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- b) editorial corrections on the use of V_{IORM} ;
- c) editorial corrections on Figure 2: Time intervals for method b);
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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES –

Part 5-5: Optoelectronic devices – Photocouplers

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60747 specifies the terminology, essential ratings, characteristics, safety tests, as well as the measuring methods for photocouplers.

NOTE The term "optocoupler" can also be used instead of "photocoupler".

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

IEC 60068-2-1, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Test A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-14, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

IEC 60068-2-17, *Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2-17: Tests – Test Q: Sealing*

IEC 60068-2-20, *Environmental testing – Part 2-20: Tests – Test T: Test methods for solderability and resistance to soldering heat of devices with leads*

IEC 60068-2-27, *Environmental testing – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-30, *Environmental testing – Part 2-30: Tests – Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)*

IEC 60068-2-58, *Environmental testing – Part 2-58: Tests – Test Td: Test methods for solderability, resistance to dissolution of metallization and to soldering heat of surface mounting devices (SMD)*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing – Part 2-78: Tests – Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

IEC 60112, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60216-1, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 1: Ageing procedures and evaluation of test results*

IEC 60216-2, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 2: Determination of thermal endurance properties of electrical insulating materials – Choice of test criteria*

IEC 60664-1:2007, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60672-2, *Ceramic and glass insulating materials – Part 2: Methods of test*

IEC 60695-11-5, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-5: Test flames – Needle-flame test method – Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance*

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3.1

photocoupler

optoelectronic device designed for the transfer of electrical signals by utilizing optical radiation to provide coupling with electrical isolation between the input and the output

Note 1 to entry: Different types of photocouplers include ambient-rated or case-rated photocouplers, for signal-isolation applications.

3.1.1

DC input photocoupler

photocoupler consisting at the input of a photoemitter to which DC current is applied

3.1.2

AC input photocoupler

photocoupler consisting at the input of antiparallel photoemitters to which AC current is applied

3.1.3

phototransistor output photocoupler

photocoupler whose photosensitive element is a phototransistor

Note 1 to entry: Phototransistor is a transistor in which the current produced by the photoelectric effect in the neighbourhood of the emitter-base junction acts as base current, which is amplified.

3.1.4

photothyristor photocoupler

photocoupler whose photosensitive element is a photothyristor

Note 1 to entry: Photothyristor is a thyristor that is designed to be triggered by optical radiation.

Note 2 to entry: Gate terminal may or may not be provided.