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INTRODUCTION

When performing qualification tests, semiconductor device vendors prepare a specific reliability test plan, upon consultation with semiconductor device users in order to efficiently carry out the reliability test. When performing qualification tests, semiconductor device vendors prepare a specific reliability test plan, including pass/fail criteria, upon consultation with semiconductor device users in order to efficiently carry out the reliability test.

This guideline presents examples of methods for preparing test plans to determine appropriate reliability test conditions, based on the level of quality required in the operating environments of various applications of power semiconductor modules. As a target of reliability, grades have been specified for each of the following applications: automotive, industrial and consumer electronics. Based on the number of annual operating hours, use period and other parameters assumed for each grade, this guideline defines verification methods for the wear-out failure, and proposes appropriate reliability tests. This guideline defines the concept of quality assurance from early failure to wear-out failure. It also presents approaches to appropriately ensure the reliability of power semiconductor modules.

The test conditions and the acceleration factor values presented in this guideline are only examples used for setting reliability test conditions to verify a required level of quality.

NOTE Qualification tests are tests performed by power semiconductor device vendors, taking into account the quality required by the users of their products.

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1 Scope

This part of the IEC 63287 provides guidelines for a reliability qualification plan for power semiconductor modules to assure reliability targets over the entire product life.

Here, the term power semiconductor module refers to multichip semiconductor power modules as defined below in 3.3.

Power semiconductor modules with incorporated control circuits are excluded. Clamped packages that need external pressure for being mounted in a system are excluded, e.g. disc-type pressure pack devices.

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2 Normative reference

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IEC 60191-4, Mechanical standardization of semiconductor devices - Part 4: Coding system and classification into forms of package outlines for semiconductor device packages

IEC 63287-1, Semiconductor devices - Generic semiconductor qualification guidelines - Part 1: Guidelines for IC reliability qualification

3 Terms and definitions

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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3.1 failure mode

classification of a fault phenomenon which causes product failure

Note 1 to entry disconnection, a short circuit, occasional loss, abrasion, characteristic deterioration, etc. are typical items considered as failure modes

3.2 failure mechanism

physical, chemical or other process that results in a failure mode, which leads to a product that fails to meet functional requirements

3.3**power module**

isolated or non-isolated semiconductor module with two or more semiconductor chips according to the package outline style code "MP" specified in IEC 60191-4

Note 1 to entry: The predominantly used package body material is plastic (including epoxy) according to IEC 60191-4 and both the frame based and resin based embodiment are possible.

3.4**mode A failures**

early failures with a decreasing failure rate due to extrinsic defects

3.5**mode B failures**

random failures with relatively constant failure rate. The end of mode B regime limits the use period of a power semiconductor module

3.6**mode C failures**

wear-out failures with increasing failure rate due to intrinsic limitation of lifetime

3.7**bathtub curve**

a plot of failure rate versus time or cycles that exhibits three phases of life: infant mortality (decreasing failure rate), random failure period (relatively constant failure rate), and intrinsic wear-out (increasing failure rate)

4 Product categories and applications**4.1 Quality grade by application**

Level of quality, operating hours and operating environment required for power semiconductor modules in the market are varied, depending on the application of products for which power semiconductor modules are used. As an example of a method for preparing test plans, this guideline has grouped the applications into three major grades of requirements, namely the automotive, the industrial and the consumer electronics application. And for each grade, the required level of quality and its preconditions are defined, as shown in Table 1.

4.2 Definition of quality grade (Example)**Table 1 – Definition of quality grade**

Grade	I	II	III
Description of grade	Automotive application	Industrial application	Consumer electronics application
Example of application	Powertrains, DC/DC Converter, OBC, Power steering, etc.	Motor controls, Power converters, Robots, Machine tools, Railway, etc.	Air conditioners, Home appliances, etc.

Annual operating hours	500 hours (driving hours) The operation differs between when it works with KEY ON/OFF and when it does not work with KEY ON/OFF.	Up to 8760 hours; varies depending on application.	Up to 8760 hours; varies depending on application.
Use period	15 years (cumulative failure probability: <1%)	10~20 years (cumulative failure probability:1%); varies depending on application.	5~10 years (cumulative failure probability:1%); varies depending on application.
Operating environment assumed (varies depending on application) ^a	For engine compartment: $T_a = -40\text{ °C (min)}/125\text{ °C (max)}$ $T_j = 100\text{ °C (typ)}/150\text{ °C (max)}$ RH=0 (min)/100 (max)% RH typ. (10% when driving) (70% when stopping)	$T_a = -20\text{ °C (min)}/100\text{ °C (max)}$ $T_j = 70\text{ °C (typ)}/125\text{ °C (max)}$ RH=10 (min)/80 (max)% RH typ. (20% when being energized) (60% when being de-energized)	$T_a = 0\text{ °C (min)}/70\text{ °C (max)}$ $T_j = 70\text{ °C (typ)}/105\text{ °C (max)}$ RH= 10 (min)/80 (max)% RH typ. (20% when being energized) (60% when being de-energized)
Early failure rate	1 ppm/year or less	50 to 100 ppm/year or less; varies depending on application.	100 ppm/year or less; varies depending on application.
Failure rate in the random failure period	1 FIT or less	50 to 100 FIT or less; varies depending on application.	100 FIT or less; varies depending on application.
NOTE The values shown in Table 1 are only examples. In real business life, these conditions are set according to market and customer requirements. ^a as an alternative, the limiting values according to the climatic classes reported in IEC 60721 should be used as boundary conditions for a mission profile of climatic conditions (T_a, RH)			