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Part 2-012: Particular requirements for climatic and environmental testing and other temperature conditioning equipment

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It has the status of a group safety publication in accordance with IEC Guide 104.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2016. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

a) alignment with changes introduced by Amendment 1 of IEC 61010-1:2010;
b) changes related to the use of small capitals for defined terms only;
c) clarifications for cooling tests in 4.4.2.10;

d) requirements for overtemperature protection in 10.101, including deletion of the second part of the sentence in item b), and the deletion of item c);

e) changes pertaining to the accurate employment of terms "temperature", "operating temperature", "working temperature", "application temperature", "room temperature" and "ambient temperature" in 3.5.104, 3.5.105, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 5.4.2, 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 11.7.2.101.2, 11.7.2.101.3, 13.2.102, 14.102, 15.101, 15.102, 15.103, Introduction and many other locations. For the purpose of clarification, the definition of 3.5.114, CONTROLLED TEMPERATURE, is added.

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This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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This Part 2-012 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 61010-1 so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: *Particular requirements for climatic and environmental testing and other temperature conditioning equipment.*

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INTRODUCTION

This Part 2-012, along with Part 2-010 and Part 2-011, taken together, address the specific HAZARDS associated with the heating and cooling of materials by equipment and are organized as follows:

IEC 61010-2-010	Specifically addresses the HAZARDS associated with equipment incorporating heating systems.
IEC 61010-2-011	Specifically addresses the HAZARDS associated with equipment incorporating REFRIGERATING SYSTEMS.
IEC 61010-2-012	Specifically addresses the HAZARDS associated with equipment incorporating both heating and REFRIGERATING SYSTEMS that interact with each other such that the combined heating and REFRIGERATING SYSTEM yield additional or more severe HAZARDS for the two systems than if treated separately. It also addresses the HAZARDS associated with the treatment of materials by other factors like irradiation, excessive humidity, CO_2 and MECHANICAL MOVEMENT, etc.

Guidance for the application of the appropriate Part 2 standard(s)

When the equipment includes only a material heating system, and no REFRIGERATING SYSTEM or other environmental factors apply, then Part 2-010 applies without needing Part 2-011 or Part 2-012. Similarly, when the equipment includes only a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM, and no material heating system or other environmental factors apply, then Part 2-011 applies without needing Part 2-010 or Part 2-012. However, when the equipment incorporates both a material heating system, and a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM or the materials being treated in the intended application introduce significant heat into the REFRIGERATING SYSTEM, a determination should be made as to whether the interaction between the two systems will generate additional or more severe HAZARDS than if the systems were evaluated separately (CONTROLLED TEMPERATURE, see flow chart for selection process). If the interaction of the heating and cooling functions yields no additional or more severe HAZARDS, then both Part 2-010 and Part 2-011 apply for their respective functions. Conversely, if additional or more severe HAZARDS result from the combining of the heating and cooling functions, or if the equipment incorporates additional material treatment factors, then Part 2-012 applies, but not Part 2-010 or Part 2-011.

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What HAZARDS are applicable for a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM?

The typical HAZARDS for a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM (see Figure 101) consisting of a MOTOR-COMPRESSOR, a CONDENSER, an expansion device and an EVAPORATOR include but are not limited to:

– The maximum temperature of LOW-PRESSURE SIDE (return temperature) to the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR. A MOTOR-COMPRESSOR incorporates a REFRIGERANT cooled motor and it should be established that the maximum temperatures of the LOW-PRESSURE SIDE under least favourable condition do not exceed the insulation RATINGS within the motor.

– The maximum pressure of LOW-PRESSURE SIDE at the inlet to the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR. The housing of the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR is exposed to this pressure and so the design RATING of the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR housing should accommodate the worst-case pressures whilst providing the correct safety margin for a pressure vessel.

