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## **MATERIALS FOR PRINTED BOARDS AND OTHER INTERCONNECTING STRUCTURES –**

### **Part 2-12: Sectional specification set for reinforced base materials, clad and unclad –**

#### **Epoxide non-woven aramid laminate of defined flammability, copper-clad**

## **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 61249 gives requirements for properties of epoxide non-woven aramid copper-clad laminate of defined flammability, in thicknesses of 0,05 mm up to 6,4 mm.

NOTE – To designate this material, the reference: 61249-2-12-FV1-IEC-EP-AP-Cu may be used; if there is no risk of confusion, the type designation may be abbreviated to read IEC-61249-2-12-FV1.

## **2 Normative references**

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 61249. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All normative documents are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 61249 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International standards.

IEC 61189-2:1997, *Test methods for electrical materials, interconnection structures and assemblies – Part 2: Test methods for materials for interconnection structures*

IEC 61249-5-1:1995, *Materials for printed boards and other interconnecting structures – Part 5: Sectional specification set for conductive foils and films with or without coatings – Section 1: Copper foils (for the manufacture of copper-clad base materials)*

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## **3 Materials and construction**

The material consists of an insulating base with metal foil bonded to one side or both.

### **3.1 Insulating base**

Epoxide resin bonded non-woven aramid laminate. Its flame resistance is defined in terms of the flammability requirements of 7.3.

### **3.2 Metal foil**

Copper as specified in IEC 61249-5-1. The preferred foils are type E1 (standard electro-deposited copper) of standard ductility.

## **4 Internal marking**

Not specified.

## 5 Electrical properties

**Table 1 – Electrical properties**

Property	Test method (IEC 61189-2)	Requirements
Resistance of foil	2E12	As specified in IEC 61249-5-1
Surface resistance after damp heat while in the humidity chamber (optional)	2E03	1 000 MΩ min.
Surface resistance after damp heat and recovery	2E03	10 000 MΩ min.
Volume resistivity after damp heat while in the humidity chamber (optional)	2E04	1 000 MΩm min.
Volume resistivity after damp heat and recovery	2E04	10 000 MΩm min.
Surface corrosion	2E08	No visible corrosion products in the gap
Corrosion at the edge	2E13	Positive pole: not worse than A/B Negative pole: not worse than 1,4
Relative permittivity after damp heat and recovery	2E10	The average value shall not exceed 4,5
Dielectric dissipation factor after damp heat and recovery	2E10	The average value shall not exceed 0,03
Electrical strength (optional) material thickness not greater than 0,8 mm	2E11	30 kV/mm min.
Surface resistance at 200 °C	2E07	1 000 MΩ min.
Volume resistivity at 200 °C	2E07	10 MΩm min.

## 6 Non-electrical properties of the copper-clad laminate

### 6.1 Appearance of the copper-clad face

#### 6.1.1 Normal surface appearance

The copper-clad face shall be substantially free from blisters, wrinkles, pin-holes, deep scratches, pits and resin. Any discoloration or contamination shall be readily removable with a hydrochloric acid solution of density 1,02 g/cm<sup>3</sup> or with a suitable organic solvent.

#### 6.1.2 Qualified surface appearance (optional)

If a surface of high quality is essential for precious metal plating or fine line etching and is ordered by the purchaser, the following requirements shall apply in addition to those of 6.1.1 when inspected in accordance with 2M18 of IEC 61189-2.

The surface appearance of the copper-clad face shall be such as not to conceal imperfections.

The surface of the copper foil shall be free from scratches of depth greater than 10 µm or 1/5 of the nominal thickness of the copper foil, whichever is lower.

The total length of scratches of depth greater than 5  $\mu\text{m}$  but not more than 10  $\mu\text{m}$  shall not exceed 1 m per square metre of the total area of the material under test.

This requirement applies to the surface of 35  $\mu\text{m}$  and 70  $\mu\text{m}$  (305 g/m<sup>2</sup> and 610 g/m<sup>2</sup>) foils. Permitted scratches on surfaces of 18  $\mu\text{m}$  (152 g/m<sup>2</sup>) foil are still under consideration.

The total area of all pin-holes in an area of 0,5 m<sup>2</sup> shall not exceed 0,012 mm<sup>2</sup>.

No sheet shall have more imperfections of the types listed than those permitted by table 2.

### 6.1.3 Surface waviness (optional)

Under consideration.

## 6.2 Appearance of the unclad face

The unclad face of laminate, copper-clad on one side only, shall be free from all materials, for example release agents, oils or lubricants, that might interfere with its adhesion in the multilayer fabrication operation.

