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Part 3: Sectional specification: Surface mount fixed tantalum electrolytic capacitors with manganese dioxide solid electrolyte

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1 General

1.1 Scope

This specification applies to surface mount tantalum solid electrolyte capacitors. These capacitors are primarily intended to be mounted directly onto substrates for hybrid circuits or onto printed boards.

The following two styles are considered:

- Style 1: protected capacitors;
- Style 2: unprotected capacitors.

1.2 Object

The object of this standard is to prescribe preferred ratings and characteristics and to select from IEC 60384-1:1999, the appropriate quality assessment procedures, tests and measuring methods and to give general performance requirements for this type of capacitor.

1.3 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

IEC 60062, *Marking codes for resistors and capacitors (only available in English)*

IEC 60063, *Preferred number series for resistors and capacitors*

IEC 60068-1, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60384-1:1999, *Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment – Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC 60410:1973, *Sampling plans and procedures for inspection by attributes*

ISO 3, *Preferred numbers – Series of preferred numbers*

1.4 Information to be given in a detail specification

Detail specifications shall be derived from the relevant blank detail specification.

Detail specifications shall not specify requirements inferior to those of the generic, sectional or blank detail specification. When more severe requirements are included, they shall be listed in 1.9 of the detail specification and indicated in the test schedules, for example, by an asterisk.

The following information shall be given in each detail specification and the values quoted shall preferably be selected from those given in the appropriate clause of this sectional specification.

1.4.1 Outline drawing and dimensions

The detail specification shall give an illustration of the capacitor as an aid to easy recognition and for comparison of the capacitor with others. Dimensions and their associated tolerances, which affect interchangeability and mounting, shall be given. All dimensions are to be stated in mm.

NOTE The information given in 1.4.1 may for convenience be presented in tabular form.

Normally, the numerical values shall be given for the length, width and height of the body. When necessary, for example, when a number of case sizes are covered by a detail specification, the dimensions and their associated tolerances shall be placed in a table below the drawing.

When the configuration is other than described above, the detail specification shall state such dimensional information as will adequately describe the capacitor.

1.4.2 Mounting

The detail specification shall give guidance on methods of mounting for normal use. Mounting for test and measurement purposes (if required) shall be in accordance with 4.3.

1.4.3 Ratings and characteristics

The ratings and characteristics shall be in accordance with the relevant clauses of this specification, together with the following.

1.4.3.1 Rated capacitance range

See 2.2.1.

NOTE When products approved to the detail specification have different ranges, the following statement should be added: "The range of values available in each voltage range is given in the qualified products list (QPL).".

1.4.3.2 Particular characteristics

Additional characteristics may be listed, when they are considered necessary, to specify adequately the component for design and application purposes.

1.4.3.3 Soldering

The detail specification shall prescribe the test methods, severities and requirements applicable for the solderability test and the resistance to soldering heat test.

1.4.4 Marking

The detail specification shall specify the content of the marking on the capacitor and on the package. Deviations from 1.5 of this sectional specification shall be specifically stated.

1.5 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60384-1, as well as the following, apply.

1.5.1

surface mount capacitor

capacitor whose small dimensions and nature or shape of terminations make it suitable for surface mounting in hybrid circuits and on printed boards

1.5.2

rated voltage

U_R

See 2.2.16 of IEC 60384-1

NOTE 1 The sum of the d.c. voltage and the peak a.c. voltage applied to the capacitor should not exceed the rated voltage.

NOTE 2 For short periods, however, the rated voltage may be exceeded (see 2.2.5 and 4.14).

1.5.3

Class 1

capacitor with low dielectric losses and high stability of capacitance; Ta powders with low volumetric capacitance values are used

1.5.4

Class 2

capacitor with a dielectric of medium range volumetric capacitance for applications where low losses and high stability of capacitance are not of major importance

1.5.5

Class 3

capacitor with a dielectric of high volumetric capacitance for applications where small size and high capacitance values are essential, and higher losses and less stability of capacitance can be tolerated

1.6 Marking

See 2.4 of IEC 60384-1, with the following details.

