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Foreword

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Introduction

Optical and photonic instruments including additional assemblies from other fields (e.g. mechanical, chemical and electronic devices) are affected during their use by a number of different environmental and handling parameters which they are required to resist without significant reduction in performance and to remain within defined specifications. This is what the manufacturer attempts to ensure and the user expects to receive.

This expectation can be assessed by exposure of the instrument to a range of simulated environmental parameters under controlled laboratory conditions. The cumulative combination, degree of severity and sequence of these conditions can be selected to obtain meaningful results in a relatively short period of time.

Technical requirements as given in the tables of this document are abbreviated and the reader has to consult the referenced standards (i.e. the relevant parts of ISO 9022) for the full specification of the technical requirement.

For the purposes of this document, nominal values for properties or performance characteristics are understood to be the manufacturer's internal technical data and do not directly reflect the manufacturer's product specifications.

Optics and photonics — Environmental requirements — Test requirements for telescopic systems

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements to be met with regard to resistance of the optical, mechanical, chemical and electrical properties or performance data of instruments to environmental influences and hence determines geographical and technical areas of application. It applies to consumer telescopic systems and accessories, such as hunting and sporting products.

Environmental test methods as specified in relevant parts of ISO 9022 are assigned to the various areas of application for the purpose of ascertaining the suitability of the instruments in their respective area of application.

This document is the basis for the specification of environmental requirements and environmental tests in instrument standards. If necessary, these requirements and tests can be amended in the instrument standards.

This document does not deal with the requirements to be met by the packaging of the instrument during transport from the manufacturer to the user.

NOTE Nominal values of properties and performance characteristics as understood by this document are predetermined by specifications provided by the manufacturer, technical terms of delivery and instrument standards.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

ISO 9022-1, *Optics and photonics — Environmental test methods — Part 1: Definitions, extent of testing*

ISO 9022-2, *Optics and photonics — Environmental test methods — Part 2: Cold, heat and humidity*

ISO 9022-3, *Optics and photonics — Environmental test methods — Part 3: Mechanical stress*

ISO 9022-4, *Optics and photonics — Environmental test methods — Part 4: Salt mist*

ISO 9022-7, *Optics and photonics — Environmental test methods — Part 7: Resistance to drip or rain*

ISO 9022-8, *Optics and photonics — Environmental test methods — Part 8: High internal pressure, low internal pressure, immersion*

ISO 9022-9, *Optics and photonics — Environmental test methods — Part 9: Solar radiation and weathering*

ISO 9022-12, *Optics and photonics — Environmental test methods — Part 12: Contamination*

ISO 10109, *Optics and photonics — Guidance for the selection of environmental tests*

ISO 14133-1, *Optics and photonics — Specifications for binoculars, monoculars and spotting scopes — Part 1: General purpose instruments*

ISO 14133-2, *Optics and photonics — Specifications for binoculars, monoculars and spotting scopes — Part 2: High performance instruments*

ISO 14134, *Optics and optical instruments — Specifications for astronomical telescopes*

ISO 14135-1, *Optics and photonics — Specifications for telescopic sights — Part 1: General-purpose instruments*

ISO 14135-2, *Optics and photonics — Specifications for telescopic sights — Part 2: High-performance instruments*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 10109 and the following apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1 extent of testing

sum of all required tests to ascertain operability, as well as product performance within the intended use and life span

Note 1 to entry: The extent of testing is subdivided into type (or sample) testing and series testing.

[SOURCE: ISO 10109:2015, 2.3, modified.]

3.2 type testing sample testing

extent of testing required of initial or qualification samples sufficient to ascertain whether the instrument complies with all the environmental requirements of the relevant specification

Note 1 to entry: Type (or sample) testing is designated by the code letter T.

3.3 series testing

extent of testing required of ensure constant production quality

Note 1 to entry: Sampling procedures can be used.

Note 2 to entry: Series testing is designated by the code letter S.

4 Subdivision of the instrument group “telescopic systems”

The group telescopic systems is subdivided into instrument types with the type numbers given in [Table 1](#).

