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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) a distinction has been introduced between instrumentation used for laboratory evaluations, instrumentation used for acceptance testing and instrumentation used for compliance verification (periodic testing);

- b) an alternative electrode assembly is described, which can be used on non-planar products or when the dimensions of the product under test are too small to allow the larger electrode assembly to be used;
- c) the formulae for calculating surface and volume resistivity have been modified to correspond with common industry practice in the main areas of application for the IEC 61340 series.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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## INTRODUCTION

Measurements of resistances and related calculations of resistivities belong to the fundamental objectives of electrical measuring techniques along with measurements of voltage and current.

Resistivity is the electrical characteristic having the widest range, extending over some thirty orders of magnitude from the most conductive metal to almost perfect insulators.

The basis is Ohm's law and is valid for DC current and instantaneous values of AC current in electron conductors (metals, carbon, etc.). Values of resistance measurements using AC current can be influenced by capacitive/inductive reactance, depending on the frequency. Thus, existing national and international standards dealing with resistance measurements of solid materials normally require the application of DC current.

Most non-metal materials such as plastics are classified as polymers and ion conductors. The transport of charges can be dependent upon the applied electrical field strength during the measurement. Beside the measuring current, there exists a charging current that polarizes and/or electrostatically charges the material, indicated by an asymptotic decay of the measuring current with time and causing an apparent change in resistance. If this effect is observed, it will be advisable to repeat the measurement immediately after a definite electrification time has elapsed using the reverse polarity for the measuring current and averaging both obtained values.



## ELECTROSTATICS –

### Part 2-3: Methods of test for determining the resistance and resistivity of solid materials used to avoid electrostatic charge accumulation

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61340 describes test methods for the determination of the electrical resistance and resistivity of solid materials used to avoid electrostatic charge accumulation, in which the measured resistance is in the range  $10^4 \Omega$  to  $10^{12} \Omega$ .

It takes account of existing IEC/ISO standards and other published information, and gives recommendations and guidelines on the appropriate method.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 62631-3-1, *Dielectric and resistive properties of solid insulating materials – Part 3-1: Determination of resistive properties (DC Methods) – Volume resistance and volume resistivity – General method*

IEC 62631-3-2, *Dielectric and resistive properties of solid insulating materials – Part 3-2: Determination of resistive properties (DC Methods) – Surface resistance and surface resistivity*

IEC 62631-3-3, *Dielectric and resistive properties of solid insulating materials – Part 3-3: Determination of resistive properties (DC Methods) – Insulation resistance*

ISO 1853, *Conducting and dissipative rubbers, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Measurement of resistivity*

ISO 2951, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Determination of insulation resistance*

ISO 3915, *Plastics – Measurement of resistivity of conductive plastics*

ISO 7619-1, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Determination of indentation hardness – Part 1: Durometer method (Shore hardness)*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply:

##### 3.1

##### **electrode**

conductor of defined shape, size and configuration being in contact with the specimen to be measured