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IEC 60068-2-14	-	Environmental testing -- Part 2-14: Tests - Test N: Change of temperature	EN 60068-2-14	-
IEC 60068-2-78	-	Environmental testing -- Part 2-78: Tests - Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state	EN 60068-2-78	-
IEC 60326-2	1990	Printed boards -- Part 2: Test methods	-	-
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IEC 60664-1	2007	Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems -- Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests	EN 60664-1	2007
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	EN 61189-2	2006
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IEC 61249-2	series	Materials for printed boards and other interconnecting structures	EN 61249-2	series
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ISO/IEC Guide 51	-	Safety aspects - Guidelines for their inclusion in standards	-	-

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

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

a) information added concerning interpolation;
b) provided scratch test is only for type 2 **protection**;

c) renumbered the scratch test to follow the visual examination test, since it makes more sense there;

d) separated the tables under what is now called Annex A, to make them clearer.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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– Terms used throughout this standard which have been defined in Clause 3: **bold type**

A list of all parts in the IEC 60664 series, published under the general title *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems*, can be found on the IEC website.

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- withdrawn,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

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 apply.

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

Technical committees should consider the influence on the **protection** of 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 –

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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 IEC 60664-1.

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 IEC 60664-1.

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

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

IEC 60326-2:1990, *Printed boards – Part 2: Test methods*

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*