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INTRODUCTION

The earliest electrostatic discharge (ESD) test models and standards simulate a charged object approaching a device and discharging through the device. The most common example is IEC 60749-26, the human body model (HBM). However, with the increasing use of automated device handling systems, another potentially destructive discharge mechanism, the charged device model (CDM), becomes increasingly important. In the CDM, a device itself becomes charged (e.g. by sliding on a surface (tribocharging) or by electric field induction) and is rapidly discharged (by an ESD event) as it closely approaches a conductive object. A critical feature of the CDM is the metal-metal discharge, which results in a very rapid transfer of charge through an air breakdown arc. The CDM test method also simulates metal-metal discharges arising from other similar scenarios, such as the discharging of charged metal objects to devices at different potential.

Accurately quantifying and reproducing this fast metal-metal discharge event is very difficult, if not impossible, due to the limitations of the measuring equipment and its influence on the discharge event. The CDM discharge is generally completed in a few nanoseconds, and peak currents of tens of amperes have been observed. The peak current into the device will vary considerably depending on a large number of factors, including package type and parasitics. The typical failure mechanism observed in MOS devices for the CDM model is dielectric damage, although other damage has been noted.

The CDM charge voltage sensitivity of a given device is package dependent. For example, the same integrated circuit (IC) in a small area package can be less susceptible to CDM damage at a given voltage compared to that same IC in a package of the same type with a larger area. It has been shown that CDM damage susceptibility correlates better to peak current levels than charge voltage.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60749 establishes the procedure for testing, evaluating, and classifying devices and microcircuits according to their susceptibility (sensitivity) to damage or degradation by exposure to a defined field-induced charged device model (CDM) electrostatic discharge (ESD). All packaged semiconductor devices, thin film circuits, surface acoustic wave (SAW) devices, opto-electronic devices, hybrid integrated circuits (HICs), and multi-chip modules (MCMs) containing any of these devices are to be evaluated according to this document. To perform the tests, the devices are assembled into a package similar to that expected in the final application. This CDM document does not apply to socketed discharge model testers. This document describes the field-induced (FI) method. An alternative, the direct contact (DC) method, is described in Annex I.

The purpose of this document is to establish a test method that will replicate CDM failures and provide reliable, repeatable CDM ESD test results from tester to tester, regardless of device type. Repeatable data will allow accurate classifications and comparisons of CDM ESD sensitivity levels.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.