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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee EL-026, Protective Enclosures and Environmental Testing for Electrical/Electronic Equipment.

The objective of this Standard is to provide the electrotechnology industry with a complete set of environmental test procedures published as a series under AS 60068 *Environmental testing*. This Standard is Part 2.77 of that series.

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**1 Scope and object**

This part of IEC 60068 provides test methods applicable to surface mounting devices (SMDs) made of glass or sintered materials such as capacitors, resistors and inductors incorporating ferrites. Two test methods exist: body strength and impact shock.

The object of both tests is to evaluate the mechanical stresses applied to SMDs during and after mounting; these tests look at different mechanical stresses. The relevant component specification shall specify which test method or methods are applicable.

**2 Normative references**

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 60068. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 60068 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60194:—, *Terms and definitions for printed circuits*

**3 Terms and definitions**

For the purpose of this part of IEC 60068, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60194 apply.

**4 Test methods****4.1 Body strength**

This test evaluates the strength of the body of the SMD against external static forces which are applied to them during mounting, in the direction perpendicular to the printed board on which the SMDs are mounted.

**NOTE** The test evaluates the sturdiness of the body of the SMDs and not the adhesive strength at the interface between the termination and solder of the body. These latter tests are described in IEC 60068-2-21.

This test simulates the static force applied to SMDs during picking up and centering in a placement process with a rather slow speed mounting machine in which the forces are mainly of a static nature.

A static force can have a different influence on a device from that of a dynamic force, whose effects can be evaluated by a test separately described as an impact shock test. This simulates the mechanical stress applied to the SMDs, during and after mounting the SMDs on a printed board. This test shall be referred to in the relevant detail specification.