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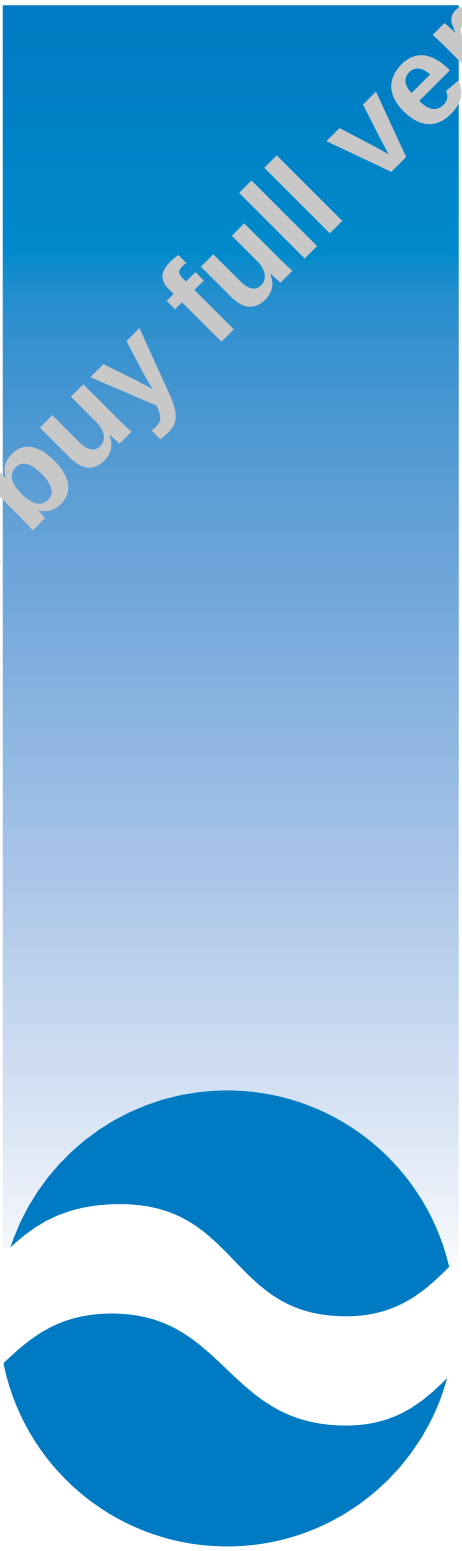

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Requirements for Soldered Electrical and Electronic Assemblies

1 GENERAL

1.1 Scope This standard prescribes practices and requirements for the manufacture of soldered electrical and electronic assemblies. Historically, electronic assembly (soldering) standards contained a more comprehensive tutorial addressing principles and techniques. For a more complete understanding of this document's recommendations and requirements, one may use this document in conjunction with IPC-HDBK-001, IPC-A-610 and IPC-HDBK-610.

1.2 Purpose This standard describes materials, methods and acceptance criteria for producing soldered electrical and electronic assemblies. The intent of this document is to rely on process control methodology to ensure consistent quality levels during the manufacture of products. It is not the intent of this standard to exclude any procedure for component placement or for applying flux and solder used to make the electrical connection.

1.3 Classification This standard recognizes that electrical and electronic assemblies are subject to classifications by intended end-item use. Three general end-product classes have been established to reflect differences in producibility, complexity, functional performance requirements, and verification (inspection/test) frequency. It should be recognized that there may be overlaps of equipment between classes.

The user (see 1.8.13) is responsible for defining the product class. The product class should be stated in the procurement documentation package.

CLASS 1 General Electronic Products
Includes products suitable for applications where the major requirement is function of the completed assembly.

CLASS 2 Dedicated Service Electronic Products
Includes products where continued performance and extended life is required, and for which uninterrupted service is desired but not critical. Typically the end-use environment would not cause failures.

CLASS 3 High Performance Electronic Products
Includes products where continued high performance or performance-on-demand is critical, equipment downtime cannot be tolerated, end-use environment may be uncommonly harsh, and the equipment must function when required, such as life support or other critical systems.

1.4 Measurement Units and Applications All dimensions and tolerances, as well as other forms of measurement (temperature, weight, etc.) in this standard are expressed in SI (System International) units (with Imperial English equivalent dimensions provided in brackets). Dimensions and tolerances use millimeters as the main form of dimensional expression; micrometers are used when the precision required makes millimeters too cumbersome. Celsius is used to express temperature. Weight is expressed in grams.

1.4.1 Verification of Dimensions Actual measurement of specific part mounting and solder fillet dimensions and determination of percentages are not required except for referee purposes. For the purposes of determining conformance to this specification, all specified limits in this standard are absolute limits as defined in ASTM E29.