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### Part 1: Thermal resistance and thermal parameter of BGA, QFP type semiconductor packages

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 63378 specifies the terms and definitions that are commonly used for thermal characteristics of BGA and QFP type semiconductor packages, and guidelines to use these thermal characteristics.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60191-4, *Mechanical standardization of semiconductor devices – Part 4: Coding system and classification into forms of package outlines for semiconductor device packages*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60191-4 and the following apply.

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##### 3.1 Terms and letter symbols related to temperature (unit [°C or K])

###### 3.1.1

###### ambient air temperature

$T_A$

temperature of ambient air at location adequately distant from the package (see Figure 1)

Note 1 to entry: Conceptually, it refers to an ambient air temperature at a location that is not affected by the semiconductor package to be measured.

###### 3.1.2

###### junction temperature

$T_J$

temperature of at an arbitrary position of the chip (see Figure 1)

Note 1 to entry: Especially when there is no specification, it is considered as the centre of a chip.

Note 2 to entry: Junction refers to the junction area of a semiconductor. Assuming that heat is generated at the junction of p-type and n-type, temperature at the junction becomes high and is used as representing temperature for semiconductor devices. Because there are many junctions built into a real chip, the term junction is used synonymously as the chip. The location is commonly placed at the centre of the circuit surface of the chip, although location dependence may be taken into consideration for chips requiring high power consumption.