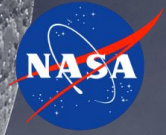


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Recent Advances In Microcircuit Standards

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Sci-fi concept with Orion spacecraft and big Moon on
background. Artemis space program to research solar
system. Mission to the Moon.

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NASA Electronic Parts Assurance Group (NEPAG)

- **NEPAG is about Standards for electronic parts, finding solutions for NASA flight projects/programs, and day-to-day parts issues. We are part of NASA SMA's Mission Assurance Standards and Capabilities (MASC) Division.**
 - Maintenance
 - ❖ Provide NASA leadership
 - Creation
 - ❖ Infuse New Technology, e.g., Class Y for Space
 - ❖ Address the advances in packaging technology, e.g., a newly started task group (TG) on 2.5D/3D devices
 - ❖ Respond to user requests, e.g., creation of a new TG that developed requirements for Class P, standard plastic encapsulated microcircuits (PEMs) in Space
 - Related Activities
 - ❖ Hold telecons
 - NASA Electronic Parts Assurance Group (NEPAG)
 - Weekly Domestic and monthly International
 - Government Working Group (GWG)
 - Detailed discussion of topics, build community consensus
 - Hybrid Working Group (HWG)
 - ❖ Support Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) audits of supply chain
 - ❖ Partnerships: JEDEC, SAE, Domestic and International space organizations, DLA, GIDEP, others
 - ❖ Standard microcircuits drawing (SMD) review
 - ❖ Outreach (Publish NASA EEE Parts Bulletins, present at meetings)
 - ❖ Learn and Lunch Webinars with the supply chain
 - ❖ Parts issues resolution at JPL. Booklet in progress
 - ❖ Other as needed

Hybrid Working Group (HWG) Meeting

- **HWG**

- Meets monthly
- Chaired by J. Pandolf, NASA/Langley
- Recently discussed topics
 - ❖ Upcoming DLA audits of hybrid suppliers
 - ❖ Definition of a hybrid microcircuit
 - ❖ Corporate acquisitions in the news
 - ❖ Review & Discussion on the Challenges Facing the Selection, Review, Approval of Hybrid MIL-PRF-38534 Device
 - ❖ Follow up on issues with U. S. suppliers as reported by International partners

Government Working Group (GWG) Meeting

- **GWG**

- Meetings held bi-weekly
- Chaired by C. Schuler, Navy Crane
- NASA representative: B. Damron
- GWG forms the space community position on various technical issues
- Recently discussed topics
 - ❖ Review of NEPAG agenda for that week
 - ❖ DLA documents in review
 - ❖ ESDS test requirement in MIL-PRF-38535
 - ❖ Specification issues with diodes
 - ❖ CSAM test method review

February 14, 2023 Draft Document Review Table: Requirements, Guidelines, and EP Studies

Item	Released	Comments Due (Including Extensions)	Specifics
<p>MIL-PRF-19500/578R w/Amendment 2 (Initial Draft)</p> <p>Semiconductor Device, Diode, Silicon, Switching, Types 1N6638, 1N6642, 1N6643, Quality Levels JAN, JANTX, JANTXV, JANS, JANHC, and JANKC FSC: 5961 Dated: 14 February 2023 File name: idprf19500ss578.pdf, File Size: 935 kb Parent Document: MIL-PRF-19500</p>	02/14/2023	03/16/2023	<p>Draft proposal generated to remove note 2, for the A version die, change the AI and gold thickness for the C version die, and add a new F version die, the AMSE 14.5 figure references are being removed, and update to latest MIL-STD-961, and section 508 standards.</p> <p>POC: Greg Cooley Gregory.Cooley@dla.mil</p>
<p>MIL-PRF-39016/21K (Initial Draft)</p> <p>Relays, Electromagnetic, Established Reliability, DPDT, Low Level to 1.0 Ampere (Sensitive, 60 Milliwatts) with Internal Diodes for Coil Transient Suppression and Polarity Reversal Protection FSC: 5945 Dated: 13 February 2023 File name: idprf39016ss21.pdf, File Size: 300 kb Parent Document: MIL-PRF-39016</p>	02/13/2023	03/15/2023	<p>Draft generated to implement MIL-STD-961 boilerplate updates, and incorporate 508 compliance.</p> <p>POC: Erika Baker erika.baker@dla.mil</p>

