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IEC 60068-2-78	-	Environmental testing - Part 2-78: Tests - Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state	EN 60068-2-78	-
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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) update of the Scope, Clauses 2 and 3,
b) new structure for Clauses 4 and 5,
c) addition of 1 500 V DC into tables in Annex B and F,
d) update of distances altitude correction in a new Table F.10,
e) addition of Annex G with a flowchart for clearances,

f) addition of Annex H with a flowchart for creepage distances.

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

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60664 deals with **insulation coordination** for equipment having a **rated voltage** up to AC 1 000 V or DC 1 500 V connected to **low-voltage supply systems**.

This document applies to frequencies up to 30 kHz.

NOTE 1 Requirements for **insulation coordination** for equipment within **low-voltage supply systems** with rated frequencies above 30 kHz are given in IEC 60664-4.

NOTE 2 Higher voltages can exist in internal circuits of the equipment.

It applies to equipment for use up to 2 000 m above sea level and provides guidance for use at higher altitudes (See 5.2.3.4).

It provides requirements for technical committees to determine **clearances**, **creepage distances** and criteria for **solid insulation**. It includes methods of electrical testing with respect to **insulation coordination**.

The minimum **clearances** specified in this document do not apply where ionized gases are present. Special requirements for such situations can be specified at the discretion of the relevant technical committee.

This document does not deal with distances:

– through liquid insulation;
– through gases other than air;
– through compressed air.

This basic safety publication focusing on safety essential requirements is primarily intended for use by technical committees in the preparation of standards in accordance with the principles laid down in IEC Guide 104 and ISO/IEC Guide 51.

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However, in case of missing specified values for **clearances**, **creepage distances** and requirements for **solid insulation** in the relevant product standards, or even missing standards, this document applies.

2 Normative references

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