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# SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES – MECHANICAL AND CLIMATIC TEST METHODS –

## Part 15: Resistance to soldering temperature for through-hole mounted devices

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60749 describes a test used to determine whether encapsulated solid state devices used for through-hole mounting can withstand the effects of the temperature to which they are subjected during soldering of their leads by using wave soldering ~~or a soldering iron~~.

In order to establish a standard test procedure for the most reproducible methods, the solder dip method is used because of its more controllable conditions. This procedure determines whether devices are capable of withstanding the soldering temperature encountered in printed wiring board assembly operations, without degrading their electrical characteristics or internal connections.

This test is destructive and may be used for qualification, lot acceptance and as a product monitor.

~~This test is, in general, in conformity with IEC 60068-2-20 but, due to specific requirements of semiconductors, the clauses of this standard apply.~~

### ~~2 General~~

The heat is conducted through the leads into the device package from solder heat at the reverse side of the board. This procedure does not simulate wave soldering or reflow heat exposure on the same side of the board as the package body.

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### 3.1

#### **colophony**

DEPRECATED: rosin

natural resin obtained as the residue after removal of turpentine from the oleo-resin of the pine tree, consisting mainly of abietic acid and related resin acids, the remainder being resin acid esters

Note 1 to entry: "Rosin" is a synonym for colophony, and is deprecated because of the common confusion with the generic term "resin".

### 3.2

#### **lead-free solder**

alloy that does not contain more than 0,1 % lead (Pb) by weight as its constituent and is used for joining components to substrates or for coating surfaces

[SOURCE: IEC 60194:2015, 75.1904, modified – The words "as its constituent" have been added to the definition.]

### 3.3

#### **resistance to soldering heat**

ability of device to withstand the highest temperature of the termination or lead in soldering process, within applicable temperature range of solder alloy

## 4 Test apparatus

### 4.1 Solder pot

A solder pot of sufficient size to contain at least 1 kg of solder shall be used. The solder pot dimensions shall allow full immersion of the leads without touching the bottom. The apparatus shall be capable of maintaining the solder at the temperature specified in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Parameters for solder dipping**

Parameter	Condition A (for wave solder)	Condition B (for soldering iron)
Temperature of molten solder °C	260 ± 5	350 ± 5
Number of immersions	≤ 2	≤ 2
Immersion rate mm s <sup>-1</sup>	25 ± 5	25 ± 5
Dwell time s	10 ± 5	10 ± 5
Emersion rate mm s <sup>-1</sup>	25 ± 5	25 ± 5
Distance between solder bath and device body mm	1,5 ± 0,5	1,5 ± 0,5

Parameter		SnPb solder	Pb-free solder
Temperature of molten solder	°C	260 ± 5	270 ± 5
Number of immersions		≤ 2	≤ 2
Immersion rate	mm s <sup>-1</sup>	25 ± 6	25 ± 6
Dwell time	s	10 <sup>+2</sup> <sub>0</sub>	7 <sup>+2</sup> <sub>0</sub>
Emersion rate	mm s <sup>-1</sup>	25 ± 6	25 ± 6

## 4.2 Dipping device

A mechanical dipping device shall be used that is capable of controlling the rates of immersion and emersion of the leads and providing the dwell time as specified in Table 1.

## 4.3 Heatsinks or shielding

If applicable, heatsinks or shielding shall be attached to the devices prior to the test and shall be as specified in the relevant specification.

## 5 Materials

### 5.1 Solder

The solder specification shall be as follows.

Chemical composition:

- for SnPb solder, the composition in percentage by weight shall be as follows:

~~Tin: 59 % to 65 %;~~

~~Lead: the remainder.~~

Sn60Pb40 or Sn63Pb37 (Sn ± 1 %) chemical composition

- for Pb-free solder, the composition in percentage by weight shall be as follows:

Silver: 3 % to 4 %;

Copper: 0,5 % to 1 %;

Tin: the remainder.

The solder shall not contain impurities which will adversely affect its properties.

Other solders and their applicable bath temperatures may be used as ~~specified~~ detailed in the relevant specification.