Example of Parts Needed Bulletin

Coordinator: Jay Brusse, NASA GSFC

NEPAG EEE Parts Needed Bulletin # 2023-003

February 19, 2023

(Note: Email Distribution List has been suppressed)

Purpose:

The NASA EEE Parts Assurance Group (NEPAG) is contacting you on behalf of a Project that is in need of the following EEE parts. NEPAG requests that you review inventories of EEE parts accessible to you and your organization to see if you have the ability to help out the Project noted below. Please direct your responses to this request DIRECTLY to the Project point of contact listed below:

Name:

NASA Center

Phone

[email](#)

Part #: K-J1A, K-J1A-254, K-J2A, K-J1A-254 or similar variations.

Generic: K-J1A

Description: K SERIES RELAY, Non-Latching, 4PDT, 12A

Mfgr: Leach

Quantity needed: Any quantity

NEPAG thanks you in advance for your assistance

Partnerships (NEPAG is about collaboration)

JEDEC JC-13 (Manufacturers)

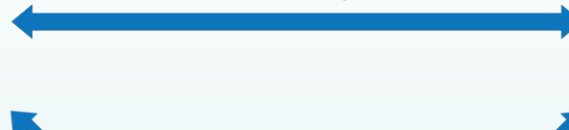
JC-13	Solid State Devices for Government Products
JC-13.1	Discrete Semiconductors for Government Products
JC-13.2	Microelectronics for Government Products
JC-13.4	Radiation Hardness
JC-13.5	Hybrids and Multi-chip Modules for Government Products
JC-13.7	New Electronic Device Insertion for Government Products

SAE CE-11/CE-12 (Industry Users, Primes, Subs)

SAE SSTC CE-11	Users of Passive Components
SAE SSTC CE-12	Users of Solid State Devices
CE-12 Management:	
Co-Chairs: S. Agarwal (NASA) and A. Touw (Boeing)	
SAE SSTC CE-11 & CE-12	Space Subcommittee Chair: P. Majewicz (NASA)



Joint meetings held
3 times a year



NASA Centers:

ARC	JSC
GRC	KSC
GSFC	LaRC
JPL	MSFC

Weekly NEPAG and Biweekly
GWG Telecons
(Domestic)



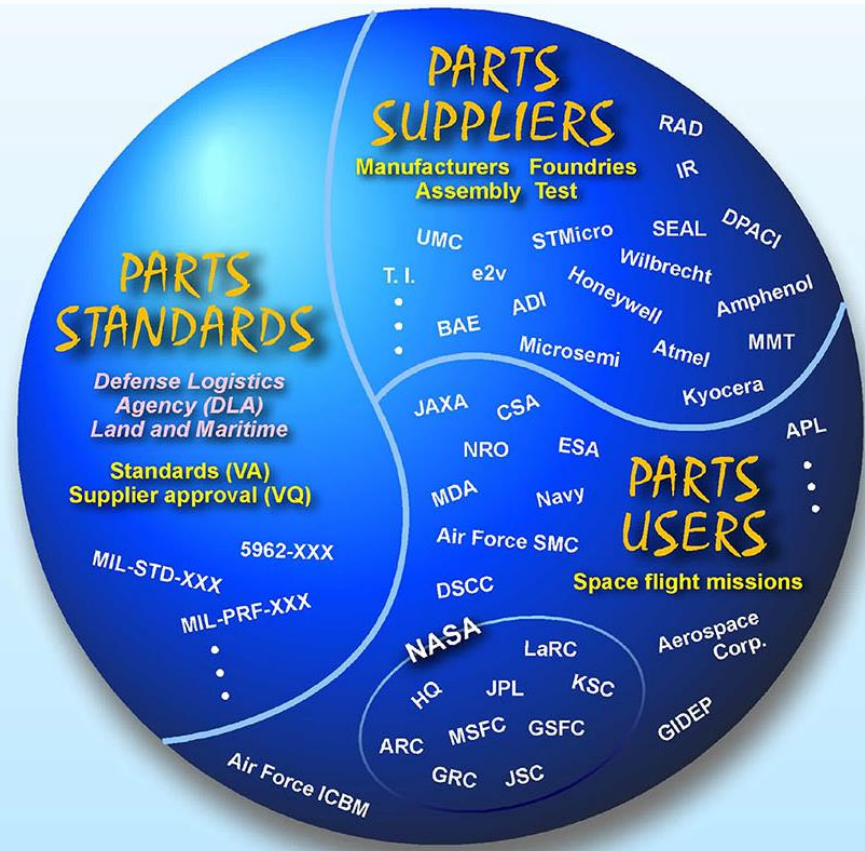
Partners from Outside NASA:

