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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62880 describes a constant temperature (isothermal) aging method for testing copper (Cu) metallization test structures on microelectronics wafers for susceptibility to stress-induced voiding (SIV). This method is to be conducted primarily at the wafer level of production during technology development, and the results are to be used for lifetime prediction and failure analysis. Under some conditions, the method can be applied to package-level testing. This method is not intended to check production lots for shipment, because of the long test time.

Dual damascene Cu metallization systems usually have liners, such as tantalum (Ta) or tantalum nitride (TaN) on the bottom and sides of trenches etched into dielectric layers. Hence, for structures in which a single via contacts a wide line below it, a void under the via can cause an open circuit at almost the same time as any percentage resistance shift that would satisfy a failure criterion.

2 Normative references

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3.1
stress migration
SM
crucial failure phenomenon of the semiconductor device interconnects

3.2
stress induced voiding
SIV
voiding generated in the semiconductor device interconnects which is caused by thermal stress

Note 1 to entry: In copper interconnect, voiding occurs under VIA or inside VIA, and causes resistance increase or open failure.

Note 2 to entry: See Annex B for mechanism.