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## 1 SCOPE

This document provides guidelines and supporting information for manufacturing electronic assemblies using compliant press-fit technology. The intent is to explain the “how-to” and “why” information, and fundamentals for these processes.

Additional detailed information can be found in documents referenced within each individual section. Users are encouraged to review those referenced documents to better understand the applicable subject areas.

This handbook is supporting the IPC-9797 standard.

**1.1 Applicability** This handbook is for guidance only. The design concepts, guidelines, and procedures presented in this document are not requirements, and this document is not binding, unless separately and specifically included by the applicable contract, approved drawing(s), or purchase order.

**1.2 Measurement Units** This standard uses International System of Units (SI units) per ASTM SI10, IEEE, and ASTM SI 10, Section 3 [Imperial English equivalent units are in brackets for convenience]. The SI units used in this standard are millimeters (mm) [in] for dimensions and dimensional tolerances, Celsius (°C) [°F] for temperature and temperature tolerances, grams (g) [oz] for weight, and lux (lx) [footcandles] for illuminance.

**Note:** This standard uses other SI prefixes (ASTM SI10, Section 3.2) to eliminate leading zeros. For example, 0.0012 mm becomes 1.2 µm) or as an alternative to powers-of-ten (3.6 x 10<sup>3</sup> mm becomes 3.6 m).

**1.2.1 Verification of Dimensions** When an inspection is done on an assembly, measuring dimensions and determining percentages listed in the standard are not required unless there is a doubt or a question is raised about the acceptance of the product. When there is a doubt or a question is raised, then a referee determination should be implemented, at which time measurements should be made or percentages calculated using the referee magnifications defined in the standard. For determining conformance to the specifications in this standard, round all observed or calculated values “to the nearest unit” in the last right-hand digit used in expressing the specification limit, in accordance with the rounding method of ASTM Practice E29. For example, specifications of 2.5 mm max, 2.50 mm max, or 2.500 mm max, round the measured value to the nearest 0.1 mm, 0.01 mm, or 0.001 mm, respectively, and then compare to the specification number cited.

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**1.5 Terms and Definitions** Other than those terms listed in IPC-9797, the definitions of terms used in this handbook are in accordance with IPC-T-50.

## 2 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

### 2.1 IPC Documents<sup>1</sup>

**IPC-T-50** Terms and Definitions for Interconnecting and Packaging Electronic Circuits

**IPC-6012** Qualification and Performance Specification for Rigid Printed Boards

**IPC-6012EA** Automotive Applications Addendum to IPC-6012E, Qualification and Performance Specification for Rigid Printed Boards

**IPC-9797** Press-fit Standard for Automotive Requirements and other High-Reliability Applications

**IPC-A-600** Acceptability of Printed Boards

**IPC-4552** Specification for Electroless Nickel/Immersion Gold (ENIG) Plating for Printed Boards

**IPC-4553** Specification for Immersion Silver Plating for Printed Boards

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