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INTRODUCTION

Highly accelerated stress test (HAST), is a high temperature (100 °C or more), high humidity steady test of unsaturated pressurized steam of 85 % RH, and is the original test method that was developed for the evaluation of corrosion of packaged semiconductor wiring. This test method, often referred to as HAST, is applied to primarily non-hermetically sealed small electronic components, and has been standardized as a standard test method for evaluating, in an accelerated manner, the resistance to the deteriorative effect of high temperature and high humidity (IEC 60068-2-66). The equipment used for this test method is a chamber, filled with unsaturated water vapour, called a HAST chamber.

However, in life evaluation test conditions, acceleration cannot be obtained without air from the environment being incorporated into the HAST chamber. This test method is referred to as air-HAST.

Examples of the application of air-HAST are whiskers evaluation of lead-free solder, deterioration life evaluation of conductive paste, and deterioration life evaluation of solar cells and are given in this document in order to provide an understanding of air-HAST with the aim, in future, to standardize air-HAST.

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1 Scope

This document describes a new test method to control the volume of air injected into a conventional HAST chamber filled with water vapour. This document provides an overview of the conventional HAST chamber, an overview of the air-HAST equipment where air is incorporated into the HAST chamber, an example of an air-HAST test apparatus and application examples of air-HAST.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

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3.1

galvanic corrosion

corrosion damage induced when two dissimilar materials are coupled in a corrosive electrolyte

3.2

Kirkendall effect

motion of the boundary layer between two metals that occurs as a consequence of the difference in diffusion rates of the metal atoms

3.3

whisker

metallic protrusion which grows up naturally during storage or in use

3.4

HAST highly accelerated stress test

original test method developed to evaluate the corrosion of the semiconductor wiring at a high temperature of 100 °C or more

3.5

air-HAST

HAST test method with the addition of further air partial pressure in a HAST chamber