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IEC 61691-1:1997, VHDL language reference manual <sup>1)</sup>

IEC 61691-2:2001, Part 2: VHDL multilogic system for model interoperability

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<sup>1)</sup> The edition 2 with the title: VHSIC hardware description language VHDL (1076a) (under consideration) will replace it.

IEC 61691-3-1, Part 3-1: Analog description in VHDL (under consideration)

IEC 61691-3-2:2001, Part 3-2: Mathematical operation in VHDL

IEC 61691-3-3:2001, Part 3-3: Synthesis in VHDL

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- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

## INTRODUCTION

This standard, 61691-3-3, supports the synthesis and verification of hardware designs, by defining vector types for representing signed or unsigned integer values and providing standard interpretations of widely used scalar VHDL values.

This standard includes package bodies, as described in annex A, which are available in electronic format either on a diskette affixed to the back cover, or as a downloadable file from the IEC Web Store.

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## 1. Overview

### 1.1 Scope

This standard defines standard practices for synthesizing binary digital electronic circuits from VHDL source code. It includes the following:

- a) The hardware interpretation of values belonging to the BIT and BOOLEAN types defined by IEEE Std 1076-1993<sup>1</sup> and to the STD\_ULOGIC type defined by IEEE Std 1164-1993.
- b) A function (STD\_MATCH) that provides “don’t care” or “wild card” testing of values based on the STD\_ULOGIC type.
- c) Standard functions for representing sensitivity to the edge of a signal.
- d) Two packages that define vector types for representing signed and unsigned arithmetic values, and that define arithmetic, shift, and type conversion operations on those types.

This standard is designed for use with IEEE Std 1076-1993. Modifications that may be made to the packages for use with the previous edition, IEEE Std 1076-1987, are described in 7.2.

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<sup>1</sup>Information on references can be found in Clause 2.