**Table 2 – Types, sizes and permitted number of imperfections**

Type	Size (length unless otherwise indicated)		Number of imperfections permitted	
	Above mm	Not above mm	In any sheet of area about 1 m <sup>2</sup>	In any area 300 mm × 300 mm
Inclusions	–	0,1	Any number	Any number
	0,1	0,25	30	4
	0,25	–	0	0
Indentations	–	0,25	Any number	Any number
	0,25	1,25	13**	3*
	1,25	3,0	3**	1*
	3,0	or width 1,0	0	0
	or width 1,0	–		
Bumps	–	0,1	Any number	Any number
	0,1	4,0	10	2
	4,0	or height 0,1	0	0
	or height 0,1			
Wrinkles, blisters	Of any size		0	0
* The total for these sizes of indentation is 3.				
** The total for these sizes of indentation is 13.				
NOTE – For sheets 1 m <sup>2</sup> or greater, the values of the fourth column apply for any area of 1 m <sup>2</sup> ; for the same sheets in any area of 300 mm × 300 mm, however, the values of the fifth column apply. For sheets smaller than 1 m <sup>2</sup> , the fifth column applies for any area of 300 mm × 300 mm.				



### 6.3 Thickness

- Including copper foil

If the copper-clad laminate is tested in accordance with test method 2D01 of IEC 61189-2, the thickness, including the copper foil, shall not depart from the nominal thickness by more than the appropriate value shown in table 3. The coarse tolerances shall apply unless the fine tolerances are ordered.

- Excluding copper foil

If the base material is tested in accordance with test method 2D01 of IEC 61189-2, the thickness, excluding the copper foil, shall not depart from the nominal thickness by more than the appropriate value shown in table 3. The coarse tolerances shall apply unless the fine tolerances are ordered.

**Table 3 – Nominal thickness and tolerances of metal-clad laminate**

Nominal thickness with copper foil mm	Tolerance ± mm	
	Coarse (normal)	Fine (special)
0,8	0,15	0,09
1,0	0,17	0,11
1,2	0,18	0,12
1,5	0,20	0,14
1,6	0,20	0,14
2,0	0,23	0,15
2,4	0,25	0,18
3,2	0,30	0,20
6,4	0,56	0,30
Nominal thickness without copper foil mm	Coarse (normal)	Fine (special)
≥ 0,05; < 0,11	0,03	0,02
≥ 0,11; < 0,15	0,04	0,03
≥ 0,15; < 0,3	0,05	0,04
≥ 0,3; < 0,5	0,08	0,05
≥ 0,5; < 0,8	0,09	0,06

The thickness and tolerance do not apply to the outer 25 mm of the trimmed laminate as manufactured and delivered by the supplier. At least 90 % of the area, regardless of size, shall be within the tolerance given, and at no point shall the thickness vary from the nominal by a value greater than 125 % of the specified tolerance.

For any nominal thickness within the range of 0,8 mm to 6,4 mm, which is not given in the table of nominal thicknesses and corresponding tolerances, the tolerance applicable to the thickness shall be that for the next greater nominal thickness given in table 3.

### 6.4 Bow and twist

Under consideration.

## 6.5 Properties relating to the copper foil bond

**Table 4 – Pull-off and peel strength**

Property	Test method (IEC 61189-2)	Requirement	
Pull-off strength	2M05	Not less than 60 N	
		Thickness of the copper foil	
		18 mm (152 g/m <sup>2</sup> )	35 mm (305 g/m <sup>2</sup> ) and heavier
Peel strength after heat shock of 20 s	2M14	Not less than 0,5 N/mm	Not less than 0,6 N/mm
		No blistering or delamination	
Peel strength after dry heat at 175 °C	2M15	Not applicable	Not applicable
Peel strength after exposure to solvent vapour. Solvents as agreed upon between purchaser and supplier	2M06	Not applicable	Not applicable
Peel strength after simulated plating	2M16	Not less than 0,45 N/mm	Not less than 0,45 N/mm
Peel strength at high temperature Temperature 260 °C (optional) Temperature 125 °C (optional)	2M17	Not applicable Not less than 0,5 N/mm	Not applicable Not less than 0,6 N/mm
Blistering after 20 s heat shock	2C05	No blistering or delamination	
NOTE – In the case of difficulty due to the breakage of the foil or reading range of the force measuring device, the measurement of the peel strength at high temperature may be carried out using conductor widths of more than 3 mm.			

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## 6.6 Punching and machining

Punching is not applicable. The laminate shall, in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, be capable of being sheared or drilled. Delamination at the edges due to the shearing process is permissible, provided that the depth of delamination may not be larger than the thickness of the base material. Delamination at the edges of drilled holes due to the drilling process is not permissible. Drilled holes shall be capable of being through-plated with no interference from any exudations into the hole.

## 6.7 Dimensional stability

**Table 5 – Dimensional stability**

Nominal thickness mm	Test method (IEC 61189-2)	Requirement mm/m
0,05 – 0,5	2X02, but: T = (170 ± 2) °C t = (45 – 50) minutes	0,8 max.
> 0,5		0,5 max.