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FOREWORD*

This British Standard has been prepared under the authority of the Telecommunication Industry Standards Committee and is one of a series dealing with components intended primarily for use in telecommunication and allied electronic equipment. It is a revision of B.S. 2131 published in 1956 and is identical in technical context and layout with the corresponding IEC Publication No. 80 unless otherwise indicated by a footnote.

The use of this standard, as of others in the series, requires reference to B.S. 2011, 'Basic methods for the climatic and durability testing of components for telecommunication and allied electronic equipment', which fully describes a range of tests to which components may be subjected in accordance with the requirements of the standard specifications for the individual components.

The object of the tests on components is to establish, as far as is possible under laboratory conditions:

- a.* their suitability for use over stated ranges of temperature and humidity;
- b.* their ability to withstand specified conditions of mechanical shock such as are to be expected in transit or under operational conditions;
- c.* their ability to withstand normal assembly processes (e.g. soldering) attendant on their incorporation in equipments, without detriment to *a* and *b* above.

* This Foreword does not appear in IEC Publication 80.

SPECIFICATION

SECTION ONE : GENERAL

1. Scope

This British Standard relates to fixed capacitors designed essentially for d.c. with a rated voltage not exceeding 6300 V using as dielectric either paper or paper combined with a plastics film. The electrodes are either thin metal foils or thin layers deposited on the dielectric. In the latter case, the capacitor shall exhibit no self-healing breakdown in the endurance test.

NOTE. Metallized paper capacitors with self-healing properties are covered by B.S. 2136, 'Fixed metallized-paper dielectric capacitors for direct current'.

Capacitors for radio interference suppression are not included in the present specification but are covered by B.S.*, 'Capacitors for radio interference suppression'.

2. Object

The object of this standard is to establish uniform requirements for judging the electrical, mechanical and climatic properties of capacitors, to describe test methods and to give recommendations for standard dimensions and classification into categories according to their ability to withstand conditions as specified in B.S. 2011.

3. Terminology

3.1. **D.C. capacitor.** A d.c. capacitor is a capacitor designed essentially for application with a direct voltage.

3.2. **Rated voltage (U_R).** The rated voltage is the direct operating voltage which may be applied continuously to the terminations of a capacitor at an ambient temperature of 40°C.

NOTE 1. The endurance test of 250 hours at maximum category temperature and at a voltage higher than the category voltage of the capacitor has been developed over a long period of time and on the basis of tests of large numbers of capacitors. Such tests show that impregnated paper dielectrics have a life expectancy at constant temperature approximately inversely proportional to a factor between the fourth and sixth power of the applied voltage. Considering this factor, the endurance test of 250 hours with twice the category voltage at maximum category temperature, gives an indication of life expectancy of 10 000 hours or more, when used within the temperature and voltage ratings. Further, such tests also indicate that the operation of capacitors at voltages and temperatures below rating will give greatly extended life.

NOTE 2. When alternating voltages are present, whether or not in addition to direct voltage, the working voltage of the capacitor shall be taken as the sum of the direct voltage and the peak alternating voltages. This sum shall not exceed the value of the rated voltage, and the value of the peak alternating voltage should not exceed the following percentages of the rated direct voltage at the frequencies stated:

50 c/s: 20 per cent	} only 10 per cent is allowed where the rated voltage exceeds 1500 V†
100 c/s: 15 per cent	
1 000 c/s: 3 per cent	
10 000 c/s: 1 per cent	

3.3. **Category voltage (U_c).** The category voltage (U_c) is the voltage which may be applied continuously to a capacitor in use at its maximum category temperature.

NOTE. The information for the voltage at temperatures between 40°C and the maximum category temperature must be given by the manufacturer.

3.4. **Rated capacitance.** The rated capacitance of a capacitor is the value which is indicated upon it.

3.5. **Rated temperature range.** The rated temperature range is the range of ambient temperatures for which the capacitor is designed for continuous operation; this corresponds with the temperature limits of its appropriate group.

3.6. **Tangent of the loss angle.** The tangent of the loss angle ($\tan \delta$) is the power loss of the capacitor divided by the reactive power of the capacitor at a sinusoidal voltage of specified frequency.

3.7. **Self-healing** (for information only). Self-healing is a process by which the electrical properties of a capacitor after a local breakdown are instantaneously and essentially restored to their values before the breakdown.

* In course of preparation.

† This limitation does not appear in IEC Publication 80.

- 3.8. **Maximum temperature of a capacitor** (for information only). The maximum temperature of a capacitor is the temperature at the hottest point of its external surface.

NOTE. The terminations are considered to be part of the external surface.

- 3.9. **Minimum temperature of a capacitor** (for information only). The minimum temperature of a capacitor is the temperature at the coldest point of its external surface.

NOTE. The terminations are considered to be part of the external surface.

- 3.10. **Type**. A type comprises products having similar design features manufactured by the same techniques and falling within the manufacturer's usual range of ratings for these products.

NOTE 1. Mounting accessories are ignored, provided they have no significant effect on the test results.

NOTE 2. Ratings cover the combination of:

- a. electrical ratings
- b. sizes
- c. environmental category.

NOTE. 3. The limits of the range of ratings shall be agreed upon between customer and manufacturer.

- 3.11. **Type test**. The type test of a product is the complete series of tests to be carried out on a number of specimens representative of the type, with the object of determining whether a particular manufacturer can be considered to be able to produce products meeting the specification.

- 3.12. **Type approval***. Type approval is the decision by the proper authority (the customer himself or his nominee) that a particular manufacturer can be considered to be able to produce in reasonable quantities the type meeting the specification.

- 3.13. **Acceptance test***. Acceptance tests are carried out to determine the acceptability of a consignment on a basis of an agreement between customer and manufacturer. The agreement shall cover:

- a. the sample size
- b. the selection of tests
- c. the extent to which the test specimens shall conform to the requirements for the selected tests of the specification.

NOTE. In cases of divergent test results the appropriate British Standard test methods shall be used for acceptance tests.

- 3.14. **Factory tests***. Factory tests are those tests carried out by the manufacturer to verify that his products meet the specification.

4. Classification into categories

- 4.1. The capacitors, covered by this British Standard, are classified into categories according to the general rules given in B.S. 2011.

- 4.2. The table below gives the preferred categories with their temperature ranges and the durations of the long term damp heat test thus are:

Category	Temperature range	Damp heat, long term
55/125/56	– 55°C to + 125°C	56 days
55/085/56	– 55°C to + 85°C	56 days
40/100/56	– 40°C to + 100°C	56 days
40/100/21	– 40°C to + 100°C	21 days
25/085/21	– 25°C to + 85°C	21 days
10/070/21	– 10°C to + 70°C	21 days
10/070/04	– 10°C to + 70°C	4 days

* As this standard only covers type tests, these definitions are included solely for information.