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- a) addition of SC cut type and related requirements;
- b) addition of ageing calculation and low level of drive requirements according to the general specification,
- c) update of the frequency temperature curve according to the common cut requirements;
- d) removal of infrequently used product types.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60122 has been compiled in response to a generally expressed desire on the part of both users and manufacturers for guidelines to the use of quartz crystal units for filters and oscillators so that the crystal units may be used to their best advantage.

It draws attention to some of the more fundamental questions which will be considered by the user before it places its order for a unit for a new application, and in so doing will, it is hoped, help ensure against unsatisfactory performance, unfavourable cost and non-availability. It is not the function of this document to explain theory, nor to attempt to cover all the eventualities that can arise in practical circumstances. Lastly, it is not considered as a substitute for close liaison between manufacturer and user.

Standard specifications, such as those of the IEC of which these guidelines form a part, and national specifications or detail specifications issued by manufacturers, will define the available combinations of the resonant characteristics and the temperature characteristic. These specifications are compiled to include a wide range of quartz crystal units with standardized performances. It cannot be over-emphasized that it is the responsibility of the user, wherever possible, to select the quartz crystal units from these specifications, when available, even if it can lead to making small modifications to the circuit to enable the use of standard resonators. This applies particularly to the selection of the nominal frequency.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60122-1:2002, *Quartz crystal units of assessed quality – Part 1: Generic specification*
IEC 60122-1:2002/AMD1:2017

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4 Quartz crystal unit as an electronic component

4.1 General

The quartz crystal element is a vibrating resonant structure whose orientation and dimensions determine its frequency for a given mode of vibration and which relies on the piezoelectric effect to couple it to an electrical circuit. The intrinsic properties of quartz make it a unique device for highly accurate and stable frequency control and selection because of its high "quality factor" Q . Crystal units are not a primary frequency standard, but when precisely defined, can provide stabilization far in excess of most requirements in the electronic industry.

The crystal element is cut from monocrystal quartz with precise orientation to the crystallographic axes as shown in Figure 1, which shows only generalized examples of the most commonly used crystal cuts.