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## Part 1: Generic specification

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60738 describes terms and methods of test for positive step-function temperature coefficient thermistors, insulated and non-insulated types, typically made from ferro-electric semi-conductor materials.

It establishes standard terms, inspection procedures and methods of test for use in detail specifications for qualification approval and for quality assessment systems for electronic components.

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IEC 60068-1:2013, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

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