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**CONNECTORS FOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT –  
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This standard cancels and replaces test 3a of IEC 60512-2, issued in 1985, and constitutes a technical revision.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
48B/1133/FDIS	48B/1184/RVD

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

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2007. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
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- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

## CONNECTORS FOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT – TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS –

### Part 3-1: Insulation tests – Test 3a: Insulation resistance

#### 1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60512, when required by the detail specification, is used for testing electromechanical components within the scope of IEC technical committee 48. This test may also be used for similar devices when specified in a detail specification.

The object of this test is to define a standard test method to assess the insulation resistance of electromechanical components.

#### 2 Mounting of specimen

The specimen shall be mounted in accordance with the detail specification.

#### 3 General requirements

The insulation resistance shall be measured with a closed-circuit d.c. voltage of  $10\text{ V} \pm 1\text{ V}$ ,  $100\text{ V} \pm 15\text{ V}$  or  $500\text{ V} \pm 50\text{ V}$ , using method A, B or C specified in the detail specification.

The insulation resistance shall be measured only when a stable reading is obtained.

If a stable condition is not reached, the insulation resistance reading shall be recorded within  $60\text{ s} \pm 5\text{ s}$  after the application of voltage.

The insulation resistance shall be not less than that specified in the detail specification.

#### 4 Measuring methods

##### Method A

The insulation resistance shall be measured on specimens using the specified test voltage applied in turn between each termination being tested and all others connected together and to the housing and/or the mounting plate.

##### Method B

Alternate terminations shall be connected together to form two groups.

The insulation resistance shall be measured on specimens using the specified test voltage applied between:

- 1) the first group of terminations and the second group connected to the housing and/or the mounting plate, and
- 2) the second group of terminations and the first group connected to the housing and/or the mounting plate.

NOTE In the case of terminations arranged in two or more rows, it will be necessary to form a second arrangement of two groups in order to measure the insulation resistance of each pair of adjacent terminations.

#### Method C

The insulation resistance shall be measured between two adjacent terminations having a minimum spacing using the specified test voltage.

### 5 Detail to be specified

When this test is required by the detail specification, the following details shall be specified:

- a) measuring method to be used;
- b) value of the test voltage;
- c) minimum value of the insulation resistance;
- d) contacts to be tested;
- e) any deviation from the standard test method.

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