## 5.2 Flux

If flux is applied prior to solder dipping, the flux shall consist of 25 % by weight of colophony in 75 % by weight of isopropyl alcohol, unless otherwise detailed in the relevant specification.

## 6 Procedure

### 6.1 Test method

The method used in this procedure requires the specimen to be dipped into a solder bath under specified conditions. The solder bath method is the one which simulates most closely the soldering procedures of flow soldering and similar soldering processes. In circumstances where the solder dip method is considered to impracticable the specimen can be tested by the application of a heated soldering iron under controlled conditions. This is described in IEC 60068-2-20.

### 6.2 Ageing and pre-conditioning of specimens

If required by the relevant specification, the test conditioning shall be preceded by accelerated ageing such as steam ageing, damp heat conditioning, dry heat conditioning or unsaturated pressurized vapour conditioning. Accelerated ageing shall be performed in accordance with IEC 60068-2-20.

Any other special pre-conditioning of the specimens prior to testing shall be as ~~specified~~ detailed in the relevant specification. This preparation may include operations such as bending or other relocation of leads, and the attachment of heat sinks or protective shielding prior to solder dipping.

### 6.3 Preparation of the solder bath

The molten solder shall be stirred to assure that the temperature is uniform. The dross shall be skimmed from the surface of the molten solder just prior to dipping the part.

### 6.4 Use of flux

Where detailed in the relevant specification, all leads of the specimen shall be dipped in flux prior to solder dip; excess flux shall be removed by draining for a suitable time.

### 6.5 Solder dip

The part shall be attached to the dipping device (see 4.2) and the leads immersed in the molten solder ~~until~~ to within 1 mm of the body of the device under test ~~reaches the dimensions specified in Table 1~~. The parameters for solder temperature, dwell time, number of immersions and rates of immersion and emersion are defined in Table 1. ~~Unless otherwise detailed in the procurement specification, Condition A shall be used~~. After the dipping process, the part shall be allowed to cool in air and, if flux has been used, residues shall be removed with isopropanol or ethanol.

### 6.6 Precautions

Prior to and after the solder immersion, precautionary measures shall be taken to prevent undue exposure of the part to the heat radiated by the solder bath.

## 6.7 Measurements

~~Hermeticity tests for hermetic devices, visual examination and electrical measurements that consist of parametric and functional tests, shall be made as specified in the relevant specification.~~

Hermeticity tests for hermetic devices and visual examination shall be made in accordance with IEC 60749-8 and IEC 60749-3 respectively. Electrical measurements that consist of parametric and functional tests shall be made as required by the relevant specification.

## 6.8 Failure criteria

A device shall be defined as a failure if hermeticity for hermetic devices cannot be demonstrated in accordance with IEC 60749-8, ~~if parametric limits are exceeded or if functionality cannot be demonstrated under nominal and worst-case conditions specified in the relevant specification.~~ Mechanical damage such as cracking, chipping or breaking of the package (~~10×—20× magnification~~ to be inspected with a magnification of 10× to 20×) and failure to meet the requirements of IEC 60749-3 will also be considered a failure, provided such damage was not induced by fixturing or handling. Devices shall be classified as failures if parametric limits are exceeded or if functionality cannot be demonstrated under nominal and worst-case conditions specified in the relevant specification.

## 7 Summary

The following details shall be specified in the relevant specification:

- a) use of heatsinks or shielding, if applicable (see 4.3);
- b) flux composition, if applicable (see 5.2);
- c) solder composition, if other than detailed in this document (see 5.1);
- d) pre-conditioning of specimens, if applicable (see 6.2);
- e) time of immersion and number of immersions, if other than as specified in Table 1;
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- g) failure criteria of ~~hermeticity tests, visual examination and~~ electrical measurements (see 6.8);
- h) sample size.

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**4 Test apparatus**

**4.1 Solder pot**

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**Table 1 – Parameters for solder dipping**

Parameter		SnPb solder	Pb-free solder
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Immersion rate	mm s <sup>-1</sup>	25 ± 6	25 ± 6
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## 5 Materials

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The solder specification shall be as follows.

