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for  
RF COAXIAL LOADS & ATTENUATORS  
Reinforced design**

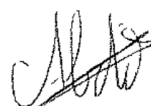
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# 1 SCOPE

## 1.1 Scope

This specification covers the general requirements for procurement, including lot acceptance testing, and delivery of standard Fixed, RF Coaxial Attenuators and RF Coaxial Termination for Space application. These components are directly issued from standard technical design, proceeded and tested in accordance with ESCC philosophy. This specification contains the appropriate inspection and test schedules and also specifies the data documentation requirements. Components are delivered under RADIALL Quality Assurance Label.

## 1.2 Technical Design

Materials:

Part Design	Material	Finishes
SMA Coupling nut	Stainless steel	/
Insulator	PTFE/ULTEM	/
SMA socket	CuBe 2	Ni 2µm / Au 1.3 µm
SMA Plug	CuBe 2	Ni 2µm / Au 1.3 µm
Shell	Stainless steel	/

## 1.3 Piece Part Procurement:

### 1.3.1 Preliminary Piece Part Procurement:

Piece Part	Inspection and Control	Document reference
SMA coupling nuts and shells	Visual Conformity of treatment Dimensional (process)	Refer to Product Quality Plan (P.Q.P.). Chapter Part Design Document (PDD)
Insulator	Dimensional (process)	
Shell	Visual	
SMA Socket and Plug after protection	Conformity of plating Dimensional (process)	

### 1.3.2 Sub-assembly part:

Sub-Assembly Part	Inspection and Control	Document reference
Strip and contact soldering	Visual 100% + Inspection only on functional areas according to ESA SCC 20500 Soldering :100%	Refer to P.Q.P.: Chapter Flow CHART Document (FCD)
Assembly of Strip and Contact	Visual 100%	

### 1.3.3 Final Components:

Final Part	Inspection and Control	Document reference
Attenuators	Cleaning and Final Inspection 100% After: see Final Production Test	Refer to PQP : Chapter Test Plan Document (TPD)

## 2 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

All proceed shall be clearly identified in the applicable Product Quality Plan (P.Q.P.)

Document	Reference
Product Quality Plan (P.Q.P.)	R413999000.PQP
Production Flow CHART	Refer to P.Q.P.: -Chapter Flow CHART Document (FCD)
Traceability	The complete traceability is recorded but not provided for each order. Refer to P.Q.P. Chapter Product Assurance Plan (PAQ)
Test Flow chart for Final Production Tests and Lot Acceptance Tests	Refer to P.Q.P.: Chapter Test Plan Document (TPD)
Certificate of conformity	See P.Q.P.
RADIALL Quality Manual	MQR in force
Resistance to solvents of marking	ESCC 24800

### **3 INSPECTION & RIGHTS**

The manufacturer shall be responsible of inspections performed during the complete manufacturing, the Final Production Tests and the Lot Acceptance Tests.



## 4 REQUIREMENTS

The test requirements for procurement of qualified components shall only comprise Final Production Tests.

Components procurement could be provided from different identified batches of previous manufacturing lot.

If required on the order, Lot Acceptance Test or specific requirements could be added on the components with extra-charges.

For qualification the components shall comprise Final Production Test and qualification program described in paragraph 11.

### 4.1 Specifications

Procurement and delivery of components shall be in conformity with this specification which shall apply in total unless otherwise specified herein or in the Detail specification.

#### 4.1.1 Conditions and Methods of Test

The conditions and methods of test shall be in accordance with the Product Quality Plan.

#### 4.1.2 Manufacturer's Responsibility for Performance of Tests and Inspections

The manufacturer shall be responsible for the performance of tests and inspections. These tests and inspections shall be performed at the plant. For qualification, tests could be performed by agreed external facility.

### 4.2 Deliverable Components

Components delivered to this specification shall be processed in accordance with the relevant Product Quality Plan (P. Q. P.). Each delivered component shall be traceable to its production lot. Components delivered to this specification shall have completed satisfactorily all tests with the relevant testing levels. For each part number of the purchase order, Radiall reserves the right to deliver maximum two batches with different date code (<2 years old), depending on stock availability. Radiall cannot deliver more than 2 different date codes on the same part number without the customer's authorization.

### 4.3 Lot Failure

#### 4.3.1 Lot Failure

Lot failure may occur during Final Production Test or Lot Acceptance Testing.

#### 4.3.2 Testing and Lot Acceptance Levels

This specification defines the testing severity and the Lot Acceptance testing.

The Lot Acceptance levels are designated LAT1, LAT2 and comprise tests as follows:

- level 2 (LAT2) -Endurance Subgroup
- level 1 (LAT1) -Environmental and Mechanical Subgroup plus Endurance Subgroup.

