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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61249 gives requirements for properties of prepreg that are mainly intended to be used as bonding sheets in connection with laminates according to IEC 61249-2-36 when manufacturing multilayer boards according to IEC 62326-4. Multilayer boards comprised of these materials are suitable for lead-free assembly processes. This material may also be used to bond other types of laminates.

Prepreg according to this standard is of defined flammability (vertical burning test). The flammability rating on fully cured prepreg is achieved through the use of brominated fire retardants contained as an integral part of the polymeric structure. After curing of the prepreg according to the supplier's instructions, the glass transition temperature is defined to be 120 °C minimum.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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*

IEC 61249-2-36, *Materials for printed boards and other interconnecting structures – Part 2-36: Reinforced base materials, clad and unclad – Epoxide woven E-glass laminated sheets of defined flammability (vertical burning test), copper-clad for lead-free assembly*

IEC 62326-4, *Printed boards – Part 4: Rigid multilayer printed boards with interlayer connections – Sectional specification*

ISO 11014-1:1994, *Safety data sheet for chemical products – Part 1: Content and order of sections* (disponible en anglais seulement)

3 Materials and construction

The prepreg consists of a reinforcing E-glass fabric which is impregnated with di-functional and multi-functional epoxide resin then partially cured to the B-stage.

3.1 Reinforcement

Woven E-glass as specified in future IEC 61249-6-3 (under consideration), Woven E-glass fabric (for the manufacture of prepreg and copper-clad laminate).

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3.2 Resin system

Majority di-functional epoxide and modified epoxide with a glass transition temperature after curing according to the manufacturer's instructions of 120 °C minimum. The flammability rating is achieved through the use of bromine reacted into the polymer. Inorganic fillers may be used. Contrast agents may be added to enhance processing such as automated optical inspection (AOI).

Its flame resistance is defined in terms of the flammability requirements of 4.3.2.

4 Properties

4.1 Properties related to the appearance of the prepreg

The prepreg shall be substantially free from defects that may have an impact on the material's fitness for use for the intended purpose.

For the following specific defects, the requirements of method 2V01 (under consideration) of IEC 61189-2 will apply as soon as this test will be available.

4.1.1 Dewetted areas (fish eyes)

Dewetted areas with a diameter >10 mm are not permissible.

Dewetted areas with a diameter ≤10 mm are permitted to an extent of a maximum 10 fish eyes in any 300 mm × 300 mm area of the prepreg.

4.1.2 Broken filaments

When judging the presence of broken filaments, not only are their size and frequency of occurrence important for assessing acceptability, but the flow characteristic of the prepreg shall also be taken into consideration. The acceptance conditions for broken filaments shall be as agreed upon between user and supplier.

4.1.3 Distortion

When the prepreg will be tested in accordance with test method 2M29 (under consideration) of IEC 61189-2, the distortion or non-perpendicular orientation of the fill or weft yarns in the glass fabric shall not exceed 10 % measured over any 300 mm test distance.

4.1.4 Creases

Creases caused by handling of the prepreg where only a negligible loss of resin has occurred are permitted.

Creases where the glass yarns are exposed due to loss of resin are not permitted.

4.1.5 Edge conditions

Cut-to-size panels shall have even edges and shall not show loss of resin at the edge due to the cutting process more than 2 mm. Excessive occurrence of resin dust released during the cutting shall be removed before packaging for shipment.

4.2 Properties related to B-stage prepreg

A number of characteristics can describe thickness, reactivity and rheology of B-stage prepreg. The choice of characteristics to be used as qualification and quality conformance

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testing as well as the nominal performance levels are as agreed upon between user and supplier.

Several of the characteristics shown below are interrelated and should not be specified individually. Ordering requirements should preferably be restricted to the glass style, one characteristic marked (a) in combination with one characteristic marked (b). One or both of the optional characteristics (c) of B-stage prepreg may be included.

Glass style

Thickness parameter

- Resin content (a)
- Treated weight (a)

Reactivity/rheology parameter

- Resin flow (b)
- Scaled flow thickness (b)
- Melt viscosity (b)
- Cured thickness (b)

Optional parameter

- Volatile content (c)
- Gel time (c)

4.2.1 Resin content

When tested in accordance with test method 2C03 or 2C10 of IEC 61189-2, the nominal resin content shall be as agreed upon between user and supplier.

The tolerance around the ordered nominal value shall be ±3 %, e.g. (45 ± 3) %.

4.2.2 Treated weight

When tested in accordance with test method 2C03 of IEC 61189-2, the nominal treated weight shall be as agreed upon between user and supplier.

The tolerance around the ordered nominal value shall be ±3 %, e.g. (350 ± 10,5) g.

4.2.3 Resin flow

When tested in accordance with test method 2M09 of IEC 61189-2, the nominal resin flow shall be as agreed upon between user and supplier.

The tolerance around the ordered nominal value shall be ±5 %, e.g. (25 ± 5) %.

4.2.4 Scaled flow thickness

When tested in accordance with test method 2M26 of IEC 61189-2, the nominal scaled flow and the tolerance shall be as agreed upon between user and supplier.

4.2.5 Melting viscosity

When tested in accordance with test method 2C09 of IEC 61189-2, the nominal melt viscosity shall be as agreed upon between user and supplier.

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