Domestic
JHU/APL, Others
The Aerospace Corp,
U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy,
U.S. Army, MDA, DLA

International
ESA, JAXA, CSA

Space Parts World

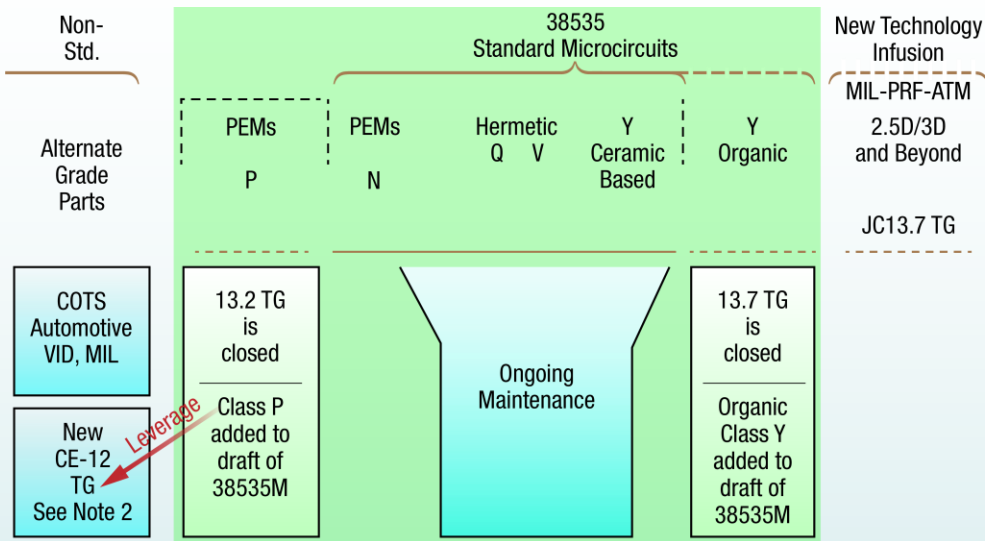
Developing/Maintaining Standards for Electronic Parts



The parts users and standards organizations work with suppliers to ensure availability of standard parts for NASA, DoD, and others. **For Space microcircuits, DLA, NASA/JPL (S. Agarwal*) and the U.S. Air Force / Aerospace Corp. (L. Harzstark) form the Qualifying Activity (QA).**

*Also SAE CE-12 Co-Chair.

Microcircuit Standards Development



- Note 1: Standard PEMs for Space (QMLP) initiative using SAE AS6294 as baseline. Supported by NASA Parts Bulletins on PEMs.
- Note 2: For alternate grade microcircuits, follow the activity in 13.2 TG to avoid any duplication of effort.
- Note 3: ATM = Advanced Technology Microcircuits. Supported by NASA parts bulletin on KGD.
- Note 4: VID = Vendor Item Drawing. Contact DLA for latest information.
- Note 5: ***The boundaries separating various classes/grades must be clearly defined—a future outreach activity.***

The much awaited revision M of microcircuits specification, MIL-PRF-38535, has been officially released. It introduces two new classes of standard parts for space missions:

- Organic Class Y which has been baselined for NASA’s high-performance spaceflight computing (HPSC) processor to be developed by Microchip Corporation, and
- Class P, Radiation Hardened/Tolerant Plastic Encapsulated Microcircuits (PEMs) for Space. The flight projects can realize substantial cost/schedule savings by procuring standard Class P parts (rather than buying commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) PEM devices and getting them upscreened).
 - TI’s first Class P product: LMX1906 a Low-Noise, High-Frequency Buffer/Multiplier/Divider (300-MHz to 12.8-GHz output frequency). SMD 5962-23202, Availability Dec 2023.

The green area shows current standards coverage. This pretty much completes the standards coverage for 38535 devices.

