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## Foreword

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## Introduction

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The main part of this Standard is based on industrial experience and recommendations from European soldering technology experts. Modifications are incorporated into the text to provide for the specific requirement of low-outgassing electrical systems which are required by scientific and application satellites. Other additions were made in the light of recent technological advances and results of metallurgical test programmes. The use of processes other than solder assembly is recognized, but only certain general requirements are given in this Standard.

These requirements apply to assemblies designed to operate within the temperature limits from -45 °C to +85 °C. More extreme temperatures or other unusual environmental applications require special design measures or processing steps to provide environmental survival capability.



# 1 Scope

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This Standard defines the technical requirements and quality assurance provisions for the assembly and mounting of high-reliability, radio-frequency (RF) coaxial-cable interconnections for use as transmission lines in spacecraft and associated equipment.

In general, these assemblies are designed for low-loss, stable operation from the relatively low frequencies through the higher frequencies in the microwave regions.

These transmission-line cables should not be confused with low-frequency cables with conductive sheaths (usually copper braid), which are used in applications where shielding of the centre conductors from the surrounding electrical ambient is required. The interconnection of those shielded cables, not covered by the present standard, is covered in ECSS-Q-ST-70-08.

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