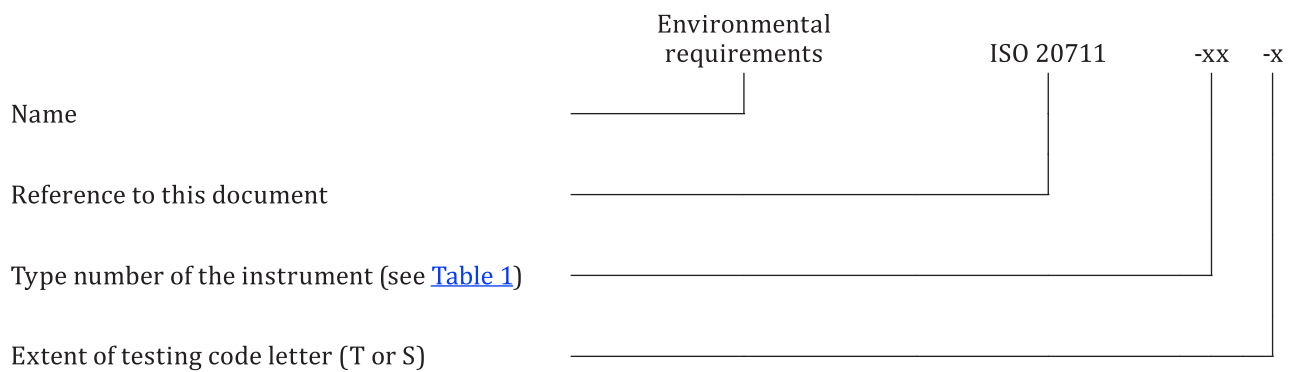
Table 1 — Subdivision of telescopic systems

Type number	Instrument type
01	Binoculars, monoculars and spotting scopes which are designed for occasional use in moderate environments by users such as tourists and spectators of sporting events, etc.
02	Binoculars, monoculars and spotting scopes which are designed for continuous use in moderately harsh environments by professional users as, for example, emergency personnel, ship's captains and forest rangers, etc.
03	Telescopic sights for airguns which are designed for mounting on airguns and for use in moderate environments, mainly in sports.
04	Telescopic sights for rifles and handguns which are designed for mounting on rifles and handguns and for hunting.

Type number	Instrument type
05	Telescopic sights for extreme conditions of use which are designed for mounting on rifles and handguns and for consumer use in severe environmental conditions.
06	Amateur astronomical telescopes which are designed for occasional use in moderate environments.
07	Amateur astronomical telescopes which are designed for continuous use in moderately harsh environments.

5 Designation of environmental requirements and environmental tests

The designation for environmental requirements shall be formed as follows:



The relevant specification and other technical documents shall indicate the environmental requirements applicable to this document using the above designation.

EXAMPLE Environmental requirement designation for telescopic systems, type number of the instrument type 02 and the extent of testing T:

Environmental requirements ISO 20711-02-T

In relevant specifications and other technical documentation, tests carried out in accordance with the environmental requirements given in this document shall be designated by the environmental test code as specified in ISO 9022-1.

6 Specification of technical requirements and appropriate environmental tests

6.1 Acceleration of free fall

For the purposes of this document, the acceleration of free fall shall be taken as $g = 9,81 \text{ m/s}^2$.

6.2 Binoculars, monoculars and spotting scopes (instrument types 01 and 02)

[Table 2](#) specifies technical requirements and corresponding environmental tests for extent of testing T (type or sample test).

After testing in accordance with [Table 2](#), the instrument shall meet the specifications of either ISO 14133-1 or ISO 14133-2.

Series tests (extent of testing S) shall be stipulated in the relevant specification.

[Table 3](#) shows a summary of the tests given in [Table 2](#) as specified in ISO 9022.

Table 2 — Environmental requirements for binoculars, monoculars and spotting scopes for extent of testing T

