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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 60664 details the conditions in which the reduction of clearance and creepage distances can apply to rigid assemblies such as **printed boards** or terminals of components. **Protection** against pollution can be achieved by any kind of encapsulation such as **coating**, potting or moulding. The **protection** may be applied to one or both sides of the assembly. This standard specifies the insulating properties of the protecting material.

Between any two unprotected conductive parts, the clearance and creepage distance requirements of IEC 60664-1 ~~or IEC 60664-5~~ apply.

This document refers only to permanent **protection**. It does not cover assemblies after repair.

Technical committees ~~need to~~ **should** consider the influence on the **protection** of ~~overheated~~ **overheating conductors** and components, especially under fault conditions, and to decide if any additional requirements are necessary.

Safe performance of assemblies is dependent upon a precise and controlled manufacturing process for the application of the protective system. Requirements for quality control, e.g. by sampling tests, should be considered by technical committees.

INSULATION COORDINATION FOR EQUIPMENT WITHIN LOW-VOLTAGE SYSTEMS –

Part 3: Use of coating, potting or moulding for protection against pollution

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60664 applies to assemblies protected against pollution by the use of **coating**, potting or moulding, thus allowing a reduction of clearance and creepage distances as described in ~~Part 1 or Part 5~~ IEC 60664-1.

~~NOTE 1—When reference is made to Part 1 or Part 5, IEC 60664-1 or IEC 60664-5 are meant.~~

This document describes the requirements and test procedures for two methods of **protection**:

- type 1 **protection** improves the microenvironment of the parts under the **protection**;
- type 2 **protection** is considered to be similar to **solid insulation**.

This document also applies to all kinds of protected **printed boards**, including the surface of inner layers of multi-layer boards, substrates and similarly protected assemblies. In the case of multi-layer **printed boards**, the distances through an inner layer are covered by the requirements for **solid insulation** in ~~Part 1~~ IEC 60664-1.

~~NOTE 2~~ Examples of substrates are hybrid integrated circuits and thick-film technology.

This document refers only to permanent **protection**. It does not cover assemblies that are subjected to mechanical adjustment or repair.

The principles of this standard are applicable to functional, basic, supplementary and reinforced insulation.

2 Normative references

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~~IEC 60249-2 (all parts), Base materials for printed circuit – Part 2: Specifications~~

IEC 60326-2:1990, *Printed boards – Part 2: Test methods Amendment 1 (1992)*

IEC 60454-3-1:1998/~~AMD1:2001~~, *Pressure-sensitive adhesive tapes for electrical purposes – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 1: PVC film tapes with pressure-sensitive adhesive*

IEC 60664-1:~~1992~~ 2007, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests Amendment 1 (2000) Amendment 2 (2002)*

~~IEC 60664-5: , Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 5: A comprehensive method for determining clearance and creepage distances equal to or less than 2 mm¹⁾~~

IEC 61189-2:2006, *Test methods for electrical materials, printed boards and other interconnection structures and assemblies – Part 2: Test methods for materials for interconnection structures*

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COMMISSION ÉLECTROTECHNIQUE INTERNATIONALE

COORDINATION DE L'ISOLEMENT DES MATÉRIELS DANS LES SYSTÈMES (RÉSEAUX) À BASSE TENSION –

Partie 3: Utilisation de revêtement, d'empotage ou de moulage pour la protection contre la pollution

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Elle a le statut d'une publication fondamentale de sécurité conformément au Guide IEC 104.

Cette troisième édition annule et remplace la deuxième édition parue en 2003 et l'Amendement 1:2010. Cette édition constitue une révision technique.

Cette édition inclut les modifications techniques majeures suivantes par rapport à l'édition précédente:

- a) des informations concernant l'interpolation ont été ajoutées;

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- b) l'essai de résistance aux éraflures est destiné uniquement aux **protections** de type 2;
- c) l'essai de résistance aux éraflures a été renuméroté et placé à la suite de l'essai d'examen visuel, ce qui est plus pertinent;
- d) le tableau de l'annexe désormais désignée comme l'Annexe A a été divisé en plusieurs tableaux, pour plus de clarté.

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Le rapport de vote indiqué dans le tableau ci-dessus donne toute information sur le vote ayant abouti à l'approbation de cette norme.

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Une liste de toutes les parties de la série IEC 60664, publiées sous le titre général *Coordination de l'isolement des matériels dans les systèmes (réseaux) à basse tension*, peut être consultée sur le site web de l'IEC.