### 4.4 Marking

All components procured and delivered to this specification shall be marked in accordance with the Product Quality Plan (P.Q.P.) and shall contain the following details:

- RADIALL part number
- Date Code

## **5 PRODUCTION CONTROL**

The minimum requirements for production control, which are equally applicable to procurement, are defined in the Product Quality Plan.

## 6 FINAL PRODUCTION TESTS

### 6.1 General

All components used for delivery and those submitted to Lot Acceptance tests, shall be subjected to tests and inspections in accordance with the Product Quality Plan.

### 6.2 Test Methods and Conditions

Test methods and conditions are completely specified and performed in the order shown in paragraph 10 referenced in “chart of Final Production Tests”.

### 6.3 Documentation

Documentation of Final production test report shall be in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 14 of this specification.

## 7 FAILURES

A component shall be counted as a failure in any of the following cases:

- mechanical failure
- handling failure
- lost component
- visual aspect

Any failure prior to the submission to Burn-in shall be rejected and not counted when determining lot rejection.

### 7.1 Lot Failure for Final Production Tests:

In case of lot failure, the manufacturer shall alert the buyer. A lot shall be considered as failed if the allowable number defined in the paragraph 7.2, has been exceeded.

### 7.2 Lot Failure during 100 % Testing for Final Production Tests

If the number of components failed on the basis of the failure criteria described in paragraph 7 subsequent to Burn-in equals or exceeds, see paragraph 10 for the details:

- 6 % of a lot larger than 50 components,
- 3 devices of a lot between 20 and 50 components,
- 2 devices of a lot smaller than 20 components,

the lot shall be considered as failed.

If a lot is composed of groups of components of one family defined in one Detail specification, but separately identifiable for any reason, then the lot failure criteria shall apply separately to each identifiable group.

### 7.3 Lot Failure during Sample Testing for Qualification and Lot Acceptance Tests:

A lot shall be considered as failed if the number of allowable failures during sample testing in accordance with General Inspection Level II of IEC Publication No. 410 is exceeded.

A component shall be counted as a limit failure if one or more parameters exceed the limit shown in the Detail specification.

### 7.4 Failed Components

The following criteria shall apply to:

A component shall be considered as failed if one or more parameters exceed the limit shown in the Detail specification.

### 7.5 Failure Criteria

The following criteria shall apply to qualification and Lot acceptance tests

#### - Environmental and Mechanical Test Failures:

Components which fail during tests for which the pass/fail criteria are inherent in the test method, e.g; vibration, etc

#### - Electrical Failures:

One or more applicable parameters exceed the requested limits shown in table 1 of the Detail specification when subjected to electrical measurements during environmental and endurance tests.

## 8 QUALIFICATION TESTS

### 8.1 Qualification Testing

#### 8.1.1 Sample Size

The sample sizes of the qualification and the applicable test requirements are specified in paragraph 11 Qualification chart.

#### 8.1.2 Distribution within the Sample Lot for Qualification Testing

The specification covers a range or series of components that are considered similar for each family of components. Attenuator samples shall be established by the manufacturer in accordance with the distribution of attenuation values.

#### 8.1.3 Qualification Testing

Test methods and conditions are completely specified and performed in the order shown in paragraph 11 referenced "Chart of Qualification Testing".

### 8.2 Documentation

In the case of Qualification testing, the data shall be documented in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 14.

## **9 LOT ACCEPTANCE TESTS**

In the case of Lot Acceptance testing, the data shall be documented in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 14.

## 10 CHART OF FINAL PRODUCTION TESTS

FINAL PRODUCTION TESTS	
Para. 13.2.5.2– 100%	Electrical Measurements
Para. 13.2.1– 100%	Thermal Cycling
Para. 13.2.2– 100%	Vibration Cycling
Para. 13.2.5.2– 100%	Parameter drift value (Initial Electrical measurements)
Para. 13.2.17 – 100%	Burn In <sup>(2)</sup>
Para. 13.2.5.2 – 100%	Parameter drift value (Final Electrical measurements) <sup>(2)</sup>
Para. 13.2.5.3– 3 pcs	Hight & Low temperature Electrical Measurements <sup>(2)</sup>
Para. 13.2.5.2 – 100%	Room temperature Electrical Measurements <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
Para. 13.2.3 – 100%	Female Contact Retention <sup>(2)</sup>
Para. 13.2.15– 3 pcs	Dimension and Mass
Para. 13.2.200 – 100%	X-ray (Optional test) <sup>(4)</sup>
Para. 13.2.4– 100%	External Visual Inspection
Para. 7.2 – 100%	Check for Lot Failure <sup>(3)</sup>

