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IEC 60384-14 edition 5.1 contains the fifth edition (2023-01) [documents 40/2985/FDIS and 40/3022/RVD], it corrigendum 1 (2024-10), and its amendment 1 (2025-07) [documents 40/3220/FDIS and 40/3234/RVD].

In this Redline version, a vertical line in the margin shows where the technical content is modified by amendment 1. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text. A separate Final version with all changes accepted is available in this publication.

IEC 60384-14 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 40: Capacitors and resistors for electronic equipment. It is an International Standard.

This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition published in 2013 and Amendment 1:2016. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) in damp heat steady state test, all capacitor types are tested both with and without rated voltage; the number of test pieces has been increased;

b) tangent of loss angle is added In Group 0 tests, in safety tests only;

c) qualification approval based on safety and performance tests has been removed from the main text to a normative annex;

d) the range of rated voltages is given instead of exact rated voltage values;

e) normative annex for description of capacitor styles and of creepage/clearance distance measurement has been added;

f) the importance of mechanical failures (cracks) in component encapsulation as a safety feature is highlighted in handling instructions and requirements after all relevant tests.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

Draft	Report on voting
40/2985/FDIS	40/3021/RVD

Full information on the voting for its approval can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

A list of all the parts of the IEC 60384 series, published under the general title *Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment,* can be found on the IEC website.

This document was drafted in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, and developed in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and ISO/IEC Directives, IEC Supplement, available at www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs. The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at www.iec.ch/publications.

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- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn, or
- revised.

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60384 applies to capacitors and resistor-capacitor combinations intended to be connected to AC mains or other supply with a nominal voltage not exceeding 1 000 V AC (RMS), and with a nominal frequency not exceeding 100 Hz. This document includes also additional specific conditions and requirements for the connection to DC supplies with a rated voltage not exceeding 1 500 V DC.

The principal object of this part of IEC 60384 is to prescribe preferred ratings and characteristics and to select, from IEC 60384-1, the appropriate quality assessment procedures, tests and measuring methods and to give general performance requirements for this type of capacitor. Test severities and requirements prescribed in detail specifications referring to this sectional specification are of equal or higher performance level; lower performance levels are not permitted.

This document also provides a schedule of safety tests to be used by national testing stations in countries where approval by such stations is required.

The overvoltage categories in combination with the AC mains voltages for the capacitors classified in this document are to be taken from IEC 60664-1.

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.

IEC 60060-1:2010, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60063, *Preferred number series for resistors and capacitors*

IEC 60068-1:2013, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

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

IEC 60384-1:2021, *Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment – Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC 60664-1, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements, and tests*

IEC 60695-11-10, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-10: Test flames – 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

IEC 61193-2:2007, *Quality assessment systems – Part 2: Selection and use of sampling plans for inspection of electronic components and packages*

IEC 61210, *Connecting devices – Flat quick-connect terminations for electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements*

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