Chemical composition:

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- for Pb-free solder, the composition in percentage by weight shall be as follows:  
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Tin: the remainder.

The solder shall not contain impurities which will adversely affect its properties.

Other solders and their applicable bath temperatures may be used as detailed in the relevant specification.

### 5.2 Flux

If flux is applied prior to solder dipping, the flux shall consist of 25 % by weight of colophony in 75 % by weight of isopropyl alcohol, unless otherwise detailed in the relevant specification.

## 6 Procedure

### 6.1 Test method

The method used in this procedure requires the specimen to be dipped into a solder bath under specified conditions. The solder bath method is the one which simulates most closely the soldering procedures of flow soldering and similar soldering processes. In circumstances where the solder dip method is considered to impracticable the specimen can be tested by the application of a heated soldering iron under controlled conditions. This is described in IEC 60068-2-20.

### 6.2 Ageing and pre-conditioning of specimens

If required by the relevant specification, the test conditioning shall be preceded by accelerated ageing such as steam ageing, damp heat conditioning, dry heat conditioning or unsaturated pressurized vapour conditioning. Accelerated ageing shall be performed in accordance with IEC 60068-2-20.

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### 6.3 Preparation of the solder bath

The molten solder shall be stirred to assure that the temperature is uniform. The dross shall be skimmed from the surface of the molten solder just prior to dipping the part.

### 6.4 Use of flux

Where detailed in the relevant specification, all leads of the specimen shall be dipped in flux prior to solder dip; excess flux shall be removed by draining for a suitable time.

## 6.5 Solder dip

The part shall be attached to the dipping device (see 4.2) and the leads immersed in the molten solder to within 1 mm of the body of the device under test. The parameters for solder temperature, dwell time, number of immersions and rates of immersion and emersion are defined in Table 1. After the dipping process, the part shall be allowed to cool in air and, if flux has been used, residues shall be removed with isopropanol or ethanol.

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Prior to and after the solder immersion, precautionary measures shall be taken to prevent undue exposure of the part to the heat radiated by the solder bath.

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## 6.8 Failure criteria

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## 7 Summary

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- b) flux composition, if applicable (see 5.2);
- c) solder composition, if other than detailed in this document (see 5.1);
- d) pre-conditioning of specimens, if applicable (see 6.2);
- e) time of immersion and number of immersions, if other than as specified in Table 1;
- f) depth of immersion if other than specified in 6.5;
- g) failure criteria of electrical measurements (see 6.8);
- h) sample size.

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## Partie 15: Résistance à la température de brasage pour dispositifs par trous traversants

### 1 Domaine d'application

La présente partie de l'IEC 60749 décrit un essai utilisé pour déterminer si les dispositifs à semiconducteurs encapsulés utilisés pour le montage par trous traversants peuvent résister aux effets de la température à laquelle ils sont soumis pendant le brasage de leurs broches en utilisant le brasage à la vague.

Dans le but d'établir une procédure d'essai normalisée pour les méthodes les plus reproductibles, la méthode d'immersion dans la brasure est utilisée en raison de ses conditions plus contrôlables. Cette procédure détermine si les dispositifs sont capables de résister à la température de brasage rencontrée lors d'opérations de fabrication des cartes à câblage imprimé, sans endommager leurs caractéristiques électriques ou leurs connexions internes.

Cet essai est destructif et il peut être utilisé en vue de la qualification, de l'acceptation de lots et pour contrôler les produits.

La chaleur du brasage se propage dans le boîtier du dispositif par les broches de l'autre côté de la carte. Cette procédure ne simule pas l'exposition à la chaleur du brasage à la vague ou à la chaleur de refusion sur le même côté de la carte que le corps du boîtier.

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IEC 60068-2-20, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-20: Essais – Essai T: Méthodes d'essai de la brasabilité et de la résistance à la chaleur de brasage des dispositifs à broches*

IEC 60749-3, *Dispositifs à semiconducteurs – Méthodes d'essais mécaniques et climatiques – Partie 3: Examen visuel externe*

IEC 60749-8, *Dispositifs à semiconducteurs – Méthodes d'essais mécaniques et climatiques – Partie 8: Étanchéité*

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