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INTRODUCTION

Activity within IEC technical committee 47, working group 2, includes the generation, coordination and review of climatic, electrical (of which only ESD, latch-up and electrical conditions for life tests are considered), mechanical test methods, and associated inspection techniques needed to assess the quality and reliability of the design and manufacture of semiconductor products and processes.

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES – MECHANICAL AND CLIMATIC TEST METHODS –

Part 22: Bond strength

1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60749 is applicable to semiconductor devices (discrete devices and integrated circuits).

The object of this part is to measure bond strength or determine compliance with specified bond strength requirements.

NOTE This test is identical to the test method contained in clause 6 of chapter 2 of IEC 60749 (1996), amendment 1, apart from changes to this clause and renumbering.

1.1 General description of the test

Seven test methods are described, each having its own purpose, that is:

- methods A and B are intended for testing internal bonds of a device by a direct pulling of the connecting wire;
- method C is intended for bonds external to the device and consists of a peeling stress exerted between the lead or terminal and the board or substrate;
- method D is intended for internal bonds and consists of a shear stress applied between a die and a substrate or similar face-bonded configurations;
- methods E and F are intended for external bonds and consist of a push-off or a pull-off stress exerted between a die and the substrate;
- method G is intended to test the mechanical resistance of wire bonds to a shear force.

1.2 Description of the test apparatus (for all methods)

The apparatus for this test should consist of suitable equipment for applying the specified stress on the bond, lead wire or terminals as required in the specified test method. A calibrated measurement and indication of the applied stress in newtons (N) at the point of failure should be provided by equipment capable of measuring stresses up to and including 100 mN with an accuracy of $\pm 2,5$ mN, stresses between 100 mN and 500 mN with an accuracy of ± 5 mN, and stresses exceeding 500 mN with an accuracy of $\pm 2,5$ % of the indicated value.

2 Methods A and B (see also annex A)

2.1 Scope

This test is intended to be applied to the wire-to-die bond, wire-to-substrate bond, or the wire-to-terminal bond inside the package of wire-connected semiconductor devices bonded by soldering, thermocompression, ultrasonic and other related techniques.

2.2 General description of the test

2.2.1 Method A: Wire pull (applied to bonds separately)

The wire connecting the die or substrate should be cut so as to provide two ends accessible for a pull test. In the case of short wire runs, it may be necessary to cut the wire close to one termination in order to allow the pull test at the opposite termination. The wire should be gripped in a suitable device and simple pulling action applied to the wire or to the device (with the wire clamped) in such a manner that the force is applied within 5° of the parallel to the surface of the die or substrate in the case of a stitch bond.

2.2.2 Method B: Wire pull (applied to two bonds simultaneously)

A hook should be inserted under the lead wire connecting the die or substrate to the terminal, and a pull applied to the hook with the device clamped. The pulling force is applied approximately in the middle of the wire in a direction within 5° of the normal to the die or substrate surface or normal to a straight line between the bonds.

2.2.3 The pulling force should be progressively increased until the wire or a bond breaks (item a) in 2.2.4) or until the minimum force has been reached (item b) in 2.2.4).

2.2.4 Failure criteria

- a) For determining acceptance, the value of the pulling force at which the wire or bond breaks should be recorded and compared with that given in table 2 (see note).

For wire diameters not specified in table 2, the curves of figure 3 should be used to determine the bond pull limit. The curves are only applicable to bond pulls normal to the die.

- b) As an alternative procedure, the pulling force is increased to the specified minimum value (see note). If neither the wire nor the bond is broken, the bond is considered to have passed the test.

NOTE The pulling force should be modified where relevant (for example, for method B) by using the information given in the annex.

2.2.5 Classification of failures

When specified, broken wires or bonds should be classified as follows:

- a) wire break at neckdown point (reduction of section due to bonding process);
- b) wire break at a point other than neckdown;
- c) failure in bond (interface between wire and metallization) at the die;
- d) failure in bond (interface between wire and metallization) at substrate, package post or any point other than at the die;
- e) metallization lifted from the die;
- f) metallization lifted from the substrate or package post;
- g) fracture of the die;
- h) fracture of the substrate.

NOTE Method B is not recommended for the purpose of measuring the absolute value of the bond strength (see annex A). However, it may be used for testing the bond quality on a comparative basis during the manufacturing process.