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The main changes are as follows:

- introduction of alternative test set-up with field coupling plane for direct and indirect discharges on component (powered-up test);
- minimum number of discharges changed from 50 to 10 for indirect discharge on component (powered-up test);
- interval between successive single discharges changed from 50 ms to 1 s for indirect discharge on component (powered-up test);
- addition of a ground connection for discharges on DUT pins for component packaging and handling test method (unpowered test);
- optional test set-up and procedure for electronic modules (powered-up test) moved from Annex to main body;
- addition of new [Annex G](#).

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Introduction

The electrostatic discharge, due to former charge build-ups generated, for example, when moving about inside a vehicle or getting out of it, has assumed greater significance with the increase of vehicle electronic modules. Tests simulating the electrostatic discharge of humans, in common use by various industries, were examined and it was determined that they were not fully applicable to the automotive environment. As a consequence, tests tailored to the automotive environment were developed.

Tests that simulate an electrostatic discharge (ESD) into a vehicle electrical system are based on the human ESD model. Sensitive electrical devices can be adversely affected by energy either coupled or radiated from electrostatic discharges.

This document describes ESD tests that are applicable to both automotive electronic modules and vehicles.

Road vehicles — Test methods for electrical disturbances from electrostatic discharge

1 Scope

This document specifies the electrostatic discharge (ESD) test methods necessary to evaluate electronic modules intended for vehicle use. It applies to discharges in the following cases:

- ESD in assembly;
- ESD caused by service staff;
- ESD caused by occupants.

This document describes test procedures for evaluating both electronic modules on the bench and complete vehicles. This document applies to all types of road vehicles regardless of the propulsion system (e.g. spark-ignition engine, diesel engine, electric motor).

The test for electronic modules on the bench described in this document applies to any DUT (powered by an unshielded power system, DUT powered by a shielded power system, self-powered DUT, etc.).

This document does not apply to pyrotechnic modules.

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.

ISO 11452-1, *Road vehicles — Component test methods for electrical disturbances from narrowband radiated electromagnetic energy — Part 1: General principles and terminology*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11452-1 and the following apply.

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

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

3.1

air discharge

test method characterized by bringing the test generator discharge tip close to the *device under test (DUT)* (3.3); the discharge is by arcing on the DUT

3.2

contact discharge

test method characterized by contact of the test generator discharge tip with the *device under test (DUT)* (3.3), where discharge is initiated by the generator discharge switch