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EARLY LIFE FAILURE RATE (ELFR)

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Change Notification

The following summary details the changes incorporated into AEC-Q100-008 Rev-A:

- All Sections: Minor revisions made to all sections to correct formatting errors.
- Section 3.2: Added operating temperature grades (0 through 4).

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METHOD - 008

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1 SCOPE

This test method is applicable to all IC part qualifications. In the case of many parts, generic data (see Q100, section 2.3) may fulfill the requirements of this test method. If the supplier is qualifying a part for which no generic data is available (unproven technology or design rules) for general usage then the requirements of this test method should be utilized to meet the requirements of Q100. If the supplier is qualifying a part for a single user, that user may optionally designate the implementation of AEC-Q001 as a substitute for ELFR. All parts used for such a qualification must have been evaluated to Q001 tests and limits approved by the user. If AEC-Q001 is utilized, the user shall review and approve of the particular tests and the method used to determine test limits. (Note: The failures from ELFR and Q001 do not always show a 1:1 correlation.)

1.1 Description

This specification establishes the testing method for evaluation of early life failure characteristics on parts that are utilizing new or unproven processing technology or design rules where generic data is not available. This would include parts for which there is no prior usage information or generic data. Unsatisfactory results in this evaluation indicate that corrective action is required and the parts may require processing changes, design changes, burn-in, more aggressive burn-in, or application of statistical part test limits (see AEC-Q001).

2 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- 1. AEC-Q001 Guidelines for Part Average Testing
- 2. JESD22-A108 Bias Life

3 PROCEDURE

3.1 Sample Size

The sample size shall be per Table $\underline{2}$ of Q100. In the case of parts that are deemed too expensive, the requirement for use of this test method and the sample size will be based upon agreement between the user and supplier.

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3.2 General ELFR Procedure

The parts shall be tested per the High-Temperature Operating Life (HTOL) requirements in JESD22-A108 with the following special condition. The ambient test temperature and duration shall be <u>per the applicable operating temperature grade</u> as follows:

Grade 0:	48 hours at 150°C or 24 hours at 175°C
Grade 1:	48 hours at 125°C or 24 hours at 150°C
Grade 2:	48 hours at 105°C or 24 hours at 125°C
Grade 3:	48 hours at 85°C or 24 hours at 105°C
Grade 4:	48 hours at 70°C or 24 hours at 90°C

3.3 Acceptance Criteria

The parts shall be electrically tested within 48 hours after completion of high temperature exposure. Testing shall be at room temperature followed by high temperature. Failures during this test are not acceptable and indicate that corrective action must be taken. The supplier shall notify all interested users of this non-conforming condition and the corrective action that has / will take place. The user(s) must approve of the corrective action for the part to be qualified.

3.4 Sample Disposition

Parts that pass electrical testing after this test can be used to populate other non-operating tests. These parts can also be supplied as productive material if agreed to by the user.

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Revision History

Rev #	Date of change	Brief summary listing affected sections	
-	June 9, 1998	Initial Release	
<u>A</u>	July 18, 2003	Minor revisions to correct formatting errors. Added operational temperature grades to section 3.2.	