Figure 1: Chart of Final Production Test

**Notes:**

1. Measurements of Parameter Drift Values need not be repeated in Room Temperature Electrical Measurements.
2. The lot failure criteria of Para. 7.2 apply to this test (highlighting in grey).
3. Check for Lot Failure shall consider all failures that may occur during Screening Tests in accordance with Paras. 13.2.5.2, 13.2.5.3, 13.2.3 subsequent to Burn-in.
4. Applicable only if this option is ordered by the customer

# 11 CHART OF QUALIFICATION TESTING

## QUALIFICATION CHART (10 components after Final Production Test)

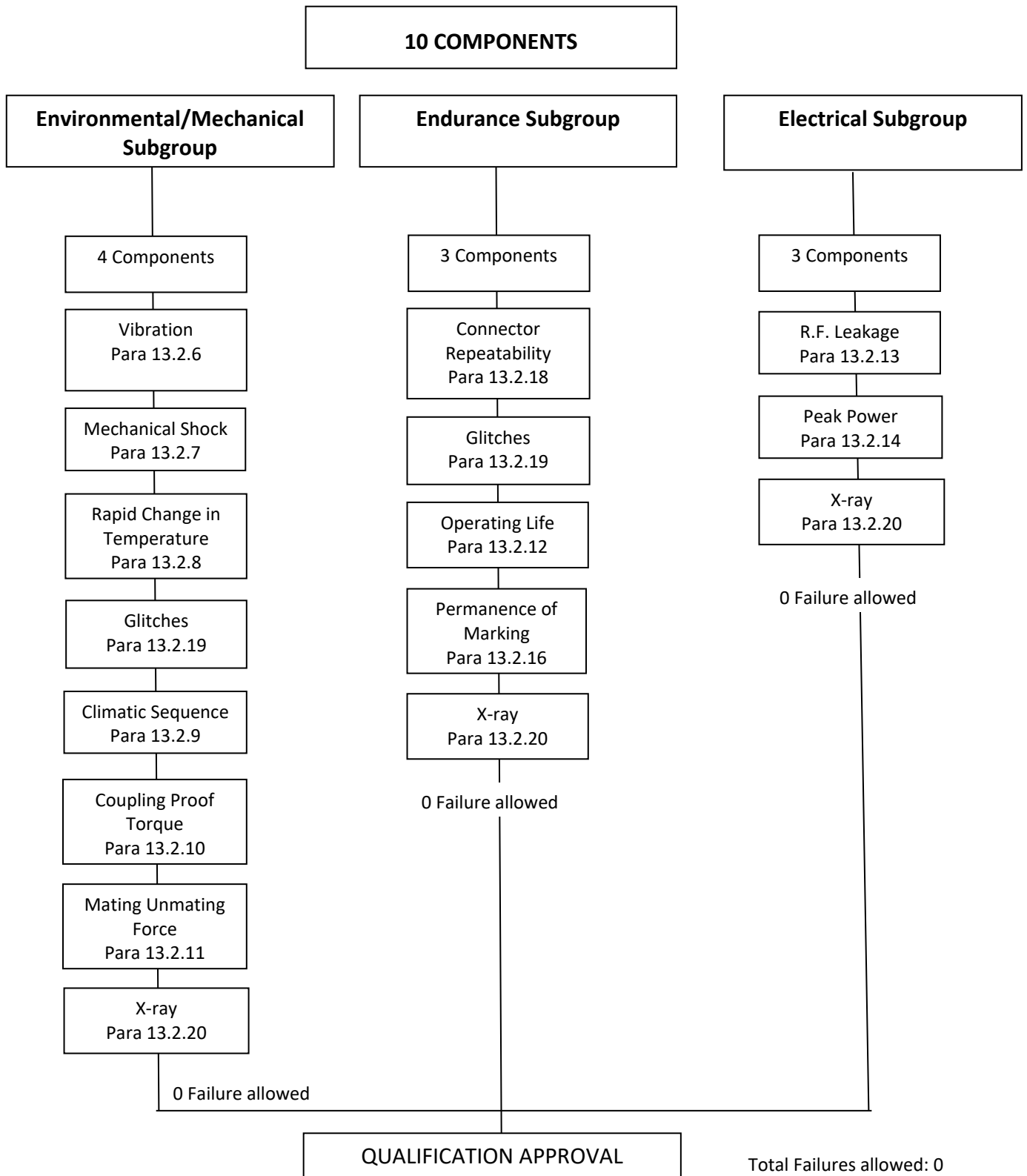


Figure 2: Chart of Qualification test