1.6.1 The information given in the marking is normally selected from the following list; the relative importance of each item is indicated by its position in the list:

- a) polarity of the terminations (unless identified by the construction);
- b) rated capacitance, in clear or coded form;
- c) rated voltage, in clear or coded form, (d.c. voltage may be indicated by the symbol (--- or —));
- d) tolerance on rated capacitance;
- e) style (in accordance with 1.1);
- f) year and month (or week) of manufacture;
- g) manufacturer's name or trade mark;
- i) climatic category;
- j) manufacturer's type designation;
- k) reference to the detail specification.

1.6.2 Surface mount capacitors are generally not marked on the body. If some marking can be applied, they shall be clearly marked with as many as possible of the above items as is considered useful. Designation of polarity is a mandatory item. Any duplication of information in the marking on the capacitor should be avoided. Where space does not permit the marking of the capacitor in accordance with IEC 60062 the following code may be used.

a) Capacitance coding

The rated capacitance value in picofarad is given by the following digit and letter code.

Letter	Value	Digit	Multiplier
A	1,0	9	10 ⁻¹
C	1,2	0	10 ⁰
E	1,5	1	10 ¹
G	1,8	2	10 ²
J	2,2	3	10 ³
L	2,7	4	10 ⁴
N	3,3	5	10 ⁵
Q	3,9	6	10 ⁶
S	4,7	7	10 ⁷
U	5,6	8	10 ⁸
W	6,8		
Y	8,2		

b) Voltage coding

For code letters for marking, see the detail specification.

1.6.3 Any marking shall be legible and not easily smeared or removed by rubbing with the finger.

1.6.4 The package containing the capacitor(s) shall be clearly marked with all the information listed in 1.5.1, except polarity, unless this is applicable to the method of packing.

1.6.5 Any additional marking shall be so applied that no confusion can arise.

2 Preferred ratings and characteristics**2.1 Preferred characteristics**

The values given in detail specifications shall preferably be selected from the following.

2.1.1 Preferred climatic categories

The capacitors covered by this specification are classified into climatic categories according to the general rules given in IEC 60068-1.

The lower and upper category temperature and the duration of the damp heat, steady state test shall be chosen from the following.

Lower category temperature:	–55 °C.
Upper category temperature:	+85 °C and +125 °C.
Duration of the damp heat, steady state test:	Style 1: 21 and 56 days Style 2: --

The severities for the cold and dry heat tests are the lower and upper category temperatures respectively.

2.2 Preferred values of ratings

2.2.1 Rated capacitance (C_R)

Preferred values of rated capacitance are 1,0 – 1,5 – 2,2 – 3,3 – 4,7 – 6,8 and their decimal multiples.

These values conform to the E6 series of preferred values given in IEC 60063.

2.2.2 Tolerance on rated capacitance

The preferred tolerances on the rated capacitance are $\pm 10\%$ and $\pm 20\%$.

2.2.3 Rated voltage (U_R)

The preferred values of rated direct voltages taken from the R5 series of ISO 3 are:

1,0 – 1,6 – 2,0 – 2,5 – 3,5 – 4,0 – 5,0 – 6,3 and their decimal multiples.

If other values are required they shall preferably be chosen from the R10 series.

2.2.4 Category voltage (U_C)

For capacitors having an upper category temperature of 125 °C, category voltages are given in Table 1.

Table 1 – Category voltages

U_R V	2,5	4	6,3	10	16	25	40	63	100
U_C V	1,6	2,5	4,0	6,3	10	16	25	40	63

2.2.5 Surge voltage

The surge voltage shall be $1,3\times$ the rated or $1,3\times$ the category voltage, rounded off to the nearest volt.

2.2.6 Rated temperature

The standard value of the rated temperature is 85 °C.

2.2.7 Requirements for Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3

The detail specification shall provide performance requirements for the capacitance drift values.

Maximum values for the dissipation factor ($\tan \delta$)

Class 1 $\leq 0,08$

Class 2 $\leq 0,12$

Class 3 $\leq 0,24$

NOTE The requirements depend on the type of powder, the rated voltage and the case size of capacitors. See the following examples for typical combinations of case size, capacitance and rated voltage.