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INTRODUCTION

La présente partie de l'IEC 60664 précise les conditions dans lesquelles la réduction des distances d'isolement dans l'air et des lignes de fuite peut s'appliquer aux ensembles rigides tels que les **cartes imprimées** ou les bornes des composants. La **protection** contre la pollution peut être obtenue par tous types d'encapsulages, tels que le **revêtement**, l'empotage ou le moulage. La **protection** peut être appliquée sur une face ou sur les deux faces de l'ensemble. La présente norme spécifie les propriétés isolantes du matériau de protection.

Entre deux parties conductrices quelconques non protégées, les exigences relatives aux distances d'isolement et aux lignes de fuite de l'IEC 60664-1 s'appliquent.

Le présent document fait uniquement référence à une **protection** permanente. Elle n'englobe pas les ensembles après réparation.

Il convient que les comités d'études examinent les implications pour la **protection des conducteurs** et composants surchauffés, en particulier dans des conditions de défaut, et qu'ils décident si des exigences additionnelles sont nécessaires.

Un fonctionnement performant en toute sécurité des ensembles dépend d'un procédé de fabrication précis et contrôlé pour l'application du système de protection. Il convient que les exigences relatives au contrôle de la qualité, par exemple par des essais par prélèvement, soient prises en considération par les comités d'études.

COORDINATION DE L'ISOLEMENT DES MATERIELS DANS LES SYSTEMES (RESEAUX) A BASSE TENSION –

Partie 3: Utilisation de revêtement, d'empotage ou de moulage pour la protection contre la pollution

1 Domaine d'application

La présente partie de l'IEC 60664 est applicable aux ensembles protégés contre la pollution au moyen de **revêtement**, d'empotage ou de moulage, permettant ainsi une réduction des distances d'isolement et des lignes de fuite décrites dans l'IEC 60664-1.

Le présent document décrit les exigences et procédures d'essai pour deux méthodes de **protection**:

- la **protection** de type 1 améliore le microenvironnement des parties sous **protection**;
- la **protection** de type 2 est considérée comme similaire à l'**isolation solide**.

Le présent document s'applique également à toutes sortes de **cartes imprimées** protégées, y compris la surface de couches internes de cartes multicouches, de substrats et d'ensembles protégés de manière similaire. Dans le cas de **cartes imprimées** multicouches, les distances à travers une couche interne sont couvertes par les exigences relatives à l'**isolation solide** dans l'IEC 60664-1.

NOTE Les circuits intégrés hybrides et la technologie à couches épaisses sont des exemples de substrats.

Le présent document fait uniquement référence à une **protection** permanente. Elle n'englobe pas les ensembles soumis à une mise au point mécanique ou à des réparations.

Les principes de la présente norme sont applicables à l'isolation fonctionnelle, principale, supplémentaire et renforcée.

2 Références normatives

Les documents suivants sont cités en référence de manière normative, en intégralité ou en partie, dans le présent document et sont indispensables pour son application. Pour les références datées, seule l'édition citée s'applique. Pour les références non datées, la dernière édition du document de référence s'applique (y compris les éventuels amendements).

IEC 60068-2-1, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-1: Essais – Essai A: Froid*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-2: Essais – Essai B: Chaleur sèche*

IEC 60068-2-14, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-14: Essais – Essai N: Variation de température*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-78: Essais – Essai Cab: Chaleur humide, essai continu*

IEC 60326-2:1990, *Cartes imprimées – Partie 2: Méthodes d'essai*

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IEC 60454-3-1: 1998/AMD1:2001, *Rubans adhésifs sensibles à la pression à usages électriques – Partie 3: Spécifications pour matériaux particuliers – Feuille 1: Rubans en PVC avec un adhésif sensible à la pression*

IEC 60664-1, *Coordination de l'isolement des matériels dans les systèmes (réseaux) à basse tension – Partie 1: Principes, exigences et essais*

IEC 61189-2:2006, *Test methods for electrical materials, printed boards and other interconnection structures and assemblies – Part 2: Test methods for materials for interconnection structures* (disponible en anglais uniquement)

IEC 61189-3:2007, *Méthodes d'essai pour les matériaux électriques, les cartes imprimées et autres structures d'interconnexion et ensembles – Partie 3: Méthodes d'essai des structures d'interconnexion (cartes imprimées)*

IEC 61249-2 (toutes les parties), *Matériaux pour circuits imprimés et autres structures d'interconnexion – Matériaux de base renforcés, plaqués et non plaqués*

IEC Guide 104:2010, *The preparation of safety publications and the use of basic safety publications and group safety publications* (disponible en anglais uniquement)

ISO/IEC Guide 51, *Aspects liés à la sécurité – Principes directeurs pour les inclure dans les normes*