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The currently existing standards describing the moisture sensitivity classification of devices are applicable for plastic encapsulated semiconductors and similar solid state packages (e.g. IEC 60749-20), but not for other types of components.

This part of IEC 61760 also extends the classification and packaging methods as described in J-STD-020 and J-STD-033. It is intended to be used for such type of components, where J-STD-020 and J-STD-033 are not required or not appropriate.

## SURFACE MOUNTING TECHNOLOGY –

### Part 4: Classification, packaging, labelling and handling of moisture sensitive devices

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61760 specifies the classification of moisture sensitive devices into moisture sensitivity levels related to soldering heat, and provisions for packaging, labelling and handling.

This part of IEC 61760 extends the classification and packaging methods to such components, where currently existing standards are not required or not appropriate. For such cases this standard introduces additional moisture sensitivity levels and an alternative method for packaging.

This standard applies to devices intended for reflow soldering, like surface mount devices, including specific through-hole devices (where the device supplier has specifically documented support for reflow soldering), but not to

- semiconductor devices,
- devices for flow (wave) soldering.

NOTE Background of this standard and its relation to currently existing standards, e.g. IEC 60749-20 or J-STD-020 and J-STD-033, are described in the INTRODUCTION.

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