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Replace 1st paragraph in Section 1.1.2 with the following:

1.1.2 Specific Designation The specific designation should be in the form shown in the following example, and is intended for use on material purchase orders by *fabricators* (see 6.1). The specific designation should not be used by designers on master drawings to indicate their material selection. Master drawings **shall** indicate the material design by designers on master drawings to indicate their material selection, as the designation is lengthy and requires fabricator level knowledge in making the detailed selections.

Replace 1st paragraph in Section 1.5 with the following:

1.5 New Materials The flexible base dielectrics contained in this standard represent known materials. As new materials become available, they will be added to future revisions. Users and material developers are encouraged to supply information on new flexible materials using the Blank Specification Sheet at end of this standard for review by the IPC Flexible Circuits Base Materials Subcommittee (D-13).

Replace all of Section 3.4.2 with the following:

3.4.2 Roll Material Each roll of flexible base dielectric material **shall** meet the requirements of 3.5 through 3.11. Defects are allowed such that the total of all defective areas **shall not** exceed 5% of the total roll area (roll length x roll width). Each defect area **shall** be defined in a 600 mm x 600 mm [23.6 in x 23.6 in] increment and suitably marked or flagged. Each defect area may contain single or multiple defects which are constrained within a square no larger than 300 mm x 300 mm [11.8 in x 11.8 in] centered within the defect area. If multiple defects are spaced such that they cannot be contained with a single 300 mm x 300 mm [11.8 in x 11.8 in] area, then more than one 600 mm x 600 mm [23.6 in x 23.6 in] defect area **shall** be marked or flagged on the roll or identified AABUS.

Replace all of Section 3.5.4 with the following:

3.5.4 Voids When tested in accordance with IPC-TM-650, Method 2.1.13, the size of the voids **shall not** be >75 µm [>0.003 in] in any direction.

Replace all of Section 3.10.3 with the following:

3.10.3 Flammability When specimens are tested in accordance with UL 94, the flammability classification **shall** be as indicated in the applicable specification sheet. The UL 94 specification classifies flexible materials either with a V rating in accordance with UL 94 Thin Material Vertical Burning Test, based on the test specimen size and flame application.

The VTM test is intended to be performed on materials that due to their thinness, either distort, shrink and/or are consumed up to the holding clamp when tested in accordance with the V test. The VTM test **shall** only be performed after it has been determined that the test specimens cannot meet the requirements of the V test. The VTM test specimens **shall** also possess physical properties that allow a 200 mm ± 5 mm [nominally 8 in] long X 50 mm ± 1 mm [nominally 2 in] wide test specimen to be wrapped longitudinally around a 13 mm [nominally 0.5 in] diameter mandrel.

NOTES:

1. A test specimen with a thickness <25 µm [nominally 0.001 in] **shall not** be subjected to the V test prior to conducting the VTM test.
2. A test specimen with a thickness between 25 µm [nominally 0.001 in] ≤specimen ≤0.25 mm [nominally 0.01 in] that is capable of meeting the physical and performance requirements of both the V test and the VTM test **shall** be classified by the test of choice.



Replace all of Section 4.9 with the following:

4.9 Quality Conformance Inspection Quality conformance inspection **shall** consist of Groups A, C and D testing as listed in Table 4-1. The frequency of each group of inspections **shall** be performed and completed within 60 days, as follows:

Group A On a lot basis

Group C Every 12 months

Group D One time characterization (see 4.8.1)

Replace row 3.10.3 in Table 4-1 with the following:

Table 4-1 Test Method Frequency

Requirement Paragraph	Test	Test Method	Group
3.10.3	Flammability	UL-94, V or VTM Tests	D

Replace Specification Sheet IPC-4202/1 with the following:

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Specification Sheet

Specification Sheet #

Supersedes

Material Type

Material Designation

: IPC-4202/1

: IPC-FC-231/1, IPC-FC-231/11, IPC-FC-231/12 and IPC-FC-231/16

: Polyimide Film

: E1E__

Property to be tested	Requirement				Units	Test Method	Reference Paragraph
1. Wrinkles, Creases, Streaks and Scratches	Pass				–	Visual	3.5.2
2. Inclusions	Pass				–	Visual ASTM D-149	3.5.3
3. Voids	Pass				–	2.1.13	3.5.4
4. Holes, Tears and Delaminations	Pass				–	Visual	3.5.5
5. Dimensional Stability, maximum	0.10 ^{t3}		0.10 ^{t4}		%	2.2.4, Method A	3.7.1
6. Tensile Strength, minimum	1.4 E+8 [2.03 E+4] ^{t3}		1.7 E+8 [2.47 E+4] ^{t4}		Pa [psi]	2.4.19	3.7.2
7. Elongation, minimum percent	25 ^{t3}		25 ^{t4}		%	2.4.19	3.7.2
8. Initiation Tear Strength, minimum	100 [3.53] ^{t3}		500 [17.6] ^{t4}		g [oz]	2.4.16	3.7.3
9. Propagation Tear Strength, minimum	1 [0.035] ^{t3}	4 [0.14] ^{t5}	15 [0.529] ^{t11}	25 [0.882] ^{t12}	g [oz]	2.4.17.1	3.7.4
10. Chemical Resistance Tensile Strength, minimum Elongation, minimum	9.7 E+7 [1.40 E+4] ^{t3} 17 ^{t3}		1.7 E+8 [2.47 E+4] ^{t4} 25 ^{t4}		Pa [psi] %	2.3.2, Method C	3.8.1
11. Permittivity At 1 MHz At 1 GHz At 10 GHz	3.0 – 3.9 3.2 – 3.9 3.1 – 3.8				– – –	2.5.5.3 ASTM D-2520 ASTM D-2520	3.9.1
12. Loss Tangent, maximum At 1 MHz At 1 GHz At 10 GHz	0.015 0.020 0.022				– – –	2.5.5.3 ASTM D-2520 ASTM D-2520	3.9.2
13. Volume Resistivity (Damp Heat), minimum	10 ⁶				MΩ-cm	2.5.17	3.9.3
14. Surface Resistance (Damp Heat), minimum	10 ⁵				MΩ	2.5.17	3.9.4
15. Dielectric Strength, minimum	80 [2000]				V/μm [V/in]	ASTM D-149	3.9.5
16. Fungus Resistance	Non-nutrient				–	2.6.1	3.10.1
17. Moisture Absorption, maximum	4.0				%	2.6.2	3.10.2
18. Flammability, minimum	VTM-0				–	UL-94	3.10.3
19. Relative Temperature Index, minimum	200				°C	UL-746B	3.10.4

^{t3} Flexible base dielectric materials with thickness <25 μm [<980 μin]

^{t4} Flexible base dielectric materials with thickness ≥25 μm [≥980 μin]

^{t5} Flexible base dielectric materials with 25 μm ≤ thickness <50 μm [980 μin ≤ thickness <1970 μin]

^{t11} Flexible base dielectric materials with 50 μm ≤ thickness <102 μm [1970 μin ≤ thickness <4020 μin]

^{t12} Flexible base dielectric materials with thickness ≥102 μm [thickness ≥4020 μin]