**Note**

- The tests shown in this Chart are considered to be destructive



## 12 CHART OF LOT ACCEPTANCE TEST

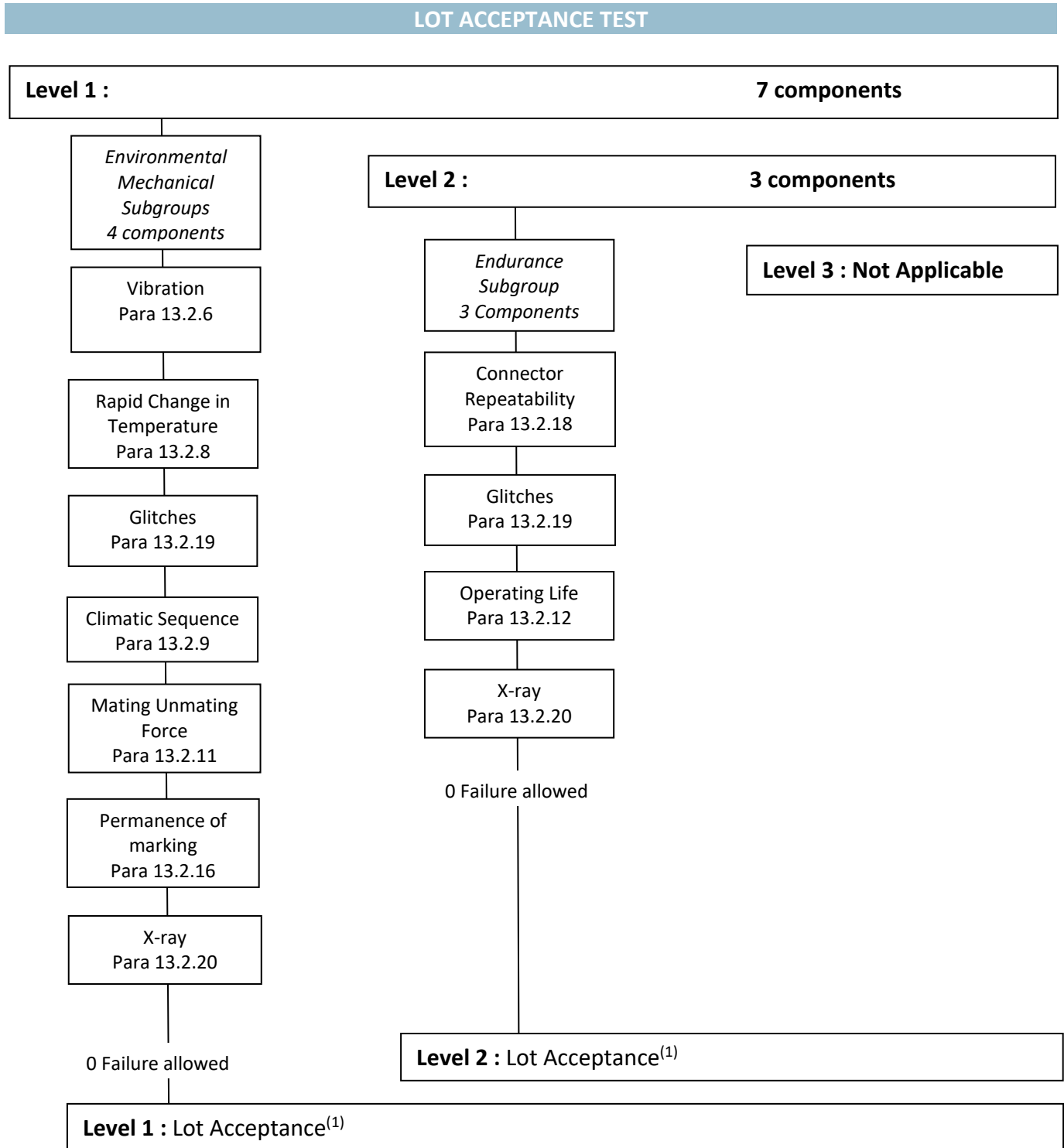


Figure 3: Chart of Lot Acceptance Test

**Note**

(1) The tests shown in this Chart are considered to be destructive

## 13 TEST METHODS AND PROCEDURES

### 13.1 General:

The complete test methods and procedures are specified in the Product Quality Plan (P.Q.P.) and in the Detail specification.

### 13.2 Summarized Tests Conditions:

This paragraph details the summarized methods and procedures applied on components in accordance with the different chart (Final Production Test - Qualification Testing and Lot Acceptance Test).

