

# Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test —

## Part 5: Climatic conditions

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## Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 79, Respiratory protective devices, the Secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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*Part 2: Practical performance tests;*

*Part 3: Determination of breathing resistance;*

*Part 4: Flame tests;*

*Part 5: Climatic conditions;*

*Part 6: Determination of carbon dioxide content of inhalation air;*

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## Introduction

This standard is intended as a supplement to the specific device standards for respiratory protective devices. Climatic conditions are specified for complete or parts of devices. If deviations from the climatic conditions given in this standard are necessary, these deviations will be specified in the relevant device standard.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies temperature, humidity, duration and method of application for climatic conditioning of respiratory protective devices.

## 2 Normative references

This incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 132, *Respiratory protective devices — Definitions of terms and pictograms*.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this, the terms and definitions of EN 132 together with the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1 ambient conditions

atmosphere where the temperature is 16 °C to 32 °C and the relative humidity is  $(50 \pm 30) \%$

### 3.2 dry atmosphere

atmosphere where the relative humidity is less than 20 %

### 3.3 wet atmosphere

atmosphere where the relative humidity is greater than or equal to 95 %

## 4 Prerequisites

In order to implement this European Standard at least the following parameters need to be specified in the relevant device standard:

- items to be tested;
- number of specimens;
- selection of conditioning phases;
- sequence of conditioning phases, where more than one is required;
- specification of any observations to be carried out;
- orientation and position of specimen during conditioning;
- condition of specimen, e.g. packaged, sealed, fully assembled.

## 5 General test requirements

Unless otherwise specified, the values stated in this European Standard are expressed as nominal values. Except for temperature limits, values which are not stated as maxima or minima shall be subject to a tolerance of  $\pm 5\%$ . Unless otherwise specified, the ambient temperature for testing shall be between  $16\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $32\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the temperature limits shall be subject to an accuracy of  $\pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

## 6 Procedure

### 6.1 General

In order to ensure that there is no thermal shock during the conditioning of the specimens, the temperature gradient shall be less than  $2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$  between phases at different temperatures, or between the beginning and the end of a thermal cycle.

A phase for climatic conditioning shall be composed of the three parameters: temperature, relative humidity and duration, that is one of each of those given in 6.2 to 6.4. For example:  $(30 \pm 3)\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , wet atmosphere,  $(24 \pm 1)\text{ h}$ .

A cycle may consist of one or more phases.

Each specimen shall be placed in the conditioning environment such that air is free to circulate around it, and such that no component of the specimen has its weight supported by another, unless specifically intended by the manufacturer. Separate specimens shall not be touching.

### 6.2 Temperature

The temperatures used for climatic conditioning shall be chosen from the following.

**6.2.1** Manufacturer's highest recommended temperature.

**6.2.2**  $(70 \pm 3)\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

**6.2.3**  $(60 \pm 3)\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

**6.2.4**  $(30 \pm 3)\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

**6.2.5** Ambient temperature  $16\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $32\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

**6.2.6**  $(-6 \pm 3)\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

**6.2.7**  $(-15 \pm 3)\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

**6.2.8**  $(-30 \pm 3)\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

**6.2.9** Manufacturer's lowest recommended temperature.

### 6.3 Relative humidity

The relative humidities for climatic conditioning shall be chosen from the following.

**6.3.1** Manufacturer's highest recommended relative humidity.

**6.3.2** Wet atmosphere (see 3.3).

**6.3.3** Ambient conditions (see 3.1).

**6.3.4** Dry atmosphere (see 3.2).

## **6.4 Duration of exposure**

The durations of exposure for climatic conditioning shall be chosen from the following.

**6.4.1**  $(72 \pm 3)$  h.

**6.4.2**  $(24 \pm 1)$  h.

**6.4.3**  $(17 \pm 3)$  h.

**6.4.4**  $\geq 12$  h.

**6.4.5**  $(10 \pm 6)$  h.

**6.4.6**  $\geq 4$  h.

**6.4.7**  $(3 \pm 1)$  h.



**Annex ZA  
(informative)**

**Clauses of this European Standard addressing essential requirements or other provision of EU Directives**

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