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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition, published in 2001. It constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following main technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- in Clause 3, only terms relating to the testing are defined, and IEC 61076-1 is referred to for terms of connectors.
- Clause 4 (Numbering of tests and measurement specification) is added.
- Subclause 5.1.2 (Calibration) is added.
- in Clause 6 (Test), test procedure follows IEC 60068-1.

This standard shall be used in conjunction with IEC 60512-1-101 and relevant part(s) of series IEC 60512. Part 60512-1-100 provides the list of the existing test and measuring methods published within series IEC 60512.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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# CONNECTORS FOR ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT – TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS –

## Part 1: Generic specification

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60512 is intended to be used as a basis for tests and measurements specifications for electrical connectors. It provides guidance and reference for tests and measurements within the IEC 60512 series.

It includes the description and the practice of the various phases of tests and measurements (preparation, tests and measurements, requirements, documentation), in addition to basic terms and definitions applicable to any part of the IEC 60512 series.

This document is used in conjunction with IEC 60512-1-101 to establish uniform detail tests and measurements specifications.

Detail tests and measurements specifications are applicable to electrical connectors and their components (e.g. connector inserts, connector housings, locking mechanisms, contacts and terminations) within the scope of technical committee 48. They may also be used for similar devices when specified in a detail product specification.

Detail tests and measurements specifications are used in conjunction with detail product specifications which prescribe the tests to be used, the required degree of severity for each of them and the permissible performance limits. The detail product specification also specifies the deviations in procedures, which may be required when applying a test to the type of connector or its component under consideration, and it further specifies any special procedures which may be required.

NOTE RF and fibre optical connectors are not dealt with by subcommittee 48B, however, hybrid connectors which additionally employ RF and/or fibre optic contacts, are handled by SC 48B in cooperation with TC 46 and/or TC 86.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60068-1:2013, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60352-1:1997, *Solderless connections – Part 1: Wrapped connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60352-2:2006, *Solderless connections – Part 2: Crimped connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60352-2:2006/AMD1:2013

IEC 60352-3:1993, *Solderless connections – Part 3: Solderless accessible insulation displacement connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60352-4:1994, *Solderless connections – Part 4: Solderless non-accessible insulation displacement connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*  
IEC 60352-4:1994/AMD1:2000

IEC 60352-5:2012, *Solderless connections – Part 5: Press-in connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60352-6:1997, *Solderless connections – Part 6: Insulation piercing connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60352-7:2002, *Solderless connections – Part 7: Spring clamp connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60352-8:2011, *Solderless connections – Part 8: Compression mount connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*

IEC 60512-1-100, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 1-100: General – Applicable publications*

IEC 60512-1-101, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 1-101: Blank detail specification*

IEC 61076-1, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Product requirements – Part 1: Generic specification*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

##### **ambient temperature**

temperature of the air in free air conditions at such a distance from the specimen that the effect of the dissipation is negligible

Note 1 to entry: In practice, the ambient temperature is taken as the average of temperatures measured at a number of points in a horizontal plane situated between 0 mm and 50 mm below the specimen at half the distance between the specimen and the wall of the chamber, or at 1 m distance from the specimen, whichever is less. Suitable precautions should be taken to avoid heat radiation affecting these measurements.

[SOURCE: IEC 60068-1: 2013, 3.9.2]

#### 3.2

##### **combined test**

test during which a specimen is subjected simultaneously to two or more environmental influences

Note 1 to entry: Tests with simultaneous influence of a) temperature and humidity; b) temperature, humidity and specific (including chemically active) medium; and c) temperature and solar radiation are not related to combined tests.

Note 2 to entry: Combined tests, as a rule, are used to provide simultaneous climatic and mechanical influences.