#### 13.2.1 Thermal Cycling

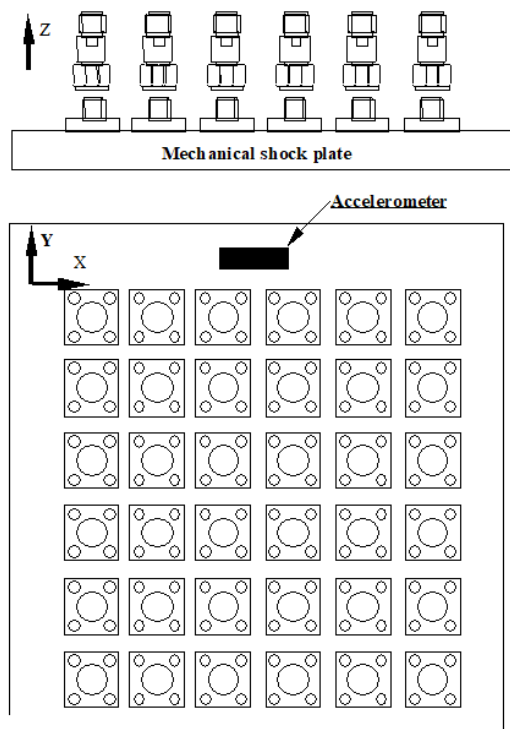
The components shall be subjected to Test Nb of IEC Publication No. 60068-2-14. The number of cycles shall be 5 with 15 minutes at each extreme temperature given in the detail specification. The temperature change rate shall be 2 to 5°/mn.

During thermal cycling, savers shall be connected to each connector.

#### 13.2.2 Vibration Cycling

##### 13.2.2.1 Mounting condition

For Final production Test, the parts shall be held as follows:



### 13.2.2.2 Random vibration

For Final production Test, the parts shall be subjected to vibration cycling as specified below. The vibration cycle shall be applied in the three mutually perpendicular axes as defined in the detail specification.

Frequency range (Hz)	Level
20 – 100	+6dB / oct
100 – 1000	0.67g <sup>2</sup> /Hz
1000 - 2000	-3dB / oct
Global: 33 grms	
Duration: 60 seconds per axis	

### 13.2.2.3 Sine vibration

Not Applicable

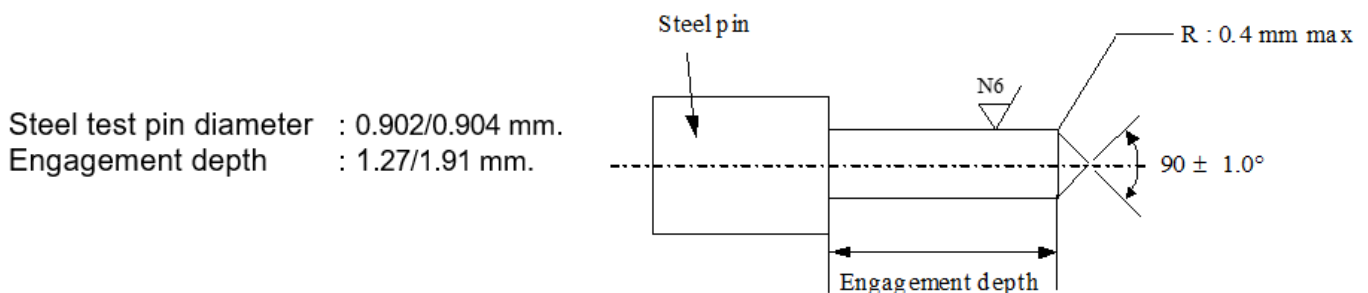
### 13.2.3 Female Contact Retention

These measurements shall be performed with a contact retention of 28.4 grams and should remain firmly attached to the connector.

The requirements for these measurements apply to female contact only.

Test pin configuration shall be as defined below.

#### Test pin configuration



### 13.2.4 External Visual Inspection

External Visual Inspection shall be performed in accordance with ESCC Basic Specification No. 20500.

### 13.2.5 Electrical Measurements

#### 13.2.5.1 General

Unless otherwise stated in the detail specification, the following measurements shall be made under the standard condition's tests referenced in the relevant CHART.

#### 13.2.5.2 Electrical Measurements at Room Temperature

The measurements of electrical characteristics shall be made in accordance with Table 1 of the Detail specification.

#### 13.2.5.3 Electrical Measurements at High and Low Temperature

The measurements of electrical characteristics shall be made at each extreme temperature. in accordance with Table 1 and 2 of the Detail specifications.

### 13.2.6 Vibration

#### 13.2.6.1 Mounting condition

For LAT or Qualification test, the parts shall be held as it's described in the detail specification figure 2.

#### 13.2.6.2 Random vibration

For LAT or Qualification Test, the parts shall be subjected to vibration cycling as specified below. The vibration cycle shall be applied in the three mutually perpendicular axes as defined in the detail specification.

Frequency range (Hz)	Level
20 – 100	+6dB / oct
100 – 1000	1.54g <sup>2</sup> /Hz
1000 - 2000	-3dB / oct
Global: 50 grms	

Duration: 180 seconds per axis

During the last cycle in each direction, an electrical measurement shall be made to determine intermittent contact of 0.5 ms or longer duration, or open or short circuiting. After vibration, the components shall be visually inspected and there shall be no evidence of damage.

