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**FIXED INDUCTORS FOR ELECTROMAGNETIC  
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- b) improved readability and clear separation between test descriptions in the generic spec and requirements in the sectional specification;
- c) creepage and clearance requirements are now defined in sectional specifications only;
- d) AC testing for voltage test included.

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## INTRODUCTION

The specification system for fixed inductors for electromagnetic interference suppression is structured in a hierarchical system consisting of the following specification types.

### **Generic specification**

The generic specification covers all subjects mainly common to the family of fixed inductors for electromagnetic interference suppression, such as terminology, methods of measurement and tests. Where the individual subjects require the prescription conditions or parameters specific to the particular sub-family or type of inductor, such prescriptions are required to be given by one of the subordinate specifications.

For the scope of fixed inductors, the numeric reference to the generic specification is IEC 60938-1.

### **Sectional specification**

Sectional specifications cover all subjects additional to those given in the generic specification, which are specific to a defined sub-group of fixed inductors for electromagnetic interference suppression. These subjects normally are preferred values for dimensions and characteristics, relevant prescriptions for test methods given in the generic specification, prescriptions for sampling and for the preparation of specimen, recommended test severities and preferred acceptance criteria. The sectional specification also outlines the structure and scope of the test schedules, which are to be applied in all subordinate detail specifications.

For the scope of fixed inductors for electromagnetic interference suppression, the numeric reference to the only sectional specification is 60938-2 for line chokes.

### **Detail specification**

Detail specifications give directly, or by making reference to other specifications, all information necessary to completely describe a given type and range of fixed inductors for electromagnetic interference suppression, including prescriptions of all values for dimensions and characteristics. They also give all information required for all applied test severities and acceptance criteria, and the completed test schedules.

Detail specifications can be either specifications within the IEC system, another specification system linked to IEC, or specified by the manufacturer or user.

### **Blank detail specification**

The hierarchical system of specifications can be supplemented by one or more blank detail specifications to a sectional specification, which are used to ensure a uniform presentation of detail specifications. The blank detail specifications provide the specification writer with a template on the layout to be adopted and on the information to be given and with guidance for the preparation of detail specifications in line with the requirements of the superior generic or sectional specifications. Blank detail specifications are not considered to be relevant specifications since they do not themselves describe any particular component.

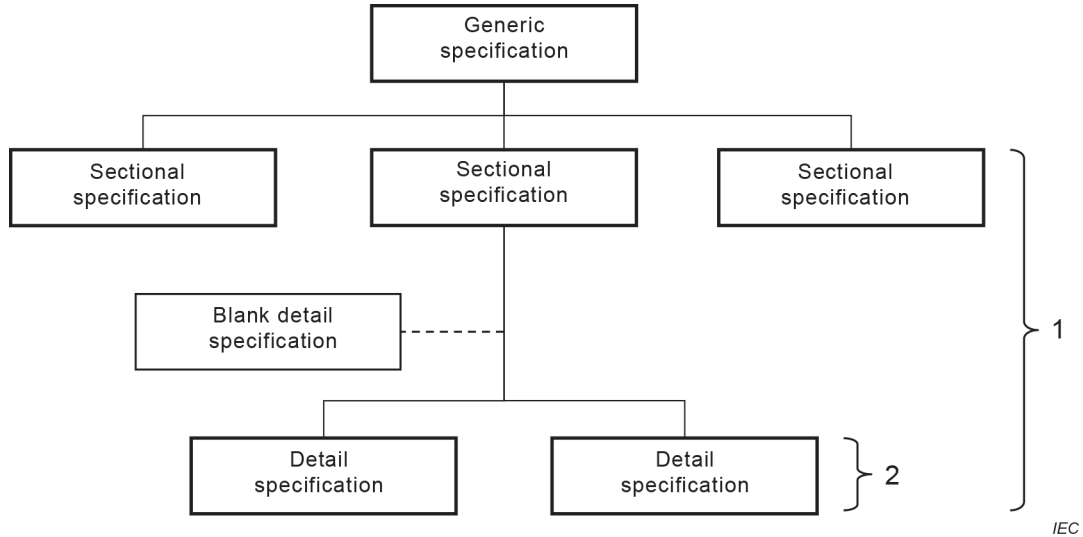
The presence of an established hierarchical specification system with blank detail specifications permits the preparation of detail specifications, even outside of the relevant IEC technical committee.

For the scope of fixed inductors for electromagnetic interference suppression, the numeric references to blank detail specifications are, for example, IEC 60938-2-1, if related to the sectional specification IEC 60938-2.

## Relevant specification

In this system, the term "relevant specification" addresses subordinate specifications containing specific requirements, where applicable (see Figure 1).

Any generic or sectional specification can use abstract and universal references to subordinate specifications of either hierarchical level by use of the expression "relevant specification".



### Key

- 1) Indicates the range of "relevant specifications" to the superior generic specification, where applicable.
- 2) Indicates the range of "relevant specifications" to the superior sectional specification, where applicable.

**Figure 1 – Relevant specification**

# FIXED INDUCTORS FOR ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE SUPPRESSION –

## Part 1: Generic specification

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60938 applies to inductors designed for electromagnetic interference suppression intended for use within all kind of electric and electronic equipment.

In this generic specification, normative references and terms and definitions are given. It also prescribes general requirements and the suitable test and measurement procedures for interference suppression inductors. Annex B states special requirements for earth inductors.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

CISPR 17, *Methods of measurement of the suppression characteristics of passive EMC filtering devices*

IEC 60027 (all parts), *Letter symbols to be used in electrical technology*

IEC 60050 (all parts), *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV)* (available at [www.electropedia.org](http://www.electropedia.org))

IEC 60060-1, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60062, *Marking codes for resistors and capacitors*

IEC 60068-1, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-1, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Tests A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Tests B: Dry Heat*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-13, *Environmental testing – Part 2-13: Tests – Test M: Low air pressure*

IEC 60068-2-14, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

IEC 60068-2-17, *Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2-17: Tests – Test Q: Sealing*

IEC 60068-2-20, *Environmental testing – Part 2-20: Tests – Test T: Test methods for solderability and resistance to soldering heat of devices with leads*