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Non-Hermetic and Plastic-Encapsulated Microcircuits

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Growing Use of NASA SmallSats and CubeSats

Due to the need for low-cost communications satellites and new businesses evolving around Earth-observation services, there's been an increased interest in the use of CubeSats and SmallSats. Many NASA centers have been involved in developing and flying CubeSats and SmallSats, working together with multiple universities and industry partners. These undertakings require new product solutions for smaller, lighter, and lower-cost spacecraft, which cannot be produced using traditional space-qualified electronic parts.

The reliability and radiation requirements for CubeSats and SmallSats are significantly lower than for larger spacecraft because these smaller satellites operate mainly in low Earth or geosynchronous orbits (LEO or GEO, as opposed to deep space) and for relatively short periods. Radiation-hardened, high-reliability, space-grade parts are often too expensive for such missions and do not match well with their requirements.

There are a few notable exceptions to the usual use of CubeSats, particularly MarCO-A and MarCO-B, which were the first CubeSats to fly to deep space, where they successfully supported the Interior Exploration Using

Seismic Investigations, Geodesy, and Heat Transport (InSight) mission by relaying data to Earth from Mars during the entry, descent and landing stage (Figure 1). MarCO successfully demonstrated a "bring-your-own" communications-relay option for use by future Mars missions in the critical few minutes between Martian atmospheric entry and touchdown. Further, by verifying that CubeSats are a viable technology for interplanetary missions, and feasible on a short development timeline, this technology demonstration could lead to many other applications to explore and study our solar system.

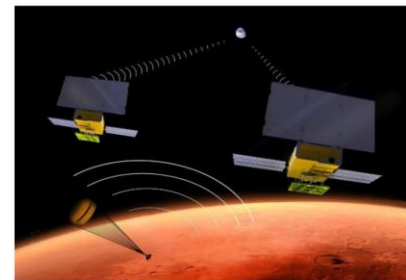


Figure 1. MarCO accompanying the InSight Mars lander and relaying data to Earth as it landed on Mars.

¹ The EEE Parts Bulletin was not published in fiscal year 2019 (FY19). The two issues of Volume 10 were published in FY18.

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Special Edition: Non-Hermetic and Plastic-Encapsulated Microcircuits, Part 2

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Aerospace Standard AS6294/1

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In 2017, a subcommittee of SAE International's Group 12 (G12) was created to standardize a PEMs flow and to address a possible future extension of the Qualified Manufacturer List (QML) system to include PEMs for space. Considerable effort was put into developing a PEMs flow for space applications, documented in SAE Aerospace Standard AS6294/1, issued in November 2017, titled "Requirements for Plastic Encapsulated Microcircuits in Space Applications." The "1/1" version was directed at space applications, the "1/2" version at

terrestrial applications. SAE AS6294/1 pulled information from many Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC), Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), and SAE standards applicable to NASA—namely, MSFC-STD-3012, GSFC EEE-INST-002, GSFC PEMS-INST-001, and SAE SSB-001—as well as reviews of multiple industry practices.

AS6294/1 defines the requirements for screening, qualification, and lot-acceptance testing for use of PEMs in space flight applications. The level of testing is dependent on the risk approach, the application, and the reliability and radiation requirements of the mission. However, AS6294/1 contains only requirements that meet the highest known reliability for space applications. The document also addresses many concerns associated with PEMs, such as narrower operating temperature ranges and greater susceptibility to infant mortality and moisture absorption than space-grade products have [2]. AS6294/1 starts with device characterization for parts that don't meet space requirements. The characterization step includes the initial investigations needed to understand the details of the technology used in a PEM product [2]. This is crucial when the

¹ This issue is a follow-on to Volume 11, Issue 1, released May 15, 2020: "Non-Hermetic and Plastic Encapsulated Microcircuits."

Once the task group based on IC13.2 completes its work, a new proposed TG will be formed to support alternate-grade microcircuits. The work performed by the IC13.2

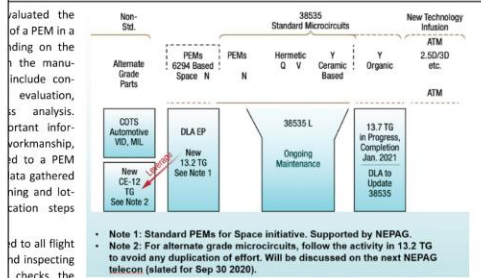


Figure 1. Options for standard, nonstandard, and new-technology microcircuits.

