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**Part 31: Flammability of plastic-encapsulated devices
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- amended.

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INTRODUCTION

Activity within IEC technical committee 47, working group 2, includes the generation, coordination and review of climatic, electrical (of which only ESD, latch-up and electrical conditions for life tests are considered), mechanical test methods, and associated inspection techniques needed to assess the quality and reliability of the design and manufacture of semiconductor products and processes.

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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES – MECHANICAL AND CLIMATIC TEST METHODS –

Part 31: Flammability of plastic-encapsulated devices (internally induced)

1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60749 is applicable to semiconductor devices (discrete devices and integrated circuits).

The object of this test is to determine whether the device ignites due to internal heating caused by excessive overloads.

NOTE This test is identical to the test method contained in 1.1 of chapter 4 of IEC 60749 (1996), apart from changes to this clause, the addition of titles to clauses 2 and 3 and renumbering.

2 Normative references

None.

3 Test procedure

The device shall be operated in free air without a heat sink and the internal electrical power dissipation slowly increased from the maximum rated value until any of the following occurs:

- 1) an internal power dissipation equal to five times the maximum rated power dissipation at 25 °C is reached; in this case, the power shall be maintained for a minimum duration of 1 min; or
- 2) the device becomes either open-circuited or short-circuited, or its resistance increases to such a high value that any further increase in power dissipation is impracticable; or
- 3) the device ignites.

A device shall constitute a failure only if it smoulders or ignites.

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