#### 13.2.6.3 Sine vibration

Not Applicable

### 13.2.7 Shock

#### 13.2.7.1 Mounting condition

For Qualification test, the parts shall be held as it's described in the detail specification figure 2.

#### 13.2.7.2 Shocks level

For all axis:

Frequency (Hz)	Shock response spectrum (g) Q=10
100	70
3000	2000
10000	2000
Number of events: 3 shocks per axis	

Min tolerances: 0db within (100Hz – 10000Hz)

After shock, the components shall be visually examined and there shall be no evidence of damage.

Notes:

- Shock Response Spectrum (SRS) specification is defined by a straight line on a log-log plot. SRS computations shall be made with the absolute acceleration time history using the maxi-max technique and a Q-factor Q=10. SRS computations shall be made at a minimum of 1/6 octave intervals.
- The SRS shall be measured and plotted to 10kHz minimum. However, it is preferable to record the data out to 20kHz (40kHz if possible) for engineering information.
- In case of a shock test based on a hammer or real pyrotechnic device, the input load in the direct and cross-talk directions shall be measured using diagonally opposite accelerometers against the device under test. The accelerometers being as close as possible to the interface feet of the device under test.

### 13.2.8 Rapid Change in Temperature

The components shall be subjected to Test Na of IEC Publication No. 60068-2-14.

#### For Qualification Test:

The number of cycles shall be 100 with 15 minutes at each extreme storage temperature unless otherwise specified in the Detail specification (Table 2 - Maximum Ratings).

#### For LAT Test:

The number of cycles shall be 10 with 15 minutes at each extreme storage temperature unless otherwise specified in the Detail specification (Table 2 - Maximum Ratings).

During Rapid change of temperature, savers shall be connected to each connector.

### 13.2.9 Climatic Sequence

#### 13.2.9.1 Dry Heat

The components shall be subjected to test 'Ba' of IEC Publication No. 60068-2-2.

Duration: 2 hours at maximum operating temperature as prescribed in the Detail specification (Table 2).

#### 13.2.9.2 Damp Heat, Accelerated, First Cycle

The components shall be subjected to Test 'D' of IEC Publication No. 60068-2-4 for one cycle at 24 hours.

#### 13.2.9.3 Cold Test

The components shall be subjected to Test 'Aa' of IEC Publication No. 60068-2-1.

Duration: 2 hours at minimum operating temperature as prescribed in the Detail specification (Table 2).

#### 13.2.9.4 Low Air Pressure

The components shall be subjected to Test 'M' of IEC Publication No. 60068-2-13 under to following conditions:

- 1 to 2 minutes at 85 mbar
- temperature: + 15 to + 35°C.

#### 13.2.9.5 Damp Heat, Accelerated, Remaining Cycles

The components shall be subjected to Test 'D' of IEC Publication No. 60068-2-4 for 5 cycles of 24 hours.

### 13.2.10 Coupling Proof Torque

To be tested to Special Inspection Level S-QL 1.0 of IEC Publication No.410.

The connector shall be engaged with its mating counterpart (gauge) and the coupling nut tightened to the torque of 170 N.cm. After 1 minute, the connector pair shall be disconnected.

The coupling mechanism shall not be dislodged and the interface dimensions of the connector (noted "h" & "j" for female and "p" & "r" for male contact) shall remain as specified on connector interface figures defined in paragraph 13.2.11.

