-1-21	-	Optical fibre cables - Part 1-21: Generic specification - Basic optical cable test procedures - Mechanical tests methods	EN 60794-1-21	-
IEC 61300-2-10	-	Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components - Basic test and measurement procedures - Part 2-10: Tests - Crush and load resistance	EN IEC 61300-2-10	-
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IEC 61439-5	-	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies - Part 5: Assemblies for power distribution in public networks	EN IEC 61439-5	-
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IEC 61587-3	-	Mechanical structures for electronic equipment - Tests for IEC 60917 and IEC 60297 - Part 3: Electromagnetic shielding performance tests for cabinets and subracks	EN 61587-3	-
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IEC 62194	-	Method of evaluating the thermal performance of enclosures	EN 62194	-
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IEC 62368-1	-	Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment - Part 1: Safety requirements	EN 62368-1	-
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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) alignment with the content of ETSI EN 300 019 and IEC 60721 series latest editions, particularly with the actualization of climate conditions;
- b) rationale for the selected operating conditions from IEC 60721-3-4 are added;

- c) tests are grouped according to the classification of conditions in IEC 60721-3-4;
- d) test severities for vibration and shock tests are aligned with ETSI EN 300 019-2-4;
- e) addition of pass/fail criteria for each test.

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- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn, or
- revised.

INTRODUCTION

The products covered by IEC 61969 series are empty enclosures for outdoor locations, to be equipped with application-specific combinations of electrical and electronic equipment, and to be used at non-weatherprotected locations above ground.

IEC 61969 series consists of:

- a design guidelines general part: IEC 61969-1;
- a coordination dimensions standard: IEC 61969-2;
- an environmental requirements and tests, safety aspects standard: IEC 61969-3.

This document provides basic environmental requirements and tests, as well as safety aspects, to be used for outdoor enclosures in absence of local regulatory documents, or of application-specific environmental test requirements.

This document provides manufacturers and users of generic outdoor enclosures with minimum performance compliance criteria. The thermal management solution depends on the specific environment of the outdoor enclosure.

Since forced air heat dissipation and acoustic noise are closely related, noise limitations are typically defined by local regulatory documents.

It is responsibility of the outdoor enclosure vendor to provide a solution for thermal management within the local regulatory noise limitations.

MECHANICAL STRUCTURES FOR ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT – OUTDOOR ENCLOSURES –

Part 3: Environmental requirements, tests and safety aspects

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61969 specifies a set of basic environmental requirements and tests, as well as safety aspects for outdoor enclosures for electrical and electronic equipment, under conditions of non-weatherprotected locations above ground.

The purpose of this document is to define a minimum level of environmental performance in order to meet requirements of storage, transport and final installation. The intention is to establish basic environmental performance criteria for outdoor enclosure compliance.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60068-2-1, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Test A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

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

IEC 60068-2-10, *Environmental testing – Part 2-10: Tests – Test J and guidance: Mould growth*

IEC 60068-2-11, *Environmental testing – Part 2-11: Tests – Test Ka: Salt mist*

IEC 60068-2-14, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

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

IEC 60068-2-30, *Environmental testing – Part 2-30: Tests – Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)*

IEC 60068-2-60, *Environmental testing – Part 2-60: Tests – Test Ke: Flowing mixed gas corrosion test*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60721-3-2, *Classification of environmental conditions – Part 3-2: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities – Transportation and handling*

IEC 60721-3-4, *Classification of environmental conditions – Part 3-4: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities – Stationary use at non-weatherprotected locations*

IEC 60794-1-21, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-21: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – Mechanical tests methods*

IEC 61300-2-10, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-10: Tests – Crush and load resistance*

IEC 61300-2-56:2020, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2-56: Tests – Wind resistance of mounted housing*

IEC 61439-5, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 5: Assemblies for power distribution in public networks*

IEC 61587-1, *Mechanical structures for electrical and electronic equipment – Tests for IEC 60917 and IEC 60297 series – Part 1: Environmental requirements, test setups and safety aspects*

IEC 61587-2, *Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Tests for IEC 60917 and IEC 60297 – Part 2: Seismic tests for cabinets and racks*

IEC 61587-3, *Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Tests for IEC 60917 and IEC 60297 – Part 3: Electromagnetic shielding performance tests for cabinets and subracks*

IEC 61969-1:2023, *Mechanical structures for electrical and electronic equipment – Outdoor enclosures – Part 1: Design guidelines*

IEC 62194, *Methods of evaluating the thermal performance of enclosures*

IEC 62262, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external mechanical impacts (IK code)*

IEC 62368-1, *Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment – Part 1: Safety requirements*

ISO 2533, *Standard atmosphere*

ISO 3744, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 4892-2, *Plastics – Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources – Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps*

ISO 4892-3, *Plastics – Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources – Part 3: Fluorescent UV lamps*

ETSI EN 300 019-2-2, *Environmental Engineering (EE) – Environmental conditions and environmental tests for telecommunications equipment – Part 2-2: Specification of environmental tests – Transportation*

ETSI EN 300 019-2-4, *Environmental Engineering (EE) – Environmental conditions and environmental tests for telecommunications equipment – Part 2-4: Specification of environmental tests – Stationary use at non-weatherprotected locations*