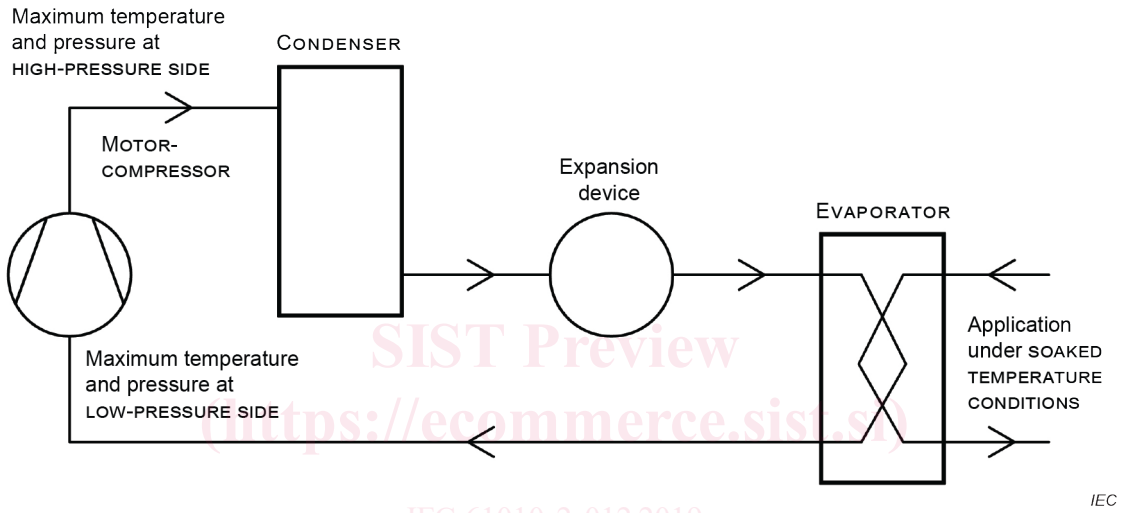
– The maximum temperature of HIGH-PRESSURE SIDE to the CONDENSER. The temperatures of the HIGH-PRESSURE SIDE under most unfavourable conditions may present a temperature HAZARD if the OPERATOR is exposed to them or if the electrical insulation is degraded.

– The maximum pressure of HIGH-PRESSURE SIDE at the outlet to the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR. The REFRIGERANT components downstream of the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR up to the expansion device are exposed to this pressure and so the design RATING of these components should accommodate the worst-case pressures whilst providing the appropriate safety margin for a pressure vessel.

– The maximum CONTROLLED TEMPERATURES, namely, the SOAKED TEMPERATURE CONDITIONS, from which the heat is being extracted, may impact the maximum temperature of LOW-PRESSURE SIDE to the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR as well as present a temperature HAZARD if the OPERATOR is exposed to them or if the electrical insulation is degraded. Whether this CONTROLLED TEMPERATURE is derived from an integral heating function of the device or from the heat dissipated from the material being cooled, the impact under worst case conditions should be evaluated.

– The current draw of the equipment should be established when including the worst-case running conditions of the REFRIGERATING SYSTEM including any defrost cycles that may apply.

The worst-case conditions should be determined for the equipment and will include both the least favourable NORMAL USE conditions as well as the most unfavourable testing results under SINGLE FAULT CONDITIONS.



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Figure 101 – Schema of a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM incorporating a CONDENSER

The selection process is illustrated in the following flow chart (see Figure 102).

