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This standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 62197-1:2006.

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INTRODUCTION

The objective of this work is to update the quality assessment procedures of the connector specifications to the current state of the art industrial procedures.

At the time of publication, all the connector detail specifications dealt with by subcommittee 48B of the International Electrotechnical Commission were built as described in Figure 1 with 5 major chapters.

The most significant out of date procedures relate to the lot-by-lot tests with different inspection levels and acceptance quality level and to the periodic tests with permitted number of defectives.

It was felt necessary to introduce the capability and the technology approval together with the basic design parameters of statistical process control as a feed back system to have a continuous control of the quality during the various steps of manufacture.

It was also felt appropriate to split the current documentation structure into two separate structures of documents which, in the day to day use of specifications, satisfy most users, see Figure 2.

The documentation system will be split into two parts:

- Product requirements
- Quality assessment requirements

The structure for the Product Specification contains characteristics, dimensions, performance requirements and test schedules.

The structure for the quality assessment specification contains the requirements to obtain Qualification Approval (QA) for a given performance level (per environment category), Capability Approval (CA) per family of connectors or Technology Approval (TA) comprising all relevant technologies for connector production.

Capability Approval or Technology Approval combined with statistical process control parameters are intended to replace lot-by-lot and periodic tests.

To fully certify a product, a combination of the two structures will have to be selected by the user, keeping in mind that in the statistical process control, key characteristics shall be agreed between manufacturer and user.

A generic product specification with a 4 level structure consists of a generic, a sectional, a blank detail and a detail specification.

From this, it can be concluded that two generic specifications are being circulated, one document for the product aspects and a second one for the quality aspects.

The sectional specifications will be presented at the product level per family of connectors, for example printed board connectors, circular connectors, rectangular connectors, etc.

At the quality assessment level, Annex B of IEC 62197-1 deals with qualification approval in B.2, capability approval in B.3 and technology approval in B.4.

The objective of this 2nd Edition is to review and update the actual connector specifications containing product and quality assessment requirements.

Today, all the connector detail specifications dealt with by Subcommittee 48B of the International Electrotechnical Commission are prepared as described in figure 1 with 5 major chapters.

The most significant out of date procedures relate to the lot-by-lot tests with different inspection levels and acceptance quality level and to the periodic tests with permitted number of defectives.

To update the document to reflect modern practices it was necessary to introduce the capability and the technology approval together with the basic design parameters of statistical process control as a feed back system to have a continuous quality control during various steps of manufacture.

It was also felt appropriate to split the current documentation into two separate structures of documents which, in the day-to-day use of specifications, satisfy most users, see illustration in Figure 2.

This offers the user the option to acquire products with and without certification. It is obvious that the industry needs to get separate information on dimensions, performance requirements and basic design parameters.

The two separate documents are:

- Product requirements
- Quality assessment requirements

The Product Specification contains characteristics, dimensions, performance requirements and test schedules. The relevant document is:

IEC 61076-1 (Ed. 2)

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The Quality Assessment Specification contains the requirements to obtain Qualification Approval (QA) for a given performance level (per environment category), Capability Approval (CA) per family of connectors or Technology Approval (TA) comprising all relevant technologies for connector production.

Capability Approval or Technology Approval combined with statistical process control parameters are intending to replace lot-by-lot and periodic tests. The relevant document is:

IEC 62197-1

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To specify a fully certified product, a combination of specifications from both structures shall be required.

The 4 level document structure adopted by SC48B consists of a Generic, a Sectional, a Blank Detail and Detail Specifications.

To maintain this 4 level structure, two Generic Specifications are being circulated, one document for the product aspects and a second one for the quality aspects.

The Sectional Specifications will be presented at the product level per family of connectors e.g. printed board connectors, circular connectors, rectangular connectors, etc.

At the quality assessment level Annex B of IEC 62197-1 is dealing with Qualification Approval B.2, Capability Approval B.3 and Technology Approval B.4.

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Part 1: Generic specification

1 General

1.1 Scope

This part of IEC 61076 establishes uniform specifications and technical information for connectors.

This part of IEC 61076 is applicable to a family of connectors for use in electronic and electrical equipment; connectors designed for use at radio frequencies are not covered.

1.2 General considerations relating to specifications

This part of IEC 61076 contains, or gives reference to, the terms, definitions, symbols, test schedules and information relating to connectors.

It shall be used in conjunction with IEC Guide 109 that advocates the need to minimise the impact of a product on the natural environment throughout the product life cycle.

It is understood that some materials permitted by this specification and in manufacturing and assembly processes may have a negative environmental impact. As technological advantages lead to acceptable alternatives for these materials, they shall be eliminated from this specification. Inappropriate manufacturing processes should be replaced by a product design that features easy maintainability and disassembly.

In the event of conflict between this part of IEC 61076 and the sectional product specification, the requirements of the sectional product specification prevail.

1.2.1 Sectional product specifications

All details appropriate to a particular subfamily of connectors are contained in the relevant sectional product specification, for example printed board, circular, rectangular connectors and other connecting devices.

It shall contain a choice of all test methods and sequences, severities and preferred values for dimensions and characteristics, which could be applicable to that subfamily.

The contents shall be derived from IEC 61076-1.

In the event of conflict between a Sectional Product Specification and the Detail Product Specification, the requirements of the Detail Product Specification shall prevail.

The following 2nd editions of sectional product specifications are under consideration:

IEC 61076-2: Circular connectors;

IEC 61076-3: Rectangular connectors;

IEC 61076-4: Printed board connectors;

IEC 61076-5: In-line socket devices;

IEC 61076-6: Loose-part contacts;