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## Foreword

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## 1 Scope

This Part 4-7 of EN 50289 details the method of test to determine the stability of transmission performance of a finished cable used in analogue and digital communication systems when submitted to damp heat steady state which may occur during use.

It is to be read in conjunction with Part 4-1 of EN 50289, which contains essential provisions for its application.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

EN 50289-4-1	2001	Communication cables - Specifications for tests methods – Part 4-1: Environmental test methods - General requirements
EN 50290-1-2	2004	Communication cables – Part 1-2: Definitions
EN 60068-2-14	1999	Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests - Test N: Change of temperature (IEC 60068-2-14:1984 + A1:1986)

## 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the definitions of EN 50290-1-2 apply.

## 4 Test methods

### 4.1 Equipment

- a) Appropriate transmission measuring apparatus for determination of changes in transmission performance.
- b) Climatic chamber:
  - the climatic chamber shall be of a suitable size to accommodate the sample and its temperature shall be controllable to remain within  $\pm 3$  K of the specified testing temperature. It must incorporate means of admitting water vapour to, or generating water vapour within. One example of a suitable chamber is given in Clause 2, test Nb, of EN 60068-2-14.

### 4.2 Test sample

The sample shall be of sufficient length as indicated in the relevant cable specification to achieve the desired accuracy.

In order to gain reproducible values, it may be necessary for the cable sample to be brought into the climatic chamber as a loose coil or on a reel.

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