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- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61340 provides test methods for evaluating the resistance of garments used in the electronics industry for the control of electrostatic discharge. This part is limited to defining procedures for measuring electrical resistance of garments. It does not address electrical resistance through a person or in combination with a person connected to ground. However, resistance may not fully characterize a garment's performance. Additional parts may cover procedures for evaluating these properties.

A common source of electrostatic charge is clothing made from synthetic fibres resulting in an accumulation of charge on a person's clothing. The effect of this charge can be minimized by evaluating and selecting an appropriate garment. To effectively control electrostatic charges, the garment should be grounded.

This standard may be used in part to cover specific applications. To fully characterize a garment, field attenuation and tribocharging may need to be considered, but these procedures are beyond the scope of this standard.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61340 provides specific test methods for evaluating electrical resistance of static control garments.

This part defines the test methods for determining the electrical resistance from sleeve-to-sleeve and point-to-point of static control garments.

The test methods defined in this standard utilize standard instruments to measure the resistance of static control garments. These methods are intended as qualification test procedures. They can also be used as periodic tests to ensure ongoing electrical integrity of the garment under ambient conditions.

The sleeve-to-sleeve method (Figures 1 and 2) is intended to test the integrity of the electrical resistance across the seams of the garment.

The point-to-point test method (Figure 3) is intended to test the electrical resistance between any two points on the garment, which may include the electrical resistance across the seams of the garment.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

ESD ADV1.0, *ESD Association glossary of terms*¹

ANSI/ESD S4.1, *ESD standard for protection of electrostatic discharge susceptible items – ESD protective worksurfaces*

ANSI/ESD STM11.11, *Surface resistance measurement of static dissipative planar materials*

ASTM F-150, *Standard test method for electrical resistance of conductive and static dissipative resilient flooring*²

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 99:2005, *Standard for health care facilities*

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