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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1982, Amendment 1:1987 and Amendment 2:1992, and constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) Revision of the structure in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2:2016 (seventh edition) to the extent practicable, and harmonization between other similar kinds of documents.
b) In addition, Clause 4 and all the tables have been reviewed in order to prevent duplications and contradictions.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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

This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

The list of all parts of the IEC 60384 series, under the general title *Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this document will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under "http://webstore.iec.ch" in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

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- withdrawn,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

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FIXED CAPACITORS FOR USE IN ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT –

Part 15: Sectional specification: Fixed tantalum capacitors with non-solid or solid electrolyte

1 General

1.1 Scope

This part of IEC 60384 applies to through-hole/leaded polar and bipolar tantalum electrolyte capacitors with solid and non-solid electrolyte for use in electronic equipment.

It includes capacitors for long-life applications and capacitors for general-purpose applications.

Capacitors for special purpose application may need additional requirements.

This document covers two basic sub-families:

- Sub-family 1: Fixed non-solid electrolyte tantalum capacitors with porous anode.
- Sub-family 2: Fixed solid electrolyte tantalum capacitors with porous anode.

1.2 Object

The object of this document 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 are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. 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 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-14, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

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:

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

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

- for general: the spacing;
- for leaded terminals: the diameter 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, together with the information in 1.4.4.2, 1.4.4.3 and 1.4.4.4.

1.4.4.2 Nominal capacitance range

See 2.2.1.

When products approved to the detail specification have different 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 test 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. When there are deviations from 1.6, these shall be given in the detail specification.

1.5 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

1.5.1
capacitance
<electrolytic capacitor> 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> capacitors intended for applications where a high degree of stability of characteristics over a long life is essential

1.5.3
capacitor
<general-purpose grade> capacitors 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 details of 1.6.2, 1.6.3 and 1.6.4.

1.6.2 Information for marking

The 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) polarity of the terminations (unless identified by the construction);
b) nominal capacitance;
c) rated voltage (d.c. voltage may be indicated by the symbol: ⎓ (IEC 60417-5031:2002) or ———);
d) tolerance on nominal capacitance;
e) year and month (or year and week) of manufacture;
f) manufacturer's name and/or trade mark;
g) manufacturer's type designation;
h) reference to the detail specification.

1.6.3 Marking on capacitors

The capacitor shall be clearly marked with a), b) and c) of 1.6.2 and with as many as possible of the remaining items as is considered necessary. Any duplication of information in the marking on the capacitor should be avoided.

1.6.4 Marking on packaging

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

2 Preferred ratings and characteristics

2.1 Preferred characteristics

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 temperature shall be taken from the following:

- lower category temperature: −55 °C;
- upper category temperature: +85 °C and +125 °C.
- duration of the damp heat, steady state test: 21 and 56 days.

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 shown in microfarad (µF).

Preferred values of nominal capacitance shall be taken from the E12 series of IEC 60063 and their decimal multiples. These values are:

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