Serial No.	ISO 9022		Type No.		01			02		
	Part	Conditioning method	State of operation		0	1	2	0	1	2
1	2	10	Technical requirements	Temperature °C	-40	—	-10	-40	—	-25
		Cold	Degree of severity		08	—	02	08	—	05
		Comment								
2	2	11	Technical requirements	Temperature °C	55	—	55	70	—	55
		Dry heat	Degree of severity		03	—	03	05	—	03
		Comment								
3	2	12	Technical requirements	Temperature °C Relative humidity %	—	40 92	—	—	55 92	—
		Damp heat	Degree of severity		—	01	—	—	07	—
		Comment								
4	2	15	Technical requirements	Temperature °C t_1 t_2	—	20 -10	—	—	40 -25	—
		Temperature shock	Degree of severity		—	01	—	—	02	—
		Comment								
5	9	20	Technical requirements	Irradiance kW/m ²	—	up to 1,1	—	—	up to 1,1	—
		Solar radiation	Degree of severity		—	02	—	—	02	—
		Comment								
6	9	21	Technical requirements	Exposure time h	—	2 000	—	—	2 000	—
		Laboratory weathering	Degree of severity		—	01	—	—	01	—
		Comment		This requirement applies to instruments that are operated in continuous, long-term outdoor use						
7	3	30	Technical requirements	Acceleration g Duration ms	—	30 6	—	—	100 6	—
		Shock	Degree of severity		—	03	—	—	07	—
		Comment								
8	3	31	Technical requirements	Acceleration g Duration ms	—	10 6	—	—	25 6	—
		Bump	Degree of severity		—	01	—	—	05	—
		Comment								
9	3	32	Technical requirements	Height of overturn mm	—	Toppling over	—	—	Toppling over	—
		Drop and topple	Degree of severity		—	04	—	—	04	—
		Comment								
10	3	33	Technical requirements	Height of fall mm	—	—	—	250	—	—
		Free fall	Degree of severity		—	—	—	04	—	—
		Comment								
11	3	36	Technical requirements	Frequency Hz Acceleration g	—	10 to 150 2	—	—	10 to 150 2	—
		Sinusoidal vibration (sweep frequencies)	Degree of severity		—	03	—	—	03	—
		Comment								

Serial No.	ISO 9022		Type No.		01			02		
	Part	Conditioning method	State of operation		0	1	2	0	1	2
12	4	40 Salt mist	Technical requirements	Corrosion resistance	Ability to be operated for ≥5 years in compliance with stipulated instructions regarding maintenance and care.					
			Degree of severity		—	01	—	—	03	—
			Comment		Parts (materials) are tested.					
13	7	73 Steady rain	Technical requirements	Rain rate mm/min	—	5	—	—	20	—
			Degree of severity		—	01	—	—	02	—
			Comment		This requirement applies to instruments that are declared waterproof.					
14	8	80 High internal pressure	Technical requirements	Difference from ambient pressure hPa	—	—	—	—	100	—
			Degree of severity		—	—	—	—	02	—
			Comment		This requirement applies to instruments that are declared waterproof.					
15	8	81 Low internal pressure	Technical requirements	Difference from ambient pressure hPa	—	—	—	—	100	—
			Degree of severity		—	—	—	—	04	—
			Comment		This requirement applies to instruments that are declared waterproof.					
16	8	82 Immersion	Technical requirements	Immersion depth m	—	—	—	—	4	—
			Degree of severity		—	—	—	—	02	—
			Comment		This requirement applies to instruments that are declared waterproof.					
17	12	86 Basic cosmetic substances and artificial hand sweat	Technical requirements	Ability to be operated for ≥5 years in compliance with stipulated instructions regarding maintenance and care.						
			Degree of severity		—	03	—	—	03	—
			Comment							

Table 3 — Test summary for binoculars, monoculars and spotting scopes

Environmental requirement ISO 20711-01-T	Environmental requirement ISO 20711-02-T	Part of ISO 9022
Environmental test ISO 9022		
10-08-0	10-08-0	ISO 9022-2
10-02-2	10-05-2	
11-03-0	11-05-0	
11-03-2	11-03-2	
12-01-1	12-07-1	
15-01-1	15-02-1	
20-02-1	20-02-1	ISO 9022-9
21-01-1	21-01-1	
30-03-1	30-07-1	ISO 9022-3
31-01-1	31-05-1	
32-04-1	32-04-1	
	33-04-0	
36-03-1	36-03-1	
40-01-1	40-03-1	ISO 9022-4

Environmental requirement ISO 20711-01-T	Environmental requirement ISO 20711-02-T	Part of ISO 9022
Environmental test ISO 9022		
73-01-1	73-02-1	ISO 9022-7
	80-02-1 81-04-1 82-02-1	ISO 9022-8
86-03-1	86-03-1	ISO 9022-12

6.3 Telescopic sights (instrument type 03, 04 and 05)

Table 4 specifies technical requirements and corresponding environmental tests for extent of testing T (type or sample test).

After testing in accordance with Table 4, the instrument shall meet the specifications of either ISO 14135-1 or ISO 14135-2.

