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Capability detail specification —

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Foreword

This British Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee EPL/501, Electronic assembly technology.

The BS 123000:2001 series of British Standards is based on draft proposals to revise the EN 123000 series dated 1992 and 1997. These were circulated and voted on in CENELEC, but the CENELEC Technical Board decided not to approve them for publication. Following repeated attempts by the British National Committee to get them published, the Technical Board agreed to grant derogation from standstill to the British National Committee to publish national standards on the basis of the prEN 123000 series (Technical Board decision D106/092).

These standards are published to complement the BS EN 123000 series, which remains current. They will be withdrawn only if they are replaced by revised EN standards. They have been published because they are considered to be an improvement upon the EN series, for the following reasons.

- a) Requirements for modern materials and surface finishes required by the electronics industry have been incorporated.
- b) Reference is made to ANSI/IPC A-600F for many of the inspection criteria. This has been undertaken in response to industry requests.
- c) References to obsolete CECC regulatory documents have been replaced.
- d) Tests and requirements that are no longer considered relevant have been removed.
- e) The UK electronics industry requires standards that are subject to ongoing revision, in order to take account of new European Eco-Directives.

This British Standard is a capability detail specification, based upon the sectional specification, BS 123800. It should be read in conjunction with the generic specification, BS 123000, and the sectional specification, BS 123800.

Users of printed boards procured using this capability detail specification should satisfy themselves that the sample sizes and frequencies are appropriate for the needs of their product. Alternative requirements should be included in the customer detail specification.

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1 Scope

This British Standard specifies the capability qualifying component, its characteristics to be tested, the test methods and conditions to be applied and the requirements to be fulfilled for testing basic and additional capability, in relation to flexible multilayer printed boards with through-connections. It is applicable for flexible multilayer printed boards with through-connections made with the materials and surface finishes specified in clause 4.

This British Standard is a capability detail specification intended for use with the IECQ system of quality assessment for electronic components.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this British Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

BS 2011-2.1Ca (IEC 60068-2-3), *Environmental testing — Part 2.1: Tests — Test Ca — Damp heat, steady state*.

BS 2011-2.1Ta (IEC 60068-2-54), *Environmental testing — Part 2.1: Tests — Test Ta — Soldering — Solderability testing by the wetting balance method*.

BS 4727-1:Group 11 (IEC 60194), *Glossary of electrotechnical, power, telecommunication, electronics, lighting and colour terms — Part 1: Terms common to power, telecommunications and electronics — Group 11: Printed circuits*.

BS 6221-2:1991 (IEC 60326-2:1990), *Printed wiring boards — Part 2: Methods of test*.

BS 123000:2001, *System of quality assessment — Generic specification — Printed boards*.

BS 123200:2001, *System of quality assessment — Sectional specification — Rigid double-sided printed boards with plated-through holes*.

BS 123500-003:2001, *System of quality assessment — Capability detail specification — Flexible printed boards with through-connections*.

BS 123800:2001, *System of quality assessment — Sectional specification — Flexible multilayer printed boards with through-connections*.

BS EN 60249-2-13 (IEC 60249-2-13), *Base material for printed circuits — Specifications — Part 2-13: Flexible copper-clad polyimide film, general purpose grade*.

BS EN 60249-2-15 (IEC 60249-2-15), *Specifications — Part 2-15: Flexible copper-clad polyimide film, of defined flammability*.

BS EN ISO 1463:1982, *Metallic and oxide coatings — Measurement thickness — Microscopical method*.

BS EN ISO 3543:1981, *Metallic and non-metallic coatings — Measurement thickness — Beta backscatter method*.

ANSI/IPC A-600F, *Acceptability of printed boards*.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this British Standard the terms and definitions given in BS 4727-1:Group 11, BS 123000 and BS 123800 together with the following apply.

3.1

referee method

test method, where a choice of methods is given, to be used in the case of disputed test data arising from the two methods

4 Capability qualifying component

4.1 General

Test boards to be used as capability qualifying components for basic capability shall:

- a) be made from a combination of the materials specified in 4.2. The construction shall be as given in BS 123800:2001, 9.4;
- b) bear the composite test pattern specified in BS 123800:2001, 9.3 (or equivalent composite test pattern), for basic and other metallic finishes. Composite test patterns as specified in BS 123200:2001, 8.2 (or equivalent composite test pattern) shall be used to demonstrate organic surface finishes and external bonded heat sinks;
- c) have one of the surface finishes specified by groups 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 or 17 in 4.3;
- d) be fabricated using a copper thickness determined by the needs of the process and parameters to be demonstrated (e.g. conductor width and separation). The capability qualifying component copper thickness shall be detailed in the capability manual.

Test boards to be used as modified capability qualifying components for the demonstration of additional capability shall be as specified in clause 7.

4.2 Base materials

For the demonstration of basic capability, the base materials specified in Table 1 shall be used and shall conform to the performance requirements specified in Table 4, Table 5, Table 6 and Table 7.

For the demonstration of additional capability, if base materials other than those specified in Table 1 are used, they shall be detailed in the manufacturer's capability manual. Base materials used for the demonstration of additional capability shall conform to the performance requirements specified in Table 4, Table 5, Table 6 and Table 7 unless they have inherent electrical or physical characteristics that prevent the performance requirements from being met, in which case they shall conform to the criteria detailed in the relevant base material specification.

Table 1 — Base materials

Material group designation	Material specified in	Base material type	Grade	Base material thickness range μm
A	BS EN 60249-2-13	Polyimide film	General purpose	12.5 to 125
	BS EN 60249-2-15	Polyimide film	Defined flammability	12.5 to 125