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FIXED CAPACITORS FOR USE IN ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT –

Part 4: Sectional specification – Fixed aluminium electrolytic capacitors with solid (MnO₂) and non-solid electrolyte

1 General

1.1 Scope

This part of IEC 60384 applies to fixed aluminium electrolytic capacitors with solid (MnO₂) and non-solid electrolyte primarily intended for d.c. applications for use in electronic equipment. It covers capacitors for long-life applications and capacitors for general-purpose applications.

Capacitors for fixed surface mount aluminium electrolytic capacitors are not included but they are covered by IEC 60384-18.

Capacitors for special-purpose applications may need additional requirements.

1.2 Object

The object of this standard is to prescribe preferred ratings and characteristics and to select from IEC 60384-1:2016 the appropriate quality assessment procedures, tests and measuring methods and to give general performance requirements for this type of capacitor. Test severities and requirements prescribed in detail specifications referring to this sectional specification shall be of equal or higher performance level because lower performance levels are not permitted.

1.3 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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

IEC 60068-1:2013, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-54:2006, *Environmental testing – Part 2-54: Tests – Test Ta: Solderability testing of electronic components by the wetting balance method*

IEC 60384-1:2016, *Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment – Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

IEC 61193-2:2007, *Quality assessment system – Part 2: Selection and use of sampling plans for inspection of electronic components and packages*

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

1.4 Information to be given in a detail specification

1.4.1 General

Detail specifications shall be derived from the 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 information given in 1.4.2 may, for convenience, be presented in tabular form.

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.

1.4.2 Outline drawing and dimensions

There shall be an illustration of the capacitors as an aid to easy recognition and for comparison of the capacitors with others.

Dimensions and their associated tolerances, which affect interchangeability and mounting, shall be given in the detail specification. All dimensions shall preferably be stated in millimetres; however, when the original dimensions are given in inches, the converted metric dimensions in millimetres shall be added.

The numerical values of the body shall be given as follows:

- general case: width, length and height;
- for cylindrical body: diameter and length.

The numerical values of the terminals shall be given as follows:

- for leaded terminals: diameter, length and spacing;
- for lug terminals: position and spacing;
width, length and thickness of terminal plates;
- for screw terminals: nominal diameter, nominal length, screw-part length,
position and spacing.

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

1.4.3 Mounting

The detail specification shall specify the method of mounting to be applied for normal use and for the application of the vibration and the bump or shock tests. The design of the capacitor may be such that special mounting fixtures are required in its use. In this case, the detail specification shall describe the mounting fixtures and they shall be used in the application of the vibration and bump or shock tests.

1.4.4 Ratings and characteristics

1.4.4.1 General

The ratings and characteristics shall be given in accordance with the relevant clauses of this specification, including the items as specified below.

1.4.4.2 Nominal capacitance range

See 2.2.1.

When products approved to the detail specification have different nominal capacitance ranges, the following statement should be added:

"The nominal capacitance range available in each voltage range is given in the register of approvals, available for example on the IECQ on-line certificate system website www.iecq.org".

1.4.4.3 Particular characteristics

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

1.4.4.4 Soldering

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

1.4.5 Marking

The detail specification shall specify the content of the marking on the capacitor and on the packaging. Any deviations from 1.6, these shall be stated in the detail specification.

1.5 Terms and definitions (standards.iteh.ai)

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1.5.1

capacitance

<electrolytic capacitor> capacitance of an equivalent circuit having capacitance and resistance in series measured with alternating current approximately sinusoidal waveform at a specified frequency

1.5.2

capacitor

<long-life grade> capacitor intended for applications where a high degree of stability of characteristics over a long life is essential

1.5.3

capacitor

<general-purpose grade> capacitor intended for applications where the high performance level of long-life grade capacitors is not required

1.6 Marking

1.6.1 General

See IEC 60384-1:2016, 2.4, with the following details.

1.6.2 Information for marking

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) nominal capacitance;

- b) rated voltage (d.c. voltage may be indicated by the symbol: $\overline{\text{---}}$ (IEC 60417-5031:2002) or ---);
- c) category voltage and category temperatures;
- d) polarity of the terminations: for multi-section capacitors, the nominal capacitance and rated voltage of the sections connected to each termination shall be shown in an unambiguous way. The termination of a capacitor section which is intended for direct connection to the rectifier (so-called reservoir section) shall be marked with the number 1 or with the colour red;
- e) tolerance on nominal capacitance;
- f) year and month (or, year and week) of manufacture;
- g) manufacturer's name and/or trade mark;
- h) manufacturer's type designation;
- i) reference to the detail specification.

