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## SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES – MICRO-ELECTROMECHANICAL DEVICES –

### Part 34: Test methods for MEMS piezoresistive pressure-sensitive device on wafer

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62047 describes test conditions and test methods of electric character, static performances and thermal performances for MEMS pressure-sensitive devices. This document applies to test for both open and closed loop piezoresistive MEMS pressure devices on wafer.

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

IEC 60747-14-3, *Semiconductor devices – Part 14-3: Semiconductor sensors – Pressure sensors*

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##### 3.1

##### **piezoresistive pressure-sensitive device**

device that transforms pressure signal into electric signal due to piezoresistive effect, usually including cavity-membrane structure on silicon substrate and Wheatstone bridge in the membrane fabricated by MEMS technology

[SOURCE: IEC 62047-33: –, 3.1]

##### 3.2

##### **closed loop piezoresistive pressure-sensitive device**

piezoresistive pressure-sensitive device that employs closed loop Wheatstone bridge for signal detection

### 3.3

#### **open loop piezoresistive pressure-sensitive device**

piezoresistive pressure-sensitive device that employs open loop Wheatstone bridge for signal detection

### 3.4

#### **output under normal pressure**

output of the pressure-sensitive device under the standard reference atmosphere pressure (101,3 kPa)

### 3.5

#### **zero output**

output of the pressure-sensitive device when the pressure difference between both sides of the membrane structure is zero

## 4 Test conditions

### 4.1 Atmospheric conditions

The measurement of characteristics shall be carried out under the following atmospheric conditions unless otherwise specified.

#### a) Standard atmospheric conditions

Temperature range: 15 °C to 35 °C;

Relative humidity range: 20 % to 80 %;

Atmospheric pressure range: 86 kPa to 106 kPa.

#### b) Standard reference atmospheric conditions

Temperature: 20 °C;

Relative humidity: 65 %;

Atmospheric pressure: 101,3 kPa.

The standard reference atmospheric conditions are corrected values derived from testing values under any other atmospheric conditions. In most circumstances, temperature and atmospheric pressure are the only factors to be considered.

### 4.2 Electromagnetic conditions

No other external magnetic field should exist in the testing environment except geomagnetic field. The specific requirements should be in accordance with the device technical conditions.

### 4.3 Vibration conditions

No mechanical vibration should exist in the testing environment. The specific requirements should be in accordance with the device technical conditions.

### 4.4 Test system

The test system consists of probe station, pressure control device, heating and cooling system, excitation power supply, as well as reading and recording device. The tolerance errors of the test system are listed below.

- a) The absolute value of the intrinsic error of pressure control device should be under 1/3 of the intrinsic error bound of the pressure-sensitive device.
- b) The temperature measurement accuracy of heating and cooling system should be  $\pm 2$  °C around the preset temperature.



- c) The fluctuation of excitation power supply should be under 1/5 of the intrinsic error bound of the pressure-sensitive device.
- d) The absolute value of the intrinsic error of the reading and recording device should be under 1/5 of the intrinsic error bound of the pressure-sensitive device.

## 5 General provisions

### 5.1 Certificate documents

The verification certificates of instrument and meter issued by metrological verification institutions should be required and valid.

### 5.2 Placement and preheating time

The instrument and meter should be powered on for preheating before the test. The preheating time should be in accordance with the operation manual.

### 5.3 Connection

The test system is built according to its spool drawing and circuit diagram.

## 6 Test items and methods

### 6.1 Test preparation

The resistance test system of the probe station should be calibrated using standard resistance substrate. Build the test system according to 5.3. Fix the wafer on the probe station and the probe (or probe card) should be in the same horizontal plane. Adjust the height of the wafer supporting stage and the scanning horizontal line to insure reliable connection between the wafer pins and the probes during testing. Set the parameters of the system.

### 6.2 Resistance

#### 6.2.1 Purpose

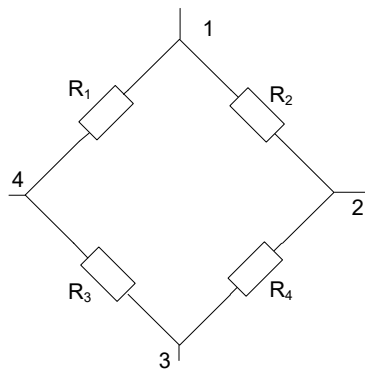
To measure the resistance value of the pressure-sensitive device.

#### 6.2.2 Test methods

Connect the pressure-sensitive device pins with the reading and recording device through probes complying with the general provisions set out in 5.1 to 5.3 and the test preparation described in 6.1.

