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-Technical Specifications Temperature Chambers BiA MTH 4.46-Summary



Twelve identical temperature chambers integrated into three cabinets, one shown on the left - BiA MTH 4.46 - for testing batteries were purchased in 2013 and 2016 (C112219). The system is equipped for providing controlled temperature independently inside each chamber.

Each test volume features a door with window, internal lighting and a display showing temperature inside the chamber, duration of the test, preceding and following steps of the program.

Test volume

The dimensions of each test space are 400 mm (width) x 225 mm (depth) x 510 mm (height) which corresponds to ca. 46 l. Two entry ports with a diameter of 50 mm are available for each temperature controlled volume.

Temperature range

The temperature range is -40°C to 85°C. The temperature deviation in the centre of working space is \pm 0.5 K, the temperature homogeneity in space relative to the set value is \pm 1.5 K. The temperature rate according to IEC 60068-3-5 is 2.0 K/min for both heating and cooling. Temperature is measured using a high quality Pt 100 Ω /0°C CLASS 1/3 DIN precision sensor following IEC751.

Heat compensation of 100 W is provided in the whole operational temperature range for each test volume.

Input/output

The equipment features 4 digital outputs and 4 digital inputs, serial port and Ethernet connection.

Safety features

Each chamber is equipped with optic and acoustic alarm and a CO sensor. The alarm features a digital output to facility safety control. Furthermore, a pressure release flap with a diameter of 50 mm for each temperature-controlled volume is connected to the air exhaust system. A safe temperature limiter (STB) protects each chamber against overheating.

Required services

The equipment has a standard power supply at 400V, 50Hz with a maximum nominal electrical power consumption of ca. 17 kW. The equipment is air-cooled with a maximum heat dissipation into the installation space of 12 kW.