Qualification and Performance Specification for Rigid Printed Boards

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1 SCOPE

1.1 Statement of Scope This specification covers qualification and performance of rigid printed boards. The printed board may be single-sided, double-sided, with or without plated-through holes. The printed board may be multilayer with plated-through holes and with or without buried/blind vias. The printed board may be multilayer containing build up HDI layers conforming to IPC-6016. The printed board may contain active embedded passive circuitry with distributive capacitive planes, capacitive or resistive components. The printed board may contain a metal core or external metal heat frame, which may be active or nonactive. Revision level changes are described in 1.6.

1.2 Purpose The purpose of this specification is to provide requirements for qualification and performance of rigid printed boards.

1.3 Performance Classification and Type

1.3.1 Classification This specification recognizes that rigid printed boards will be subject to variations in performance requirements based on end-use. The printed boards are classified by one of three general Performance Classes. Performance classes are defined in IPC-6011. Requirements deviating from these heritage classifications may be established through the use of a Performance Specification Sheet. Requirement exceptions commonly used for Space and Military avionics are shown as the Performance Specification Sheet Class 3A for Space and Military Avionics, listed in the back of this document.

1.3.2 Board Type Printed boards without plated-through holes (Type 1) and with plated-through holes (Types 2-6) are classified as follows:

Type 1—Single-Sided Board
Type 2—Double-Sided Board
Type 3—Multilayer board without blind or buried vias
Type 4—Multilayer board with blind and/or buried vias
Type 5—Multilayer metal core board without blind or buried vias
Type 6—Multilayer metal core board with blind and/or buried vias

1.3.3 Selection for Procurement For procurement purposes, performance class shall be specified in the procurement documentation.

The documentation shall provide sufficient information to the supplier so that he can fabricate the printed board and ensure that the user receives the desired product. Information that should be included in the procurement documentation is shown in IPC-D-325.

1.3.3.1 Selection (Default) The procurement documentation should specify the requirements that can be selected within this specification; however, in the event selections are not made in the documentation, Table 1-2 shall apply.

1.3.3.2 Section System (Optional) The following product selection identifier system is provided for clarification of the build type:

Quality Specification, the generic quality specification.
Specification, the base performance specification.
Type, the product type per 1.3.2.
Plating Process, the plating process per 1.3.4.2.
Final Finish, the final finish code per 1.3.4.3.
Selective Finish, the selective finish code adder per 1.3.4.3, enter “-” when no selective finish is required.
Product Classification, the product classification per 1.3.1 or performance specification sheet.
Technology Adder, the technology adder as specified in Table 1-1. Add multiple codes as required.

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Example: IPC-6011/6012/3/1/S/-/3/HDI/EP

1.3.4 Material, Plating Process and Final Finish

1.3.4.1 Laminate Material Laminate material is identified by numbers and/or letters, classes and types as specified by the appropriate specification listed in the procurement documentation.