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INTRODUCTION

The advent of surface-mount devices (SMDs) introduced a new class of quality and reliability concerns regarding package damage "cracks and delamination" from the solder reflow process. This document describes the standardized levels of floor life exposure for moisture/reflow-sensitive SMDs along with the handling, packing and shipping requirements necessary to avoid moisture/reflow-related failures. IEC 60749-20 defines the classification procedure and Annex A of this document defines the labelling requirements.

Moisture from atmospheric humidity enters permeable packaging materials by diffusion. Assembly processes used to solder SMDs to printed circuit boards (PCBs) expose the entire package body to temperatures higher than 200 °C. During solder reflow, the combination of rapid moisture expansion, materials mismatch, and material interface degradation can result in package cracking and/or delamination of critical interfaces within the package.

Typical solder reflow processes of concern for all devices are infrared (IR), convection/IR, convection, vapour phase reflow (VPR), hot air rework tools, and wave solder, including full immersion.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60749 applies to all devices subjected to bulk solder reflow processes during PCB assembly, including plastic encapsulated packages, process sensitive devices, and other moisture-sensitive devices made with moisture-permeable materials (epoxies, silicones, etc.) that are exposed to the ambient air.

The purpose of this document is to provide SMD manufacturers and users with standardized methods for handling, packing, shipping, and use of moisture/reflow sensitive SMDs that have been classified to the levels defined in IEC 60749-20. These methods are provided to avoid damage from moisture absorption and exposure to solder reflow temperatures that can result in yield and reliability degradation. By using these procedures, safe and damage-free reflow can be achieved, with the dry packing process, providing a minimum shelf life capability in sealed dry-bags from the seal date.

Two test conditions, method A and method B, are specified in the soldering heat test of IEC 60749-20. For method A, moisture soak conditions are specified on the assumption that moisture content inside the moisture barrier bag is less than 30 % RH. For method B, moisture soaking conditions are specified on the assumption that manufacturer's exposure time (MET) does not exceed 24 h and the moisture content inside the moisture barrier bag is less than 10 % RH. In an actual handling environment, SMDs tested by method A are permitted to absorb moisture up to 30 % RH, and SMDs tested by method B are permitted to absorb moisture up to 10 % RH. This document specifies the handling conditions for SMDs subjected to the above test conditions.

NOTE Hermetic SMD packages are not moisture sensitive and do not require moisture precautionary handling.

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