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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) updates to better align the test method with MIL-STD 883J, method 1017, including removal of restriction of use of the document, and a requirement to limit the total ionization dose;
- b) addition of a Bibliography, including US MIL- and ASTM standards relevant to this test method.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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# SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES – MECHANICAL AND CLIMATIC TEST METHODS –

## Part 17: Neutron irradiation

### 1 Scope

The neutron irradiation test is performed to determine the susceptibility of semiconductor devices to non-ionizing energy loss (NIEL) degradation. The test described herein is applicable to integrated circuits and discrete semiconductor devices and is intended for military- and aerospace-related applications. It is a destructive test.

The objectives of the test are as follows:

- a) to detect and measure the degradation of critical semiconductor device parameters as a function of neutron fluence, and
- b) to determine if specified semiconductor device parameters are within specified limits after exposure to a specified level of neutron fluence (see Clause 6).

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

### 3 Terms and definitions

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### 4 Test apparatus

#### 4.1 Test instruments

Test instrumentation to be used in the radiation test shall be standard laboratory electronic test instruments such as power supplies, digital voltmeters, and pico-ammeters, etc., capable of measuring the electrical parameters required.

#### 4.2 Radiation source

The radiation source used in the test shall be a well characterized neutron source that produces either a broad neutron energy spectrum (such as a TRIGA<sup>1</sup> reactor or a fast burst reactor) or a monoenergetic neutron spectrum such as available from deuterium-tritium or deuterium-deuterium accelerators) provided that the output can be converted to a 1 MeV equivalent spectrum.

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