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- addition of lead-free solder chemical composition specification.

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Part 15: Resistance to soldering temperature for through-hole mounted devices

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60749 describes a test used to determine whether encapsulated solid state devices used for through-hole mounting can withstand the effects of the temperature to which they are subjected during soldering of their leads by using wave soldering or a soldering iron.

In order to establish a standard test procedure for the most reproducible methods, the solder dip method is used because of its more controllable conditions. This procedure determines whether devices are capable of withstanding the soldering temperature encountered in printed wiring board assembly operations, without degrading their electrical characteristics or internal connections.

This test is destructive and may be used for qualification, lot acceptance and as a product monitor.

This test is, in general, in conformity with IEC 60068-2-20 but, due to specific requirements of semiconductors, the clauses of this standard apply.

2 General

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The heat is conducted through the leads into the device package from solder heat at the reverse side of the board. This procedure does not simulate wave soldering or reflow heat exposure on the same side of the board as the package body.

3 Test apparatus

3.1 Solder pot

A solder pot of sufficient size to contain at least 1 kg of solder shall be used. The solder pot dimensions shall allow full immersion of the leads without touching the bottom. The apparatus shall be capable of maintaining the solder at the temperature specified in Table 1.

3.2 Dipping device

A mechanical dipping device shall be used that is capable of controlling the rates of immersion and emersion of the leads and providing the dwell time as specified in Table 1.

3.3 Heatsinks or shielding

If applicable, heatsinks or shielding shall be attached to the devices prior to the test and shall be as specified in the relevant specification.

Table 1 – Parameters for solder dipping

Parameter		Condition A (for wave solder)	Condition B (for soldering iron)
Temperature of molten solder	°C	260 ± 5	350 ± 5
Number of immersions		≤2	≤2
Immersion rate	mm s ⁻¹	25 ± 5	25 ± 5
Dwell time	s	10 ± 5	10 ± 5
Emersion rate	mm s ⁻¹	25 ± 5	25 ± 5
Distance between solder bath and device body	mm	1,5 ± 0,5	1,5 ± 0,5

4 Materials

4.1 Solder

The solder specification shall be as follows.

Chemical composition

- for SnPb solder the composition in percentage by weight shall be as follows:

Tin: 59 % to 65 %;

Lead: the remainder

Chemical composition

- for Pb-free solder the composition in percentage by weight shall be as follows:

Silver: 3 % to 4 %;

Copper: 0.5 % to 1 %;

Tin: the remainder.

The solder shall not contain impurities which will adversely affect its properties.

Other solders and their applicable bath temperatures may be used as specified in the relevant specification.

4.2 Flux

If flux is applied prior to solder dipping, the flux shall consist of 25 % by weight of colophony in 75 % by weight of isopropyl alcohol, unless otherwise detailed in the relevant specification.

5 Procedure

5.1 Pre-conditioning of specimens

Any special pre-conditioning of the specimens prior to testing shall be as specified in the relevant specification. This preparation may include operations such as bending or other relocation of leads, and the attachment of heat sinks or protective shielding prior to solder dipping.

5.2 Preparation of the solder bath

The molten solder shall be stirred to assure that the temperature is uniform. The dross shall be skimmed from the surface of the molten solder just prior to dipping the part.

5.3 Use of flux

Where detailed in the relevant specification, all leads of the specimen shall be dipped in flux prior to solder dip; excess flux shall be removed by draining for a suitable time.

5.4 Solder dip

The part shall be attached to the dipping device (see 3.2) and the leads immersed in the molten solder until the body of the device under test reaches the dimensions specified in Table 1. The parameters for solder temperature, dwell time, number of immersions and rates of immersion and emersion are defined in Table 1. Unless otherwise detailed in the procurement specification, Condition A shall be used. After the dipping process, the part shall be allowed to cool in air and, if flux has been used, residues shall be removed with isopropanol or ethanol.

5.5 Precautions

Prior to and after the solder immersion, precautionary measures shall be taken to prevent undue exposure of the part to the heat radiated by the solder bath.

5.6 Measurements

Hermeticity tests for hermetic devices, visual examination and electrical measurements that consist of parametric and functional tests, shall be made as specified in the relevant specification.

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5.7 Failure criteria

A device shall be defined as a failure if hermeticity for hermetic devices cannot be demonstrated, if parametric limits are exceeded or if functionality cannot be demonstrated under nominal and worst-case conditions specified in the relevant specification. Mechanical damage such as cracking, chipping or breaking of the package (10× – 20× magnification) will also be considered a failure, provided such damage was not induced by fixturing or handling.

6 Summary

The following details shall be specified in the relevant specification:

- a) use of heatsinks or shielding, if applicable (see 3.3);
- b) flux composition if applicable (see 5.3);
- c) solder composition if other than detailed in this standard (see 4.1);
- d) pre-conditioning of specimens, if applicable (see 5.1);
- e) condition (A or B), time and depth of immersion, if other than as specified in Table 1;
- f) method of hermeticity tests, visual examination and electrical measurements (see 5.6);
- g) failure criteria of hermeticity tests, visual examination and electrical measurements (see 5.7);
- h) sample size.

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