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## ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING –

### **Part 2-21: Tests – Test U: Robustness of terminations and integral mounting devices**

#### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60068 is applicable to all electrical and electronic components whose terminations or integral mounting devices are liable to be submitted to stresses during normal assembly or handling operations and is also applicable to surface mount devices (SMDs).

The recommended test methods suitable for specific terminations/lead of devices are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Selection of test methods suitable for specific terminations/leads**

Test method		Component	Mounted/not mounted	See Clause
Test	Type			
Ua <sub>1</sub>	Tensile	Leaded devices	Not mounted	Clause 4
Ua <sub>2</sub>	Thrust	Leaded devices	Not mounted	Clause 4
Ub	Bending	Leaded devices	Not mounted	Clause 5
Uc	Torsion	Leaded devices	Not mounted	Clause 6
Ud	Torque	Threaded stud, screw or other terminations	Not mounted	Clause 7
Ue <sub>1</sub>	Substrate bending	Surface mount devices	Mounted	Clause 8
Ue <sub>2</sub>	Pull/push	Surface mount devices	Mounted	Clause 8
Ue <sub>3</sub>	Shear	Surface mount devices	Mounted	Clause 8
Uf <sub>1</sub>	Body strength	Surface mount devices	Not mounted	Clause 9
Uf <sub>2</sub>	Impact shock	Surface mount devices	Not mounted	Clause 9

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