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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2017. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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INTRODUCTION

The earliest electrostatic discharge (ESD) test models and standards simulate a charged object approaching a device and discharging through the device. The most common example is IEC 60749-26, the human body model (HBM). However, with the increasing use of automated device handling systems, another potentially destructive discharge mechanism, the charged device model (CDM), becomes increasingly important. In the CDM, a device itself becomes charged (e.g. by sliding on a surface (tribocharging) or by electric field induction) and is rapidly discharged (by an ESD event) as it closely approaches a conductive object. A critical feature of the CDM is the metal-metal discharge, which results in a very rapid transfer of charge through an air breakdown arc. The CDM test method also simulates metal-metal discharges arising from other similar scenarios, such as the discharging of charged metal objects to devices at different potential.

Accurately quantifying and reproducing this fast metal-metal discharge event is very difficult, if not impossible, due to the limitations of the measuring equipment and its influence on the discharge event. The CDM discharge is generally completed in a few nanoseconds, and peak currents of tens of amperes have been observed. The peak current into the device will vary considerably depending on a large number of factors, including package type and parasitics. The typical failure mechanism observed in MOS devices for the CDM model is dielectric damage, although other damage has been noted.

The CDM charge voltage sensitivity of a given device is package dependent. For example, the same integrated circuit (IC) in a small area package can be less susceptible to CDM damage at a given voltage compared to that same IC in a package of the same type with a larger area. It has been shown that CDM damage susceptibility correlates better to peak current levels than charge voltage.