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## INTRODUCTION

This document provides general methods for assessing the proportion of reused components in products and is intended to be used by manufacturers that want to assess the proportion of reused components in their products. It can be also used by technical committees when developing assessment methods dedicated to their product or product-group publications.

Four calculation methods based on the mass of reused components and the number of reused components are presented. Other methods can exist and be more suitable for certain products or product-groups. While writing product publications on assessing the proportion of reused components, product technical committees can apply the most suitable method for their product (or groups of products).

This document is based on the European standard EN 45556:2019 [1]<sup>1</sup>, which is part of a family of publications developed by the European CEN and CENELEC Joint Technical Committee 10. It comprises the standardization deliverables in the numerical range of 45556 to 45559, covering topics related to the following material efficiency aspects:

- extending product lifetime;
- ability to reuse components or recycle materials from products at end of life;
- use of reused components or recycled materials in products or parts.

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<sup>1</sup> Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

# GENERAL METHOD FOR ASSESSING THE PROPORTION OF REUSED COMPONENTS IN PRODUCTS

## 1 Scope

This document deals with the assessment of the proportion of reused components in products on a horizontal level, which can be applied at any point in the life of the product.

This document applies to electrical and electronic products. It can also be applied to other product types.

This document is intended to be used in the assessment of the proportion of reused components in products. It can also be used by technical committees when developing assessment methods dedicated to their product or product-group publications.

Aspects like performance, validation, verification and suitability of reused components are not in the scope of this document. It is the responsibility of the user of this document to address these aspects.

This document has the status of a horizontal publication in accordance with IEC Guide 108 [2].

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

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### 3.1

#### **component**

constituent of a product which cannot be fragmented without losing its particular function

EXAMPLE Resistor, capacitor, diode, antenna, screw, mounting bracket.

NOTE IEC 60050-151:2001, 151-11-21 [3], modified – In the definition "part of a device" has been replaced by "of a product", "physically divided into smaller parts" has been replaced by "fragmented" and the examples have been added.]

### 3.2

#### **reused component**

component removed from a product and used again in another product

Note 1 to entry: A component is reused with or without alteration (e.g. functional or aesthetics alteration).

Note 2 to entry: A component is reused for the same or a different purpose.