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Temperature chambers used for "environmental conditioning" or "environmental testing" are not described in any publication, although the method of maintaining and measuring temperature and/or humidity has a great influence on test results. The physical characteristics of temperature chambers can also influence test results.

## ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING –

### Part 3-5: Supporting documentation and guidance – Confirmation of the performance of temperature chambers

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This part of IEC 60068 provides a uniform and reproducible method of confirming that temperature test chambers, without ~~load~~ specimens, conform to the requirements specified in climatic test procedures of IEC 60068-2 (all parts) and other standards. This document is intended for users when conducting regular chamber performance monitoring.

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IEC 60068-3-7, *Environmental testing – Part 3-7: Supporting documentation and guidance – Measurements in temperature chambers for tests A and B (with load)*

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IEC 60068-3-11, *Environmental testing – Part 3-11: Supporting documentation and guidance – Calculation of uncertainty of conditions in climatic test chambers*

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### ESSAIS D'ENVIRONNEMENT –

#### Partie 3-5: Documentation d'accompagnement et guide – Confirmation des performances des chambres d'essai en température

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- a) Les procédures de confirmation sont clarifiées.

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L'expression «conditionnement climatique» ou «essai d'environnement» couvre les environnements naturels et artificiels auxquels les composants ou les matériels peuvent être exposés dans le but qu'une évaluation de leurs performances puisse être réalisée dans les conditions d'utilisation, de transport et de stockage qu'ils peuvent rencontrer dans la pratique.

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## ESSAIS D'ENVIRONNEMENT –

### Partie 3-5: Documentation d'accompagnement et recommandations – Confirmation des performances des chambres d'essai en température

#### 1 Domaine d'application

La présente partie de l'IEC 60068 fournit une méthode uniforme et reproductible pour confirmer que les chambres d'essai en température, sans spécimens, sont conformes aux exigences spécifiées dans les méthodes d'essai climatique de l'IEC 60068-2 (toutes les parties) et d'autres normes. Ce document est destiné à aider les utilisateurs lorsqu'ils réalisent des contrôles réguliers des performances de leur chambre d'essai.

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IEC 60068-3-11, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 3-11: Documentation d'accompagnement et guide – Calcul de l'incertitude des conditions en chambres d'essais climatiques*