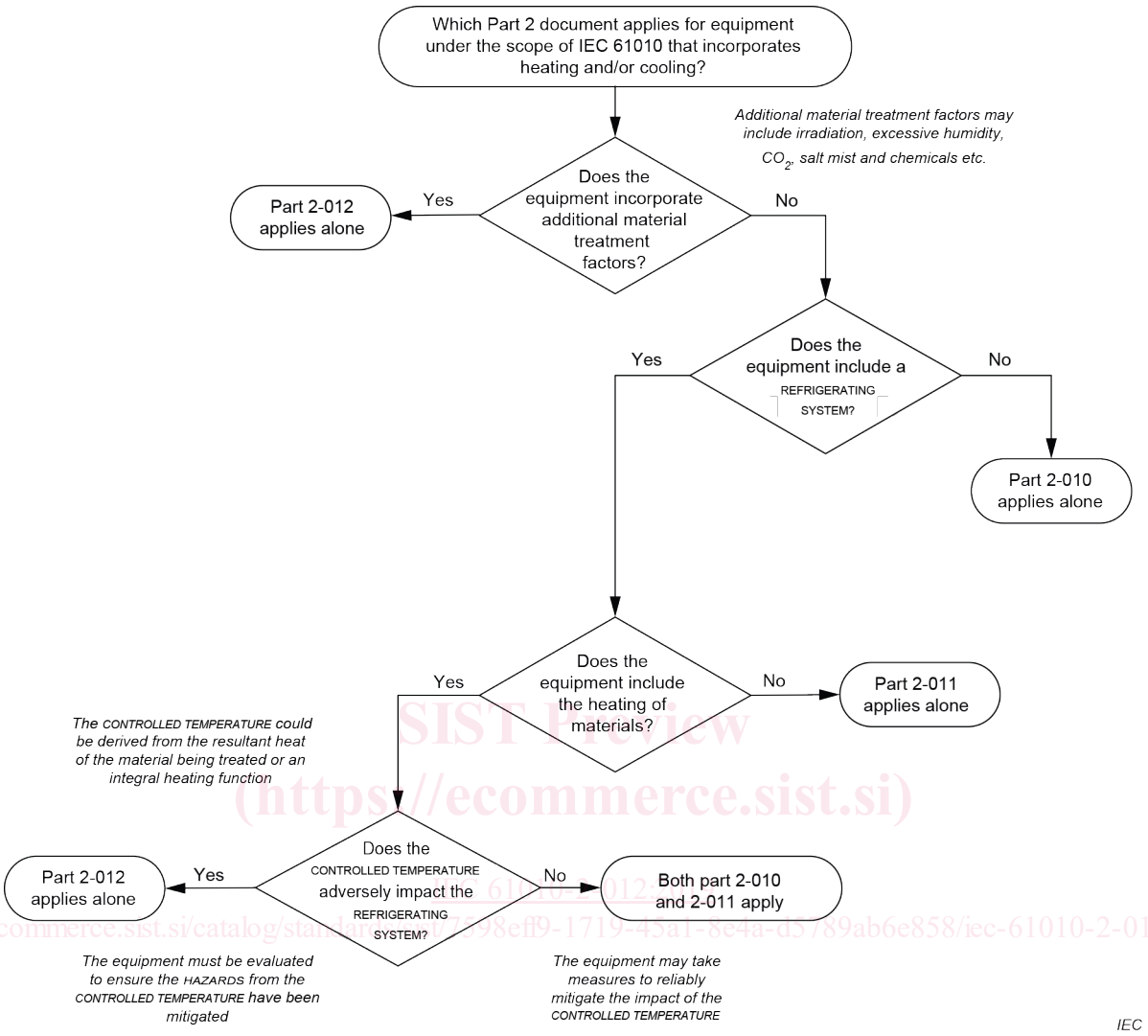


Figure 102 – Flow chart illustrating the selection process

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1 Scope and object

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

1.1.1 Equipment included in scope

Replacement:

Replace the second paragraph by the following:

This part of IEC 61010 specifies safety requirements for electrical equipment and its accessories within the categories a) through c), wherever it is intended to be used, whenever that equipment incorporates one or more of the following characteristics:

– A REFRIGERATING SYSTEM that is acted on or impacted by an integral heating function such that the combined heating and REFRIGERATING SYSTEM generates additional and/or more severe HAZARDS than those for the two systems if treated separately.
– The materials being treated in the intended application introduce significant heat into the REFRIGERATING SYSTEM, so that the REFRIGERATING SYSTEM in the application yields additional and/or more severe HAZARDS than those for the REFRIGERATING SYSTEM if operated at the maximum RATED ambient temperature alone.
– An irradiation function for the materials being treated presenting additional HAZARDS.
– A function to expose the materials being treated to excessive humidity, carbon dioxide, salt mist, or other substances which can result in additional HAZARDS.
– A function of MECHANICAL MOVEMENT presenting additional HAZARDS.
– Provision for an OPERATOR to walk in to the operating area to load or unload the materials being treated.

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Addition:

Add the following text after the last paragraph:

NOTE 101 Examples of such equipment include environmental testing and plant growth TEST CHAMBERS, refrigerating CIRCULATORS which incorporate heating, and recirculating coolers for extracting heat.

It is possible that all or part of the equipment falls within the scope of one or more other Part 2 standards of IEC 61010 as well as within the scope of this standard. In that case, the requirements of those other Part 2 standards also apply. This document is intended for application when one or more of the additional HAZARDS described in the above dashed listed items are introduced. However, when the equipment incorporates only a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM or only a heating function or a combination of the two without introducing the additional HAZARDS described in the above list, then IEC 61010-2-011 or IEC 61010-2-010 or both, as appropriate, apply instead of this Part 2-012.

See further information in the flow chart (Figure 102) for selection process and guidance in the Introduction.

NOTE 102 Subclause 3.1.107 and Annex BB provide the definition and requirements for the protection of people who are inside WALK-IN EQUIPMENT.

1.1.2 Equipment excluded from scope

Addition:

Add the following items after item j):

aa) equipment for the heating, cooling, and ventilation of laboratories;

bb) sterilizing equipment.

1.2 Object

1.2.1 Aspects included in scope

Addition:

Add the following items after item g):

aa) biohazards (see 13.101);

bb) hazardous chemical substances (see 13.102).