Series tests (extent of testing S) shall be stipulated in the relevant specification.

Table 5 shows a summary of the tests given in Table 4 as specified in ISO 9022.

Table 4 — Environmental requirements for telescopic sights

Serial No.	ISO 9022		Type no.		03			04			05		
	Part	Conditioning method	State of operation		0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2
1	2	10 Cold ^a	Technical requirements	Temperature °C	-40	—	0	-40	—	-10	-40	—	-25
			Degree of severity		08	—	01	08	—	02	08	—	05
			Comment										
2	2	11 Dry heat ^a	Technical requirements	Temperature °C	55	—	40	55	—	55	70	—	55
			Degree of severity		03	—	02	03	—	03	05	—	03
			Comment										
3	2	12 Damp heat ^a	Technical requirements	Temperature °C Relative humidity %	—	40 92	—	—	40 92	—	—	55 92	—
			Degree of severity		—	01	—	—	01	—	—	07	—
			Comment										
4	2	15 Temperature shock ^a	Technical requirements	Temperature °C t_1 t_2	—	20 -10	—	—	40 -25	—	—	55 -40	—
			Degree of severity		—	01	—	—	02	—	—	03	—
			Comment										
5	2	16 Damp heat cyclic ^a	Technical requirements	Temperature °C relative humidity %	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40 92	—
				Temperature °C relative humidity %	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23 83	—
			Degree of severity		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	02	—

^a Type or sample test and series test.

^b Type or sample test or series test.

^c Type or sample test only.

^d Up to 1 000 g according to the relevant specification of the manufacturer.

Serial No.	ISO 9022		Type no.		03			04			05		
	Part	Conditioning method	State of operation		0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2
			Comment										
6	3	30 Shock ^b	Technical requirements	Acceleration <i>g</i> Duration ms	—	—	30 6	—	—	500 1	—	—	500 ^d 1
			Degree of severity		—	—	03	—	—	08	—	—	08
			Comment		Application in the direction of the firearm shock only. Number of shocks: 2000								
7	3	31 Bump ^c	Technical requirements	Acceleration <i>g</i> Duration ms	—	10 6	—	—	25 6	—	—	40 6	—
			Degree of severity		—	01	—	—	05	—	—	07	—
			Comment										
8	3	36 Sinusoidal vibration (sweep frequencies) ^c	Technical requirements	Frequency Hz Acceleration <i>g</i>	—	—	—	—	10- 150 2	—	—	10- 500 2	—
			Degree of severity		—	—	—	—	03	—	—	04	—
			Comment										
9	4	40 Salt mist ^c	Technical requirements	Corrosion resistance	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ability to be operated ≥5 years in compliance with stipulated instructions regarding maintenance and care.	
			Degree of severity		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	04	—
			Comment		Parts (material) are tested.								
10	7	73 Steady rain ^c	Technical requirements	Rain rate mm/min	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	20	—
			Degree of severity		—	—	—	—	01	—	—	02	—
			Comment										
11	8	80 High internal pressure ^a	Technical requirements	Difference from ambient pressure hPa	—	—	—	—	100	—	—	100	—
			Degree of severity		—	—	—	—	04	—	—	04	—
			Comment										
12	8	81 Low internal pressure ^a	Technical requirements	Difference from ambient pressure hPa	—	—	—	—	100	—	—	100	—
			Degree of severity		—	—	—	—	04	—	—	04	—
			Comment										
13	8	82 Immersion ^a	Technical requirements	Immersion depth m	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—
			Degree of severity		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	02	—
			Comment										
14	9	20 Solar radiation ^c	Technical requirements	Irradiance kW/m ²	—	—	—	—	up to 1,1	—	—	up to 1,1	—
			Degree of severity		—	—	—	—	01	—	—	02	—
			Comment										
		86	Technical requirements		Ability to be operated for ≥5 years in compliance with stipulated instructions regarding maintenance and care.								
^a Type or sample test and series test. ^b Type or sample test or series test. ^c Type or sample test only. ^d Up to 1 000 g according to the relevant specification of the manufacturer.													

