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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.

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