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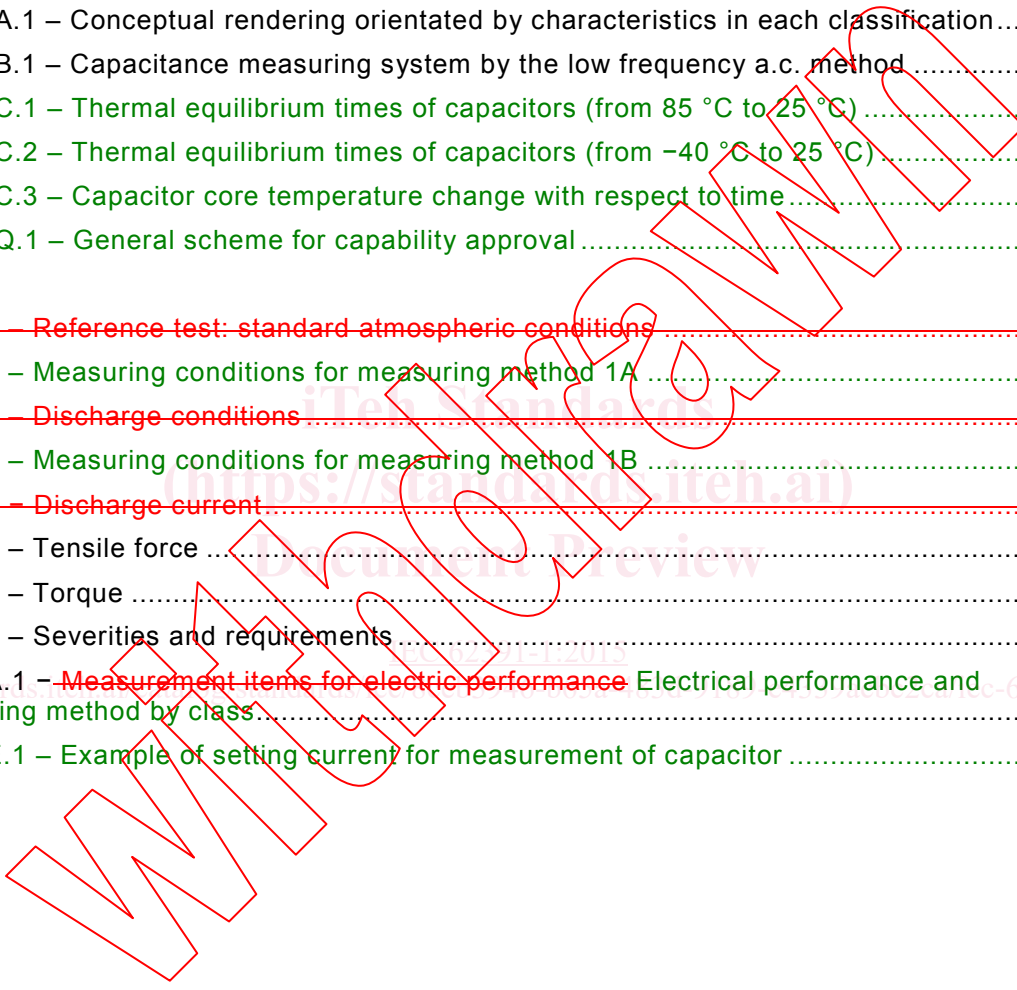
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## Part 1: Generic specification

### **1** ~~General~~

#### **1** **Scope**

This part of IEC 62391 applies to fixed electric double-layer capacitors (hereafter referred to as capacitor(s)) mainly used in d.c. circuits of **electric and** electronic equipment.

This part of IEC 62391 establishes standard terms, inspection procedures and methods of test for use in sectional and detail specifications of electronic components for quality assessment or any other purpose.

#### **2** **Normative references**

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~~ISO 1000:1992, *SI units and recommendations for the use of their multiples and of certain other units*~~

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### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply:

#### 3.1

##### **type**

group of components having similar design features and ~~the similarity of whose~~ manufacturing techniques, ~~enables~~ enabling them to be ~~grouped~~ considered together, either for qualification approval or for quality conformance inspection; ~~they are generally covered by a single detail specification~~

Note 1 to entry: In some cases, components described in several detail specifications may be considered as belonging to the same type.

[SOURCE: IEC 60384-1:2008, 2.2.39 – modified, the remark on "single detail specification" was deleted from the definition and the Note was rephrased.]

#### 3.2

##### **style**

subdivision of a type, generally based on dimensional factors

Note 1 to entry: A style may include several variants, generally of a mechanical order.

#### 2.2.3

##### **grade**

~~term to indicate an additional general characteristic concerning the intended application of the component which may only be used in combination with one or more words (e.g. long life grade) and not by a single letter or number~~

#### 3.3

##### **class**

classification of the capacitor by the capacitance value and the internal resistance value depending upon the application

#### 3.4

##### **family**

<electronic components> group of components which predominantly displays a particular physical attribute and/or fulfils a defined function

#### 3.5

##### **subfamily**

<electronic components> group of components within a family manufactured by similar technological methods

#### 3.6

##### **d.c. capacitor**

capacitor designed essentially for application with direct voltage

Note 1 to entry: A d.c. capacitor may not be suitable for use on a.c. supplies.

#### 3.7

##### **rated nominal capacitance**

$\epsilon_R C_N$

designated capacitance value usually indicated on the capacitor

**3.8****category temperature range**

range of ambient temperatures for which the capacitor has been designed to operate continuously

Note 1 to entry: This is given by the lower and upper category temperature.

**3.9****lower category temperature**

minimum ambient temperature for which a capacitor has been designed to operate continuously

**3.10****upper category temperature**

~~maximum~~ highest ambient temperature ~~for including internal heating in~~ which a capacitor ~~has been~~ is designed to operate continuously

[SOURCE: IEC 61881-3:2012, 3.17, modified – The note to entry has been deleted.]

**3.11****rated temperature**

maximum ambient temperature at which the rated voltage may be continuously applied

**3.12****rated voltage ~~(d.c.)~~**

$U_R$

maximum ~~direct~~ d.c. voltage or peak value of pulse voltage which may be applied continuously ~~or repetitively~~ to a capacitor at any temperature between the lower category temperature and the rated temperature

**3.13****category voltage**

$U_C$

maximum voltage which may be applied continuously to a capacitor at its upper category temperature

**3.14****temperature derated voltage**

maximum voltage that may be applied continuously to a capacitor when it is at any temperature between the rated temperature and the upper category temperature

Note 1 to entry: Information on the voltage/temperature dependence at temperatures between the rated temperature and the upper category temperature ~~should, if applicable, be~~ is given in the ~~relevant detail~~ specification.

**3.15****surge voltage ratio**

quotient of the maximum instantaneous voltage which may be applied to the terminations of the capacitor for a specified time at any temperature within the category temperature range and the rated voltage or the temperature derated voltage, as appropriate

Note 1 to entry: The number of times per hour that this voltage may be applied ~~should be~~ is specified in the detail specification.