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TG will be heavily leveraged in order to avoid any duplication of effort. See Figure 1 for details on current and future options for nonstandard, standard, and new-technology microcircuits.

Manufacturer Solutions for Non-Hermetic and Plastic-Encapsulated Microcircuits

Historically, satellite programs have used space-grade, hermetically sealed, QML-V (space) and QML-Q (military) qualified components for enhanced reliability and radiation hardness. With the emergence of "commercial space," there has been increased interest in using PEMs in space for a variety of reasons. Countering the concerns cited above—narrow operating temperature ranges and susceptibility to infant mortality and moisture absorption [2]—are certain advantages of PEMs over most space-grade hermetically sealed microcircuits: lower cost and weight, more advanced performance, lower power consumption, and smaller overall package size.

With this new growing trend in the market, an increasing number of suppliers now offer a wide range of enhanced plastic product solutions depending on quality, reliability, radiation, and cost. Not all of these product lines follow a consolidated test flow, and all depend on the specific tailoring that each manufacturer makes to them. Hopefully, in the near future, the industry will lean

mon flow that will be produced s. develops and manufactures s for healthcare, life sciences, efense, security, and industrial h ceramic and plastic, hermetic s, tested to various flows, Q, QML-Y (non-hermetic for more. Table 1 shows Teledyne and qualification flows and the hey use [3].

space applications, sub-QML e arrays (FPGAs) aimed at n traditional QML components shelf (COTS) components, the radiation or reliability data. For ns and constellations of small tringent cost and schedule PFGAs are the optimal solutions, tolerance of QML components flight heritage, which permits

reduced screening requirements, resulting in reduced cost and lead times.

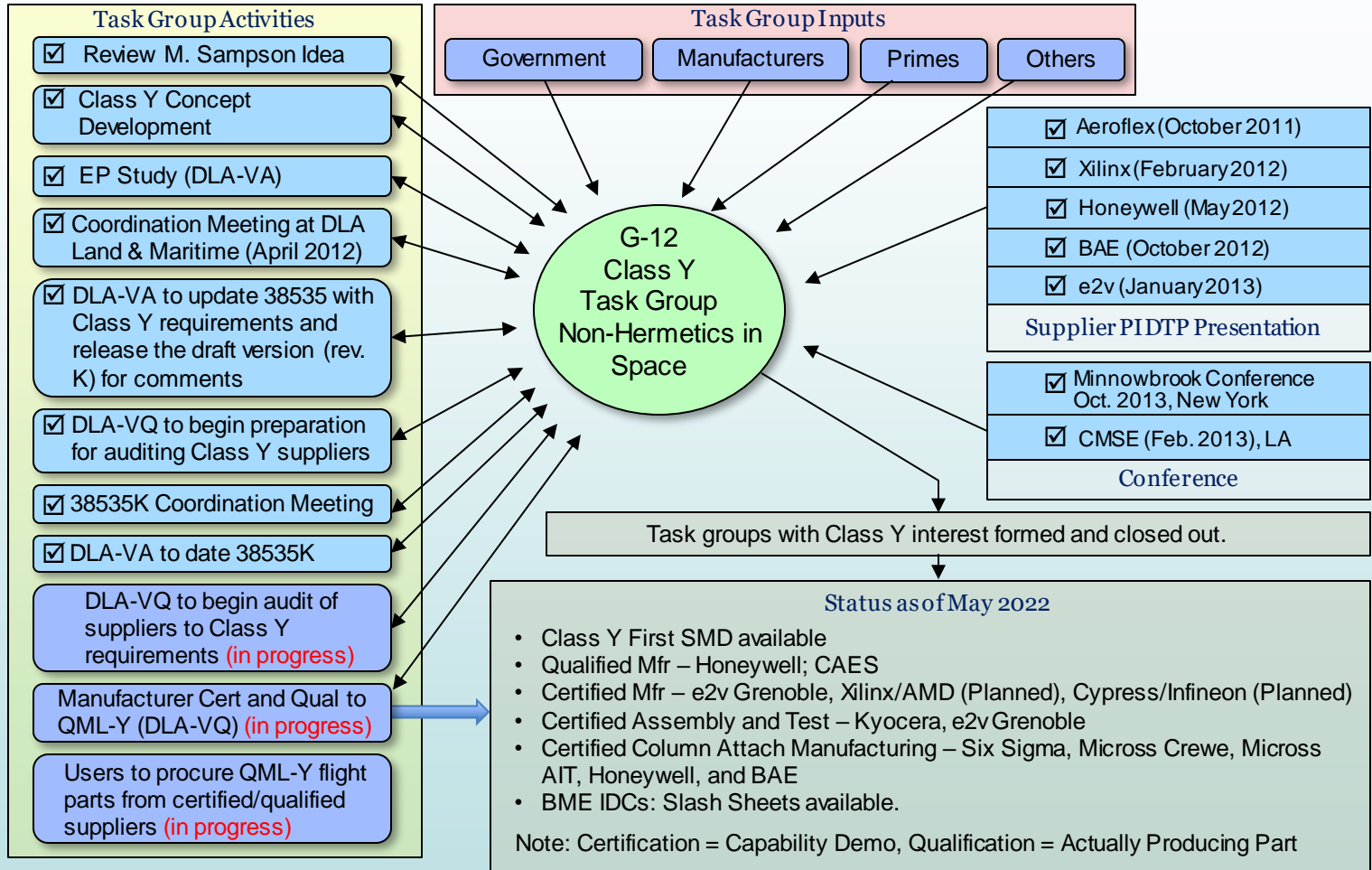
Microchip also provides two space plastic flows: HiRel plastic radiation-tolerant (HP) and 8-lead plastic small-outline (SN). The HP flow is for low-cost and high-volume requirements, typically meeting low-Earth-orbit (LEO) constellations' needs. The SN flow provides a higher screening level, including wafer lot acceptance, serialization, 100% thermal cycling, 100% burn-in, and PDA. These flows apply to both rad-hard-by-design and rad-tolerant products. Products made to these flows (SN, HP) meet qualification levels compliant with automotive requirements (AEC-Q100), with the SN flow based on AS6294/1. See Table 2 for more details on the screening and qualification flows for Microchip HP and SN devices [4].

