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a) Complete technical revision, details of cleaning processes and failure modes added.

b) Inclusion of parts of JEITA RCR 2367D.

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APPLICATION OF FIXED CAPACITORS IN ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT –

Part 1: Aluminium electrolytic capacitors

1 Scope

This document establishes guidelines for the application and use of aluminium electrolytic capacitors in electronic equipment.

The information given in this document applies to capacitors with non-solid electrolyte but can, in its appropriate clauses, apply to capacitors with solid electrolyte as well.

Electrolytic capacitors in general – and aluminium electrolytic capacitors in particular – are an exception in the capacitor field because of the components' close interaction of physics and chemistry. Therefore, aluminium electrolytic capacitors show, in various aspects, a technical behaviour unaccustomed to the user. That could easily lead to misapplications and even to endangering of persons and goods. The aim of this document is to minimize these risks by providing detailed information on the specific peculiarities of the component.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

NOTE Further information about related standards can be found in Bibliography at the end of this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

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- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

3.1
anode
positive electrode
aluminium (preferably aluminium foil) of extreme purity that is etched in most cases in order to increase the electrode's surface and, consequently, the capacitor's capacitance yield

3.2
cathode
negative electrode
working electrolyte that is a conductive material

Note 1 to entry: Working electrolyte in the case of capacitors with solid electrolyte is a layer of manganese dioxide MnO_2, conductive organic salt (e.g. TCNQ) or conductive polymer (e.g. polypyrrole, PEDOT).

Note 2 to entry: PEDOT is a thiophene-based doped polymer, which is used as a solid cathode in aluminium electrolytic capacitors, often combined with an additional liquid electrolyte.