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## INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 62878 provides guidance with respect to device embedded substrate, fabricated by embedding discrete active and passive electronic devices into one or multiple inner layers of a substrate with electric connections by means of vias, conductor plating, conductive paste, and printing. Within the IEC 62878 series,

- IEC 62878-1-1 specifies the test methods,
- IEC TS 62878-2-1 gives a general description of the technology,
- IEC TS 62878-2-3, provides guidance on design, and
- IEC TS 62878-2-4 specifies the test element groups.

The device embedded substrate may be used as a substrate to mount SMDs to form electronic circuits, as conductor and insulator layers may be formed after embedding electronic devices.

The purpose of the IEC 62878 series is to achieve a common understanding with respect to structures, test methods, design and fabrication processes and the use of the device embedded substrate in industry.

## DEVICE EMBEDDED SUBSTRATE –

### Part 2-3: Guidelines – Design guide

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62878 describes the design guide of device embedded substrates.

The design guide of device embedded substrate is essentially the same as that of various electronic circuit boards. This part of IEC 62878 enables a thorough understanding of circuit design, structure design, board design, board manufacturing, jisso (assembly processes) and tests of products.

This part of IEC 62878 is applicable to device embedded substrates fabricated by use of organic base material, which include for example active or passive devices, discrete components formed in the fabrication process of electronic wiring board and sheet formed components.

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IEC 60194, *Printed board design, manufacture and assembly – Terms and definitions*

#### 3 Terms, definition and abbreviations

##### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60194 apply.

##### 3.2 Abbreviations

AABUS	as agreed between user and supplier
BGA	ball grid array
IPD	integrated passive device
LGA	land grid array
LSI	large scale integration
MEMS	micro electro mechanical systems
OSP	organic solderability preservative
SMD	surface mount device
TAB	tape automated bonding
WLP	wafer level package