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INTRODUCTION

This document applies to electronic and electromechanical automotive printed board assemblies and describes current best-practices for dealing with voiding in solder joints of surface-mount components soldered onto printed boards.

This document is an informative document which serves to illustrate the technically feasible options and to provide a basis for customer and supplier discussions and agreements. It is not intended to be regarded as a specification or standard.

Related standards are gathered in the bibliography.

This document has been prepared based on material provided by the working group DKE AK682.0.7 (Assembly and interconnect technology in automotive electronics).

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61191 gives guidelines for dealing with voiding in surface-mount solder joints of printed board assemblies for use in automotive electronics. This technical report focuses exclusively on voids in solder joints connecting packaged electronic or electromechanical components with printed boards (PBs). Voids in other solder joints (e.g. in a joint between a silicon die and a substrate within an electronic component, solder joints of through-hole components, etc.) are not considered. The technical background for the occurrence of voids in solder joints, the potential impact of voiding on printed board assembly reliability and functionality, the investigation of voiding levels in sample- and series-production by use of X-ray inspection as well as typical voiding levels in different types of solder joints are discussed. Recommendations for the control of voiding in series production are also given.

Annex A collects typical voiding levels of components and recommendations for acceptability.

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 60194, *Printed board design, manufacture and assembly – Terms and definitions*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60194 and the following apply.

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3.2
manufacturer
individual, organization, or company responsible for the assembly process and verification operations