### 13.2.11 Mating and Unmating Forces

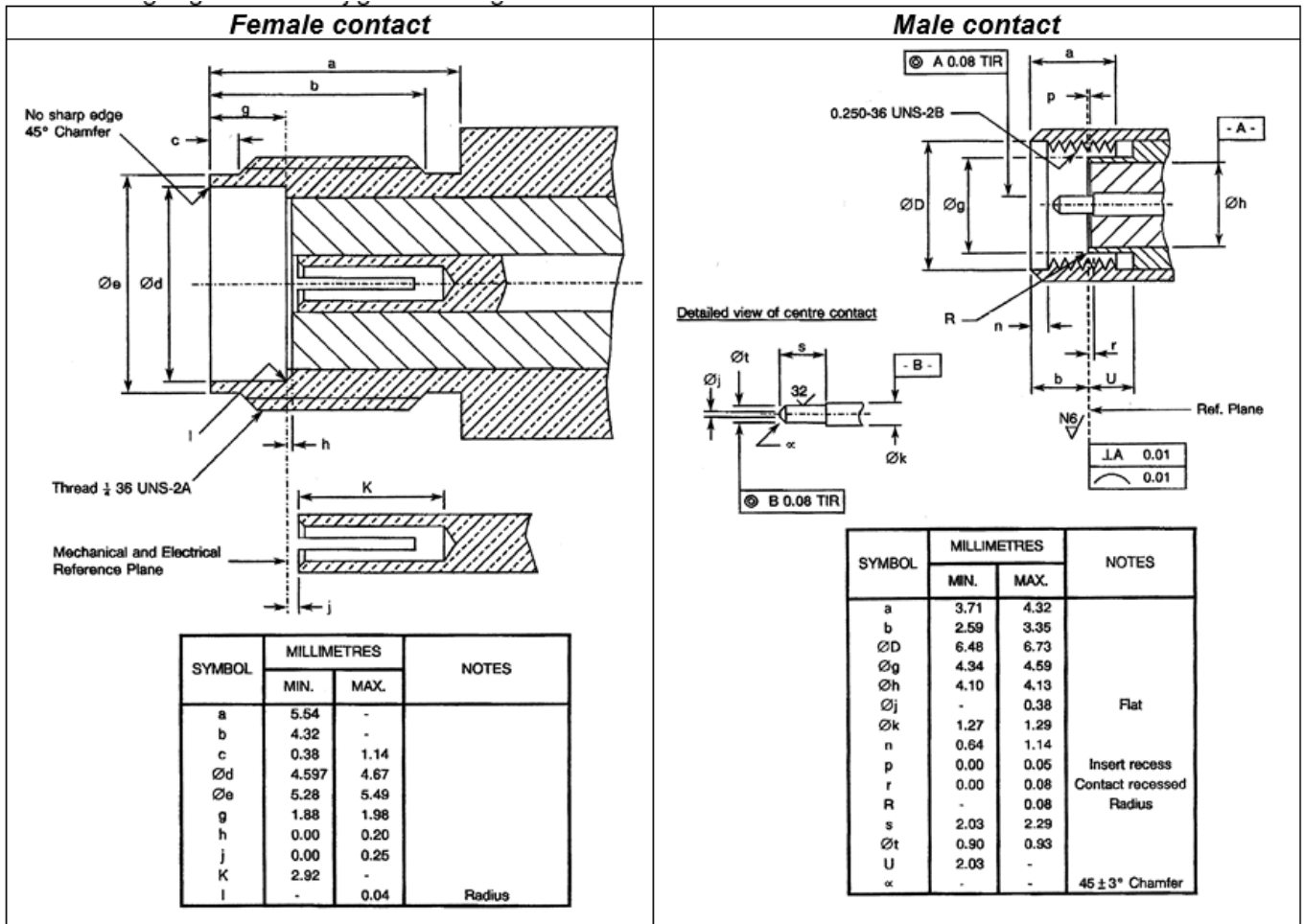
To be tested to special Inspection Level S-4, AQL 1.0 of IEC Publication No.410.

The connector shall be mated with its mating gauge. During the entire mating or unmating cycle (until the connector is fully mated or unmated), the necessary torque shall not exceed 24 N.cm.

A screw-coupling connector is fully mated with its mating gauge when their reference planes coincide.

No additional tightening torque shall be applied.

The gauge is a steel jig containing the critical interface dimensions defined below:



### 13.2.12 Operating life

The components shall be subjected to an operating life test of 1,000 hours at the ambient temperature. The parameters for operating life are given in the detail specification.

They shall be tested at rated input power applied in cycles of 1.5 hour 'on' and 0.5 hour 'off' throughout the test. The half-hour 'off' periods is included in the total test duration. The test frequency shall be at adapted frequency (GHz).

**For Qualification test**, 10 cycles at +70°C :1.5 Hours "on" and 0.5 hour "off" will be added after the 1,000 hours.

After not less than 1,000 hours, the components shall be removed from the chamber and allowed to cool under standard atmospheric conditions for testing for not less than 1 hour and not more than 24 hours. The removal from the chamber shall take place at the end of the half-hour 'off' period.

### 13.2.13 RF Leakage (Only during Qualification Testing) (IEC 61726)

The component shall be subjected to RF leakage measurement according to IEC Publication N°61726. (Reverberating chamber test method).

### 13.2.14 Peak Power

The component shall be placed in still air and free Space at the standard atmospheric conditions. The specified peak power shall be applied 10 times to each end of the attenuators or to the load for the time specified in the detail specification; the other end of the attenuator shall be connected to a matched fixed coaxial load. After the component has cooled down to standard inspection conditions, the attenuation or resistance shall be measured.

### 13.2.15 Dimension Check and Weight

This test shall be performed in accordance with the Detail specification requirement.

### 13.2.16 Permanence of Marking

This test shall be performed in accordance with ESCC specification n°24800.

### 13.2.17 BURN-IN

The conditions for Burn-in shall be as follow:

- a. Input Power:  $P = 0 \text{ W}$
- b. Maximum Operating Temperature:  $T = 125 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$
- c. Duration:  $t = 168 \text{ Hours}$

### 13.2.18 Connector Repeatability

This test shall be performed in accordance with the Detail specification requirement.

