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## INTRODUCTION

Mobile electronic devices have become increasingly sophisticated and often incorporate displays for the purposes of user interface and viewing. Such displays commonly incorporate a transparent cover glass, which aids in protecting the display against the introduction of damage through routine device transport and use, as well as occasional or accidental misuse.

The purpose of this document is to provide mechanical testing procedures for cover glasses utilized in such applications. Such glasses can be strengthened, for example via an ion-exchange process, which acts to increase mechanical strength through the introduction of a surface compressive layer.

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#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61747 is a mechanical performance testing procedure for cover glass used on electronic displays in mobile devices. This document focuses on the measurement of surface impact energy required to fracture a specimen due to the collision of sharp particles on the surface of a cover glass. This is achieved by dropping a ball on a sheet of coated abrasives placed on the cover glass, which is rigidly supported. The failure mode is associated with damage introduction via sharp contact. Crack propagation is enhanced by central tension in the case of strengthened glass. This failure mode represents one of several field failure modes observed in mobile devices.

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IEC 61649:2008, *Weibull analysis*

IEC 61747-40-1, *Liquid crystal display devices – Part 40-1: Mechanical testing of display cover glass for mobile devices – Guidelines*

ISO 6344-1, *Coated abrasives – Grain size analysis – Part 1: Grain size distribution test*

ISO 8512-2, *Surface plates – Part 2: Granite*

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##### 3.1

##### **specimen**

individual piece of glass to be tested for failure