- a) Closed loop piezoresistive pressure-sensitive device

For closed loop bridge shown in Figure 1, measure the resistance between pin 1 and pin 3, as well as the resistance between pin 2 and pin 4.

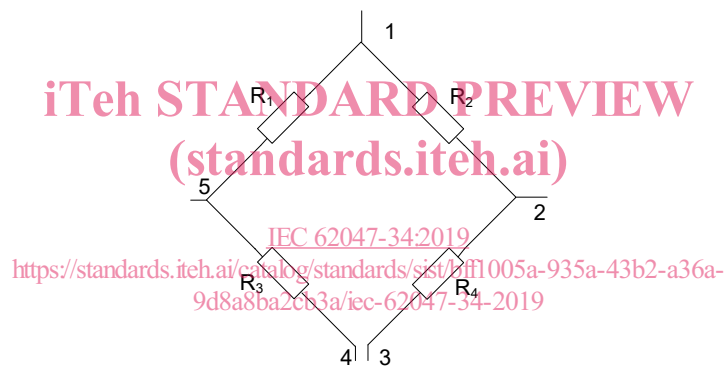


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**Figure 1 – Closed loop bridge**

b) Open loop piezoresistive pressure-sensitive device

For the open loop bridge shown in Figure 2, measure the resistance between every adjacent pins. For example in Figure 2, measure the resistances between pin 1 and pin 2, pin 2 and pin 3, pin 4 and pin 5, as well as between pin 5 and pin 1.



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**Figure 2 – Open loop bridge**

NOTE The consistency of the four resistance values will affect the zero output.

**6.3 Static performances**

**6.3.1 Purpose**

To measure the static performances of the device.

**6.3.2 Test items**

The test items are the following:

- a) zero output;
- b) output under normal pressure;
- c) full-scale span output;
- d) nonlinearity;
- e) hysteresis;
- f) repeatability;
- g) accuracy;
- h) sensitivity;

i) zero drift.

### 6.3.3 Test method

#### 6.3.3.1 General

The test system is built in accordance with the general provisions set out in 5.1 to 5.3 and the test preparation described in 6.1.

The test of the static performance shall use the five-point sampling method or be in accordance with the user requirements. As shown in Figure 3, the same number of dice in the five regions of upper, lower, left, right and middle of the wafer shall be tested. According to a normal sampling of general inspection level II in IEC 61193-2, the sampling shall be carried out and the sampling amount shall be more than it is in IEC 61193-2.

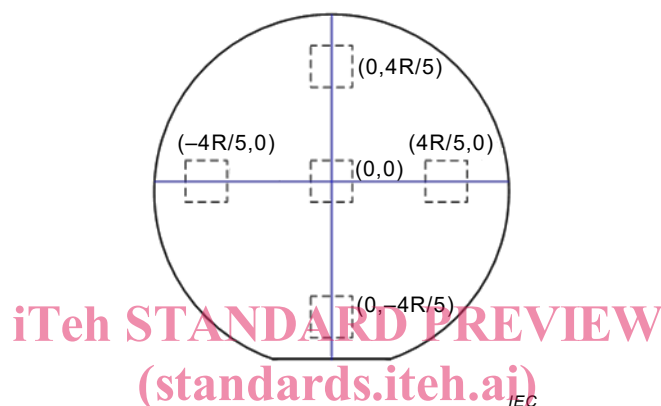


Figure 3 – Five-point sampling

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Turn on the pressure source and control the pressure to be stable at the full-scale pressure for at least 1 minute and then at the zero-scale pressure for at least 1 minute. Recycle this process for 3 times.

Select  $m(m \geq 3)$  test points uniformly between zero-scale pressure and the full-scale pressure in measure range.

This test shall be started from the zero-scale pressure and approach full-scale pressure (i.e. forward stroke) by increasing load steadily in accordance with the provision. For each testing point, when the pressure is stable, read the output values of the devices on the wafer. Then start from full-scale pressure and approach the zero-scale pressure (i.e. backward stroke) by decreasing the load steadily in accordance with the provision.

There are  $m$  test points in the full range and  $n$  cycle tests. Then there are  $n$  test data at each point in forward and backward stroke respectively. Calculate the average value of each test point in the forward or backward stroke and the overall average value of each test point in the forward and backward stroke.

The average value during forward stroke of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  test point  $\overline{Y_{U_i}}$ ,

$$\overline{Y_{U_i}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n Y_{U_{ij}} \quad (1)$$

The average value during backward stroke of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  test point  $\overline{Y_{D_i}}$ ,