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This new edition allows for loose cargo testing in a more general sense. The test is no longer aligned with a special testing machine but allows for use of any suitable equipment such as electrodynamic or servo-hydraulic shaker tables. Moreover, sinusoidal and random vibration can be used. The previous rotation table motions are included in Annex A as historical methods.

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IEC 60068-2-6	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-6: Tests - Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)	EN 60068-2-6	-
IEC 60068-2-64	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-64: Tests - Test Fh: Vibration, broadband random and guidance	EN 60068-2-64	-
IEC 60068-2-80	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-80: Tests - Test Fi: Vibration - Mixed mode	EN 60068-2-80	-
ISO 13355	-	Packaging - Complete, filled transport packages and unit loads - Vertical random vibration test	EN ISO 13355	-
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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition, published in 1987, and constitutes a technical revision.

The main changes with respect to the previous edition are listed below:

This new edition allows for loose cargo testing in a more general sense. The test is no longer aligned with a special testing machine but allows for use of any suitable equipment such as electrodynamic or servo-hydraulic shaker tables. Moreover, sinusoidal and random vibration can be used. The previous rotation table motions are included in Annex A as historical methods.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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104/592/FDIS	104/598/RVD

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

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

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

This standard should be used in conjunction with IEC 60068-1.

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INTRODUCTION

This test is applicable to specimens which, during transportation on the load-carrying platform of wheeled vehicles either not fastened down or with some degree of freedom, may be subjected to dynamic stresses resulting from random shock conditions (bounce). The test may also be used as a simple means of assessing the satisfactory design of a specimen so far as its structural integrity is concerned.

NOTE In practice, this test is primarily applicable to equipment-type specimens and packages.

Although the test is performed using a vibrating platform, it is not considered as a vibration test, but as an impact test. Vibration tests should be conducted according to the appropriate standards from IEC 60068-2.

In Clause 11, specification writers will find a list of details to be considered for inclusion in specifications and, in Annex A, the necessary accompanying guidance.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60068 provides a standard procedure for determining the ability of a specimen to withstand specified severities of bounce, e. g. when transported as loose cargo on wheeled vehicles.

This test is primarily intended for specimens prepared for transportation, including specimens in their transport case when the latter may be considered as part of the specimen itself or packages. This test should not be used as a low-frequency vibration test.

Although primarily intended for electrotechnical products, this standard is not restricted to them and may be used in other fields where desired.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60068-1, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*¹

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

IEC 60068-2-64, *Environmental testing – Part 2-64: Tests – Test Fh: Vibration, broadband random and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-80, *Environmental testing – Part 2-80: Tests – Test Fi: Vibration – Mixed mode*

ISO 13355, *Packaging – Complete, filled transport packages and unit loads – Vertical random vibration test*

ASTM D4169-09, *Standard Practice for Performance Testing of Shipping Containers and Systems*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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bounce testing machine

testing machine with a vibrating platform driven by rotating shafts and eccentrics

Note 1 to entry: Bounce testing machines typically have a fixed displacement amplitude and a variable frequency.

¹ A new edition of IEC 60068-1 is currently under consideration.

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