Class	3216-18* size	6,3 V; 10 μ F	Ta powder (μ FV/g)
Class 1	6,3 V 15 μ F	3216-18*	< 30 000
Class 2	6,3 V 33 μ F	2012-12*	< 70 000
Class 3	6,3 V 68 μ F	1608-09*	< 100 000

Size code structure (3D) *LW-H*

where

L is the nominal dimension in units of 0,1 mm;

W is the nominal dimension in units of 0,1 mm;

H is the maximum dimension in units of 0,1 mm.

3 Quality assessment procedures

3.1 Primary stage of manufacture

The primary stage of manufacture is the forming of the tantalum oxide dielectric.

3.2 Structurally similar components

Capacitors considered as being structurally similar are capacitors produced with similar processes and materials, though they may be of different case sizes and values.

3.3 Certified records of released lots

The information required in 3.9 of IEC 60384-1 shall be made available when prescribed in the detail specification and when requested by a purchaser. After the endurance test, the parameters for which variables information is required are the capacitance change, $\tan \delta$ and the leakage current.

3.4 Qualification approval

The procedures for qualification approval testing are given in 3.5 of IEC 60384-1.

The schedule to be used for qualification approval testing on the basis of lot-by-lot and periodic tests is given in 3.5 of this specification. The procedure using a fixed sample size schedule is given in 3.4.1 and 3.4.2.

3.4.1 Sampling

The fixed sample size procedure is described in 3.5.3b) of IEC 60384-1. The sample shall be representative of the range of capacitors for which approval is sought. This may or may not be the complete range covered by the detail specification. The sample shall consist of specimens having the lowest and highest voltages and, for these voltages, the smallest and largest case size. When there are more than four case sizes an intermediate case size shall also be tested. In each of these case size/voltage combinations (values), the highest capacitance shall be chosen. Thus, for the approval of a range, testing is required of either four or six values. When the range consists of less than four values, the number of specimens to be tested shall be that required for four values.

Spare specimens are permitted as follows:

Two (for six values) or three (for four values) per value, which may be used as replacements for specimens which are non-conforming because of incidents not attributable to the manufacturer.

The numbers given in Group 0 assume that all groups are applicable. If this is not so, the numbers may be reduced accordingly.

When additional groups are introduced into the qualification approval test schedule, the number of specimens required for Group 0 shall be increased by the same number as that required for the additional groups.

Table A.1 gives the number of samples to be tested in each group or subgroup together with the permissible number of non-conforming items for qualification approval tests.

3.4.2 Tests

The complete series of tests for selected assessment level given in Tables A.1 to A.3 and the test schedule given in Annex B are required for the approval of capacitors covered by one detail specification. The tests of each group shall be carried out in the order given.

The whole sample shall be subjected to the tests of Group 0 and then divided for the other groups.

Non-conforming specimens found during the tests of Group 0 shall not be used for the other groups.

"One non-conforming item" is counted when a capacitor has not satisfied the whole or a part of the tests of a group.

Approval is granted when the number of non-conforming items does not exceed the specified number of permissible non-conforming items for each group or subgroup and the total number of permissible non-conforming items.

NOTE 1 Tables A.1 and B.1 together form the fixed sample size test schedule. Annex A includes the details for sampling and the permissible non-conforming items for the different tests or groups of tests, whereas Annex B, together with the details of tests contained in Clause 4, gives a complete summary of test conditions and performance requirements indicating where, for example for the test method or conditions of test, a choice should be made in the detail specification.

NOTE 2 The conditions of test and performance requirements for the fixed sample size test schedule should be identical to those prescribed in the detail specification for quality conformance inspection.

3.5 Quality conformance inspection

3.5.1 Formation of inspection lots

3.5.1.1 Groups A and B inspection

These tests shall be carried out on a lot-by-lot basis according to test plan for selected assessment level in Table A.2.

A manufacturer may aggregate the current production into inspection lots subject to the following safeguards:

- 1) the inspection lot shall consist of structurally similar capacitors (see 3.2);
- 2a) the sample tested shall be representative of the values and dimensions contained in the inspection lot:
 - in relation to their number;
 - with a minimum of five of any one value;
- 2b) if there are less than five of any one value in the sample, the basis for the drawing of samples shall be agreed between the manufacturer and the National Supervising Inspectorate.