Microc offers an extensive array of COTS components—both hermetic and plastic—including a wide selection of power modules and small-signal discretes. They also stock a wide range of upscreened plastic products, including an assortment of integrated PEM (iPEM) memory devices that have been tested to selected high-reliability performance levels. In their Retal+ products line, Microc provides customers with industry-leading

Table 1. Teledyne e2v has various plastic non-hermetic test flows. Comparison Chart-TEZVSCC-V1 for more details

Benefits	~N~ NASA level			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Enhanced
Specification reference-->	EEE-INST-002 / PEM-INST-001 int. procedure			
assembly and test site, one BOM	✓	✓	✓	✓
catalog	✓	✓	✓	✓
Condition/method				
MIL-STD-883 TM1010 cond. B (55/125°C) or C (65/150°C)	20 cys - cond. B20 cys - cond. B20 cys - cond. B10 cys - cond. C			
MIL-STD-883 TM2012	✓	✓	✓	✓
date	240 hrs	160 hrs	160 hrs	160 hrs
MIL-STD-883 TM1015 cond. D (125°C)	120 hrs			
MIL-STD-883 TM1005 cond. A, B or C (125°C)	5%	10%	10%	5%
tribals Ambient temperature post dynamic	✓	✓	✓	✓
tribals Per device specification (55/125°C)	✓	✓	✓	✓
tribals Per device specification (25°C)	✓	✓	✓	✓
SA) Condition/method				
TID & SEE	Per rad tests	Per rad tests	Per rad tests	Per rad tests
PEM-INST-001	22	22	22	22
Moisture soak/Reflow simulation	32	32	32	17
MIL-STD-883 TM1005 / D / 125°C	1500 hrs / 22	1000 hrs / 22	500 hrs / 10	
MIL-STD-883 TM1010 / B + DPA	500 cys / 22	200 cys / 22	100 cys / 10	
PEM-INST-001	22	22	22	22
EEE-INST-002 on 5 parts	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sub-group 1b - DPA/FA	10			
Sub-group 2 - Biased HAST	JESD22-A110 96 hrs / 130°C / 85% RH			
Sub-group 2 - Unbiased HAST	JESD22-A118 / A / 96 hrs / 130°C / 85% RH	10		7