### 13.2.19 Glitches (Insertion Loss stability in temperature)

Test vehicles shall be subjected to temperature cycling with the following conditions:

- Number of Temperature Cycles: 3 cycles with 15 minutes minimum at each operating temperature extreme as specified in Maximum Ratings in the Detail Specification.
- Temperature transfer slope:  $3 \pm 1^\circ\text{C/minute}$
- Power Applied During Cycling: 0dBm minimum.
- Operating Frequency: the maximum operating frequency as specified in the Detail Specification, unless otherwise specified.
- Data Points: During testing, Insertion Loss shall be continuously monitored and recorded once every 500ms as a minimum or alternatively an analogue recorder may be used. The following acceptance criteria shall apply:
- No single Insertion loss discontinuity, step or spike shall exceed 0.05dB over each second

#### Note:

In order for any observed glitch to be considered as a single Insertion Loss discontinuity, step or spike, it shall be evident on more than one temperature cycle. Otherwise it may be ignored.

This test shall be performed in accordance with the Detail specification requirement.

### 13.2.20 X-rays

Radiographs shall be taken of the solder joints between the foil and the connector and the pin and centre conductor. The main criteria is the quality of the shape of the solder between pin and strip line. The voids in the soldering are not rejected criteria.

### 13.2.21 Destructive Part Analysis (DPA – Optional test on 3 samples if ordered)

This test is done according to MIL STD 1580B with ONLY the following criteria's for Load/Attenuator:

1. Visual inspection with checking of mechanical interface on all samples
2. X-rays (see §13.2.20) on all samples
3. Micro sectioning on 1 sample with checking:
  - Soldering shape and quality (according to FIPA 026 915S, available for consulting at Radiall factory only)
  - Positioning of all parts according to the engineering drawing
4. Dismantling on 1 sample with checking:
  - Visual inspection of each part
  - Visual inspection of soldering
  - Cracking test of the soldering between center contact and strip line with a criteria of:  
120g min for SMA2.9,  
600g min for SMA
5. Plating thickness on 1 sample: on all parts with plating (Au, Silver, Ni,...) excepted passivated parts (stainless steel passivated).



## 14 DATA DOCUMENTATION

### 14.1 General

This package shall be compiled from:

- a) Final production test report (with Lot failure and Lot traceability: Date code, are part of it)
- b) Lot Acceptance Test Data
- c) Failed component list and Failed Analysis report.
- d) Certificate of Conformity.
- e) Manufacturing and Control Flow CHART.

Document reference	Delivered with the product	Available at the plant
Flow CHART Document		X
Lot Failure	X	X
Lot Acceptance Test Data	X <sup>(1)</sup>	X
Qualification Testing Data	X <sup>(1)</sup>	X
Final Production Test Data	X	X
Control Finishing of materials		X
Lot Traceability		X
Certificate of conformity	X	X

**Note:**

(1): If ordered by the customer

#### 14.1.1 Final production test report

A test result summary shall be compiled showing the total number of components submitted to, and the total number rejected after, each of the following tests indicated on the production chart. The compiled Final production test report shall form an integral part of the data documentation package. No RF curves are recorded, only Pass - Fail results are recorded.

#### 14.1.2 Lot Acceptance Test data

Test result summary shall be compiled showing the total number of components submitted to, and the total number rejected after, each of the following tests indicated on the Lot Acceptance chart.

#### 14.1.3 Qualification Testing data

Test result summary shall be compiled showing the total number of components submitted to, and the total number rejected after, each of the following tests indicated on the qualification chart. All complete results are available at the plant.

#### 14.1.4 Failed Component List and Failure Analysis Report

The failed component list failure analysis report shall provide full details of:

- a) the reference number and description of the test;
- b) the failed parameter and the failure mode of the component.

### 14.2 Certificate of Conformity

A certificate of conformity shall be established as defined in the Product Quality Plan.

## **15 DELIVERY**

For procurement, for each order, the items forming the delivery are:

- a) the Delivery Lot;
- b) the LAT report if ordered with the parts used for it
- c) the relevant documentation in accordance with the requirements of Section 14 of this specification.

## **16 PACKAGING AND DESPATCH**

The packaging and dispatch of components to this specification shall be in accordance with the requirement of the Product Quality Plan

## 17 STORAGE

**Condition:** All RF Loads or RF attenuators must be stored in the deposit with controlled temperature and humidity (clean room ISO8) or in the Radiall primary package, at room temperature if the store in not classified ISO8

**Storage Life:** Up to 6 years after production date (Date Code) if the component has respected the storage condition.

**End of document**