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

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IEC 60335-2-34:2012, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-34: Particular requirements for motor-compressors*
IEC 60335-2-34:2012/AMD1:2015
IEC 60335-2-34:2012/AMD2:2016

IEC 60950-1:2005, *Information technology equipment – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 7010, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Registered safety signs* (available at https://www.iso.org/obp)

3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

3.1 Equipment and states of equipment

Addition:

Add the following new terms and definitions:

3.1.101
BATH
complete device intended for application of CONTROLLED TEMPERATURES to SPECIMENS by immersion in a temperature-controlled liquid HEAT TRANSFER MEDIUM

3.1.102
CIRCULATOR
equipment intended for application of CONTROLLED TEMPERATURES to an APPLICATION SYSTEM by external circulating of a temperature-controlled liquid HEAT TRANSFER MEDIUM

3.1.103
TEST CHAMBER
ENCLOSURE or space in some part of which specified conditions can be achieved, in particular, temperature, humidity, irradiation, low air pressure, mould growth and salt spray

3.1.104
COMBINED TEST CHAMBER
special TEST CHAMBER combined with the function of MECHANICAL MOVEMENT, for example, for vibration, shock, impact, and similar dynamic tests

3.1.105
INCUBATOR
special TEST CHAMBER, primarily for incubation of microorganisms and tissue culture

3.1.106
SHAKER
equipment to disperse or dissolve one substance in another by MECHANICAL MOVEMENT without the use of blades or stirrers that might destroy the structure of the substance, in particular, shaking BATH and shaking INCUBATOR

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3.1.107
WALK-IN EQUIPMENT
TEST CHAMBER or INCUBATOR, the door of which allows the OPERATOR to enter and remain inside the equipment even with the door closed

3.1.108
DRYING-OUT
period to wait or procedure to be carried out before operation to return the equipment to NORMAL CONDITION if it has been transported or stored in humid conditions, or moved from a cold environment to a much warmer one where condensation could occur, and could cause the equipment to then fail to meet all the safety requirements of this document

3.1.109
STANDSTILL
period to wait or procedure to be carried out before operation to return the equipment to NORMAL CONDITION if it has been transported, moved, shaken, tilted or inverted and which could cause the equipment to then fail to meet all the safety requirements of this document

3.2 Parts and accessories

Addition:

Add the following new terms and definitions:

3.2.101
RESISTANCE-HEATING DEVICE
part of resistance-heating equipment, comprising one or more heating resistors, typically composed of metallic conductors or an electrically conductive compound suitably insulated and protected

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-426:2008, 426-08-08, modified – "resistance-heating unit" has been replaced with "resistance-heating equipment".]

3.2.102
REFRIGERATING SYSTEM
combination of interconnected REFRIGERANT-containing parts constituting one closed REFRIGERANT circuit in which the REFRIGERANT is circulated for the purpose of extracting and rejecting heat

[SOURCE: ISO 5149-1:2014, 3.1.9, modified – the term "(heat pump)" has been deleted from the term and the words "(i.e. cooling and heating)" have been deleted from the definition and the note.]

3.2.103
CASCADE SYSTEM
REFRIGERATING SYSTEM consisting of two or more independent refrigeration circuits where the CONDENSER of one system rejects heat directly to the EVAPORATOR of another

[SOURCE: EN 378-1:2008, 3.1.12, modified – "REFRIGERATING SYSTEM consisting of" has been included.]

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3.2.104
MOTOR-COMPRESSOR
refrigerating subassembly consisting of the mechanical mechanism of the compressor and the motor, both of which are enclosed in the same sealed housing, with no external shaft seals, and with the motor operating in a REFRIGERANT atmosphere with or without oil

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Note 1 to entry: The housing may be permanently sealed, such as by welding or brazing (hermetic MOTOR-COMPRESSOR), or may be sealed by gasketted joints (semi-hermetic MOTOR-COMPRESSOR). A TERMINAL box, a TERMINAL boxcover, and other electrical components or an electronic control system may be included.

[SOURCE: IEC 60335-2-34:2012, 3.101, modified – "appliance" has been replaced by "refrigerating subassembly".]

3.2.105
CONDENSER
heat exchanger in which vaporized REFRIGERANT is liquified by removal of heat

[SOURCE: ISO 5149-1:2014, 3.4.4, modified – "refrigerant vapour" has been replaced by "vaporized REFRIGERANT".]

3.2.106
CONDENSING UNIT
specific refrigerating subassembly combination for a given REFRIGERANT, consisting of one or more MOTOR-COMPRESSORS, CONDENSERS, liquid receivers (when required) and the regularly furnished accessories

3.2.107
EVAPORATOR
heat exchanger in which liquid REFRIGERANT is vaporized by absorption of heat

[SOURCE: IEC 60335-2-40:2018, 3.110, modified – "refrigerant liquid" has been replaced by "liquid refrigerant".]