Infusion of the New Class (Y) Technology into the QML System for Space (Status given at JEDEC in January 2023)



BGA / CGA = Ball-Grid Array / Column-Grid Array
 BME = Base Metal Electrode
 IDC = Inter Digitized Capacitor

PIDTP = Package Integrity Demonstration Test Plan
 SMD = Standard Microcircuit Drawing

A Changing Landscape (Shipping/Handling/ESD Challenge)

A New Trend – Supply Chain Management
Ensuring gap-free alignment for each qualified product
(All entities in the supply chain must be certified/approved)

Manufacturer A	Die design
Manufacturer B	Fabrication
Manufacturer C	Wafer bumping
Manufacturer D	Package design and package manufacturing
Manufacturer E	Assembly
Manufacturer F	Column attach and solderability
Manufacturer G	Screening, electrical and package tests
Manufacturer H	Radiation testing

More Stops — More Places with ESD Risk

PowerQUICC III Integrated 1.2 GHz Processor (credit: Teledyne e2v)



PC8548 – Flight Models Available

<https://semiconductors.teledyneimaging.com/en/products/processors/pc8548>

Characteristics

- + **PowerPC e500 core**
 - 800MHz to 1200MHz
 - Integrated L1/L2 Cache
 - Double-precision FPU
- + **Power**
 - 5.4W typical at 1200MHz
 - 4.6W typical at 800MHz
 - 11.9W max at 125C
- + **Features:**
 - Integrated DDR Memory Controller with Full ECC Support
 - Four On-chip Triple-speed Ethernet Controllers (GMACs)
 - Serial RapidIO and PCI Express High-speed interface
 - Integrated Four-channel DMA Controller
 - Dual I2C and Dual UART
 - Programmable Interrupt Controller (PIC)
- + **TID:** 100krad(Si)

Benefits

- + Integrated Processor
- + 90nm SOI technology
- + High processing power for space
- + 783 HiTCE CBGA (29x29mm, Pitch 1mm)
- + **QML-Y space grade, SCD 5962-20209**

Applications

- + Earth observation satellites
- + Weather monitoring satellites
- + Telecommunication satellites
- + Launch vehicles
- + Manned space flight

QML-Y Certified

DLA's VID (Vendor Item Drawing) Program



Current Supplier's Program Benefits

1. Single Standardization Document
2. Controlled baseline.
3. Enhanced product change notification of processes, materials, electrical performance, finish, molding compounds and manufacturing locations.
4. Extended temperature performance.
5. Enhanced Pedigree - Reliability and electromigration checks, electrical characterization over temperature and confirmation of package performance over temperature.
6. Enhanced Obsolescence management.
7. No pure tin.
8. No copper wire bonds.

See the attached listing or check our website for an up to date list of product coverage.

DSCC ANNOUNCES THE RELEASE OF A NEW TYPE OF STANDARDIZATION DOCUMENT.

DSCC is releasing new Vendor Item Drawings (VIDs) almost daily. These documents have been created to provide a procurement vehicle for enhanced commercial products. Specifically, commercially available microcircuit products are being documented for the first time on a standardization document. Use of these DSCC VIDs will avoid the use of manufacturer generated specification control drawings (SCDs) or manufacturer's VIDs and avoid the potential proliferation of non-standard products. The participating manufacturers have agreed to provide information and services that have not traditionally been associated with commercial products. See our website for a list of documents that are currently available.



All Vendor Item Drawings are ***NOW*** available on the DSCC web site

<http://www.dsccl.dla.mil/Programs/MilSpec/>

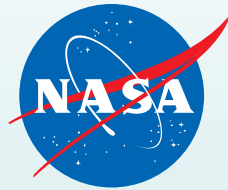
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The Last Page

- **NASA supports a wide spectrum of space missions. The success of each of them counts.**
- **NASA is working with the space community to help infuse new technologies into the military standards.**
- **We encourage the world wide space community to get/stay involved in developing/updating standards.**
- **Development of workforce is an immense challenge. To that end, Tom Green's efforts are appreciated.**

Thank you, CMSE, for this opportunity!

<http://nepp.nasa.gov>



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