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## Foreword

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ISO 14505 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Ergonomics of the thermal environment — Evaluation of the thermal environment in vehicles*:

- *Part 1: Principles and methods for assessment of thermal stress*
- *Part 2: Determination of equivalent temperature*
- *Part 3: Evaluation of thermal comfort using human subjects*

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## Introduction

Direct methods for the assessment of thermal environments (hot, moderate, cold) in vehicles involve measurements of the responses of human subjects. There are three types: subjective methods, objective methods, and behavioural methods. *Subjective methods* quantify the responses of people to an environment using subjective scales. *Objective methods* are those which quantify the physical, physiological or mental condition of a person by the use of instrumentation or measures of an output such as performance measures. *Behavioural methods* quantify or represent human behaviour in response to an environment. Each of these methods has been developed according to basic principles and the most appropriate form of the method and combination of methods used in concert for the assessment of thermal environments in vehicles will depend upon the context and vehicle environment of interest. This part of ISO 14505 provides both principles and application of methods for the assessment of thermal comfort in vehicle environments using human subjects. The most appropriate methods for evaluating thermal comfort in vehicles are subjective. The principles for the construction of subjective assessment scales are given in ISO 10551 and are used in the development of the test method specified in this part of ISO 14505. Physiological measurements on human subjects are described in ISO 9886 and are beyond the scope of this part of ISO 14505.

This part of ISO 14505 complements standards concerned with the ergonomics of thermal environments and in particular can be used together with thermal indices that are valid for use in vehicle environments.