Serial No.	ISO 9022		Type no.	03			04			05		
	Part	Conditioning method	State of operation	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2
15	12	Basic cosmetic substances and artificial hand sweat ^c	Degree of severity	—	03	—	—	01	—	—	03	—
			Comment	Testing of representative samples only. The test is not required if tests of identical materials and/or the structure of identical finish coatings have been performed on other instrument types using the same or more conditioning.								
^a Type or sample test and series test. ^b Type or sample test or series test. ^c Type or sample test only. ^d Up to 1 000 g according to the relevant specification of the manufacturer.												

Table 5 — Test summary for telescopic sights

Environmental requirement ISO 20711-03-T/S	Environmental requirement ISO 20711-04-T/S	Environmental requirement ISO 20711-05-T/S	Part of ISO 9022
Environmental test ISO 9022			
10-08-0 ^a	10-08-0 ^a	10-08-0 ^a	ISO 9022-2
10-01-2 ^a	10-02-2 ^a	10-05-2 ^a	
11-03-0 ^a	11-03-0 ^a	11-05-0 ^a	
11-02-2 ^a	11-03-2 ^a	11-03-2 ^a	
12-01-1 ^a	12-01-1 ^a	12-07-1 ^a	
15-01-1 ^{aa}	15-02-1 ^a	15-03-1 ^a	
		16-02-1 ^a	
	20-01-1 ^c	20-02-1 ^c	ISO 9022-9
30-03-2 ^b 31-01-1 ^{+c}	30-08-2 ^b	30-08-2 ^b	ISO 9022-3
	31-05-1 ^c	31-07-1 ^c	
	36-03-1 ^c	36-04-1 ^c	
		40-04-1 ^c	ISO 9022-4
	73-01-1 ^c	73-02-1 ^c	ISO 9022-7
	80-04-1 ^a 81-04-1 ^a	80-04-1 ^a	ISO 9022-8
		81-04-1 ^a	
		82-02-1 ^a	
86-03-1 ^c	86-01-1 ^c	86-03-1 ^c	ISO 9022-12
^a Type or sample test and series test. ^b Type or sample test or series test. ^c Type or sample test only.			

6.4 Astronomical telescopes (instrument type 06 and 07)

[Table 6](#) specifies technical requirements and corresponding environmental tests for extent of testing T (type or sample test).

After testing in accordance with [Table 6](#) the instrument shall meet the specifications of ISO 14134.

Series tests (extent of testing S) shall be stipulated in the relevant specification.

[Table 7](#) shows a summary of the tests given in [Table 6](#) as specified in ISO 9022.

Table 6 — Environmental requirements for astronomical telescopes for extent of testing T

Serial No.	ISO 9022		Type No.		06			07		
	Part	Conditioning method	State of operation		0	1	2	0	1	2
1	2	10	Technical requirements	Temperature °C	-25	—	-10	-40	—	-25
		Cold	Degree of severity		05	—	02	08	—	05
		Comment								
2	2	11	Technical requirements	Temperature °C	55	—	55	70	—	55
		Dry heat	Degree of severity		03	—	03	05	—	03
		Comment								
3	2	12	Technical requirements	Temperature °C Relative humidity %	— —	40 92	— —	— —	55 92	— —
		Damp heat	Degree of severity		—	01	—	—	07	—
		Comment								
4	2	15	Technical requirements	Temperature °C t_1 t_2	— —	— —	— —	— —	20 -10	— —
		Temperature shock	Degree of severity		—	—	—	—	01	—
		Comment								
5	9	20	Technical requirements	Irradiance kW/m ²	—	up to 1,1	—	—	up to 1,1	—
		Solar radiation	Degree of severity		—	02	—	—	02	—
		Comment								
10	3	36	Technical requirements	Frequency Hz Acceleration g	— —	10 to 150 2	— —	— —	10 to 150 2	— —
		Sinusoidal vibration (sweep frequencies)	Degree of severity		—	03	—	—	03	—
		Comment								

Table 7 — Test summary for astronomical telescopes

Environmental requirement ISO 20711-06-T	Environmental requirement ISO 20711-07-T	Part of ISO 9022
Environmental test ISO 9022		
10-05-0	10-08-0	ISO 9022-2
10-02-2	10-05-2	
11-03-0	11-05-0	
11-03-2	11-03-2	
12-01-1	12-07-1	
	15-01-1	
20-02-1	20-02-1	ISO 9022-9
36-03-1	36-03-1	ISO 9022-3

7 Procedure

Tests shall be performed as specified in relevant parts of ISO 9022.

The tests may be performed in any order, if not specified otherwise.

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