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Part 5-503: General test method for materials and assemblies – Conductive anodic filaments (CAF) testing of circuit boards**



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## Part 5-503: General test method for materials and assemblies – Conductive anodic filaments (CAF) testing of circuit boards

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61189 specifies the conductive anodic filament (hereafter referred to as CAF) and specifies not only the steady-state temperature and humidity test, but also a temperature-humidity cyclic test and an unsaturated pressurized vapour test (HAST).

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