1.6.3 Marking on capacitors

The capacitor shall be clearly marked with a), b), c), d), e) and f) of 1.6.2 with as many as possible of the remaining items as is considered necessary.

1.6.4 Marking on packaging

The packaging containing the capacitors should be clearly marked with all the information listed in 1.6.2 as necessary.

2 Preferred ratings and characteristics

2.1 Preferred characteristics

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Preferred climatic categories only shall be given in the preferred characteristics.

The capacitors covered by this specification are classified into climatic categories according to the general rules given in IEC 60068-1:2013, Annex A.

The lower and upper category temperatures shall be taken from the following:

- lower category temperature: -55 °C , -40 °C , -25 °C and -10 °C ;
- upper category temperature: $+85\text{ °C}$, $+100\text{ °C}$, $+105\text{ °C}$ and $+125\text{ °C}$.

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 Nominal capacitance (C_N)

Preferred values of nominal capacitance are indicated in microfarad (μF).

Preferred values of nominal capacitance shall be taken from the E 12 series of IEC 60063, as follows:

1,0 – 1,2 – 1,5 – 1,8 – 2,2 – 2,7 – 3,3 – 3,9 – 4,7 – 5,6 – 6,8 – 8,2;

and their decimal multiples ($\times 10^n$, n : integer).

2.2.2 Tolerance on nominal capacitance

Preferred values of tolerances on nominal capacitance are given in Table 1.

Table 1 – Preferred values of tolerances

Tolerances %
–10 to +10
–10 to +20 ^a
–10 to +30
–10 to +50
–10 to +75
–10 to +100
–20 to +20
^a For electronic flash only.

2.2.3 Rated voltage (U_R)

Preferred values of rated d.c. voltages taken from the R 10 and R 20 series of ISO 3 are:

- from R 10: 1,0 – 1,25 – 1,6 – 2,0 – 2,5 – 3,15 – 4,0 – 5,0 – 6,3 – 8,0;
- from R 20: 3,5¹ – 4,5;
- and their decimal multiples ($\times 10^n$, n : integer).

2.2.4 Category voltage (U_C)

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The category voltage is equal to the rated voltage.

2.2.5 Ripple voltage

An alternating voltage may be applied provided that the peak voltage resulting from the alternating voltage superimposed on the d.c. voltage does not exceed the value of rated d.c. voltage. The rated ripple current (see 2.2.8) does not exceed the permissible reverse voltage.

2.2.6 Reverse voltage

The permissible reverse voltage shall be given in the detail specification.

2.2.7 Surge voltage ratio

The surge voltage shall be 1,15 times the rated voltage for rated voltages ≤ 315 V or 1,10 times the rated voltage for rated voltages > 315 V (see 4.14).

2.2.8 Rated ripple current

The rated ripple current at 100 Hz or 120 Hz and at upper category temperature shall be given in the detail specification. Alternatively, for capacitors for switched mode power supply application, the rated ripple current shall be stated at the relevant frequency.

NOTE The rated ripple current is determined by the dimensions of the capacitor and several other factors, for example, the tangent of loss angle and the permissible temperature rise (see 2.2.5).

¹ ISO 3 indicates the value 3,55 for R 20.

3 Quality assessment procedures

3.1 Primary stage of manufacture

For capacitors with solid electrolyte, the primary stage of manufacture is the formation of the anode body.

For capacitors with non-solid electrolyte, the primary stage of manufacture is the capacitor manufacturer's evaluation of the formed anode foil.

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 test records of released lots

The information required in IEC 60384-1:2016, Q.1.5, shall be made available when prescribed in the detail specification and when requested by a purchaser. After the endurance test, the required parameters are the capacitance change, tangent of loss angle and leakage current.

3.4 Qualification approval (QA) procedures

3.4.1 General

The procedures for qualification approval testing are given in IEC 60384-1:2016, Clause Q.2.

The schedule to be used for qualification approval testing on the basis of lot-by-lot and periodic tests is given in 3.5. The procedure using a fixed sample size schedule is given in 3.4.2 and 3.4.3.

3.4.2 Qualification approval on the basis of the fixed sample size procedure

The fixed sample size procedure is described in IEC 60384-1:2016, Q.2.4. The sample shall be representative of the range of capacitors for which approval is sought. The sample may be the whole or the part of the range given in the detail specification.

The sample shall consist of four specimens having the maximum and minimum voltages and, for these voltages, the maximum and minimum case size. When the range of rated voltages exceeds 200 V, an intermediate voltage shall also be tested. In each of these case size/voltage combinations (values), the maximum 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.

Two (for 6 values) or three (for 4 values) per value 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 2 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.