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The major areas of change in this edition are the following:

- a) addition of alphabetical Table 1 in Clause 3;
- b) addition of Table 2 in 4.1 for relevance to PDS/CDM/BDM;
- c) addition of Table 4 summary of decisive voltage class requirements;
- d) expansion of subclause on protective bonding (4.3.5.3);

- e) clarification of distinction between touch current and protective conductor current;
- f) revision of section on insulation (now 4.3.6) to include solid insulation;
- g) addition of overvoltage categoruies I and II to HV insulation voltage;
- h) revision of section on Solid insulation (now 4.3.6.8)
- i) addition of high-frequency insulation requirements (4.3.6.9, Annex E);
- j) addition of requirements for liquid-cooled PDS (4.4.5);
- k) addition of climatic and vibration tests (5.2.6);
- l) clarification of voltage test procedure to avoid over-stress of basic insulation (5.2.3.2.3);
- m) revision of short-circuit test requirement for large, high-voltage and one-off PDS (now 5.2.3.6);
- n) addition of informative Annex B for overvoltage category reduction.

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**ADJUSTABLE SPEED ELECTRICAL POWER DRIVE SYSTEMS –****Part 5-1: Safety requirements –  
Electrical, thermal and energy****1 Scope**

This part of IEC 61800 specifies requirements for adjustable speed *power drive systems*, or their elements, with respect to electrical, thermal and energy safety considerations. It does not cover the driven equipment except for interface requirements. It applies to adjustable speed electric drive systems which include the power conversion, drive control, and motor or motors. Excluded are traction and electric vehicle drives. It applies to d.c. drive systems connected to line voltages up to 1 kV a.c., 50 Hz or 60 Hz and a.c. drive systems with converter input voltages up to 35 kV, 50 Hz or 60 Hz and output voltages up to 35 kV.

Other parts of IEC 61800 cover rating specifications, EMC, functional safety, etc.

The scope of this part of IEC 61800 does not include devices used as component parts of a *PDS* if they comply with the safety requirements of a relevant product standard for the same environment. For example, motors used in *PDS* shall comply with the relevant parts of IEC 60034.

Unless specifically stated, the requirements of this International Standard apply to all parts of the *PDS*, including the *CDM/BDM* (see Figure 1).

**NOTE** In some cases, safety requirements of the *PDS* (for example, protection against direct contact) can necessitate the use of special components and/or additional measures.

**2 Normative references**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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IEC 60034 (all parts), *Rotating electrical machines*

IEC 60034-1, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance*

IEC 60034-5, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 5: Degrees of protection provided by the integral design of rotating electrical machines (IP code) - Classification*

IEC 60050-111, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 111: Physics and chemistry*

IEC 60050-151, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 151: Electrical and magnetic devices*

IEC 60050-161, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 161: Electromagnetic compatibility*

IEC 60050-191, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 191: Dependability and quality of service*

IEC 60050-441, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 441: Switchgear, controlgear and fuses*

IEC 60050-442, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 442: Electrical accessories*

IEC 60050-551, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 551: Power electronics*

IEC 60050-601, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 601: Generation, transmission and distribution of electricity – General*

IEC 60060-1:1989, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60068-2-2:1974, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests. Tests B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing – Part 78: Tests – Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

IEC 60112:2003, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60204-11, *Safety of machinery – Electrical equipment of machines – Part 11: Requirements for HV equipment for voltages above 1 000 V a.c. or 1 500 V d.c. and not exceeding 36 kV*

IEC 60309, *Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes*

IEC 60364-1, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 1: Fundamental principles, assessment of general characteristics, definitions*

IEC 60364-5-54:2002, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 5-54: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Earthing arrangements, protective conductors and protective bonding conductors*

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP code)*

IEC 60617, *Graphical symbols for diagrams*

IEC 60664-1:1992, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests<sup>1)</sup>*  
Amendment 1 (2000)  
Amendment 2 (2002)

IEC 60664-3:2003, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 3: Use of coating, potting or moulding for protection against pollution*

IEC 60664-4:2005, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 4: Consideration of high-frequency voltage stress*

IEC 60695-2-10, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure*

IEC 60695-2-13, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-13: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire ignitability test method for materials*

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IEC 60695-11-20, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-20: Test flames – 500 W flame test methods*

IEC 60755, *General requirements for residual current operated protective devices*

IEC 60947-7-1:2002, *Low-voltage switchgear and control gear – Part 7-1: Ancillary equipment – Terminal blocks for copper conductors*

IEC 60947-7-2:2002, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 7-2: Ancillary equipment – Protective conductor terminal blocks for copper conductors*

IEC 60990:1999, *Methods of measurement of touch current and protective conductor current*

IEC 61230, *Live working – Portable equipment for earthing or earthing and short-circuiting*

IEC 61800-1, *Adjustable speed electrical power drive systems – Part 1: General requirements – Rating specifications for low voltage adjustable speed d.c. power drive systems*

IEC 61800-2, *Adjustable speed electrical power drive systems – Part 2: General requirements – Rating specifications for low voltage adjustable frequency a.c. power drive systems*

IEC 61800-4, *Adjustable speed electrical power drive systems – Part 4: General requirements – Rating specifications for a.c. power drive systems above 1 000 V a.c. and not exceeding 35 kV*

IEC 62020, *Electrical accessories – Residual current monitors for household and similar uses (RCMs)*

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<sup>1)</sup> There exists a consolidated edition 1.2 (2002) including IEC 60664-1:1992 and its Amendments 1 and 2.

IEC 62271-102, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 102: Alternating current disconnectors and earthing switches*

ISO 3864 (all parts), *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs*

ISO 7000:2004, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment – Index and synopsis*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this international standard, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-111, IEC 60050-151, IEC 60050-161, IEC 60050-191, IEC 60050-441, IEC 60050-442, IEC 60050-551, IEC 60050-601, IEC 60664-1, IEC 61800-1, IEC 61800-2, IEC 61800-3 and IEC 61800-4 (some of which are repeated below for convenience), and the following definitions apply.

Table 1 provides an alphabetical cross-reference listing of terms.

**Table 1 – Alphabetical list of terms**

Term	Term number	Term	Term number	Term	Term number
adjacent circuit	3.1	(earth) leakage current	3.16	protective screening	3.31
basic drive module (BDM)	3.2	live part	3.17	protective separation	3.32
basic insulation	3.3	low-voltage PDS	3.18	reinforced insulation	3.33
CDM (complete drive module )	3.4	open-type (product)	3.19	routine test	3.34
closed electrical operating area	3.5	power drive system (PDS)	3.20	safety ELV (SELV) circuit	3.35
commissioning test	3.6	protective ELV (PELV) circuit	3.21	sample test	3.36
decisive voltage class (DVC)	3.7	prospective short-circuit current	3.22	supplementary insulation	3.37
double insulation	3.8	protective bonding	3.23	system voltage	3.38
extra low voltage (ELV)	3.9	protective class 0	3.24	temporary overvoltage	3.39
electrical breakdown	3.10	protective class I	3.25	touch current	3.40
expected lifetime	3.11	protective class II	3.26	type test	3.41
functional insulation	3.12	protective class III	3.27	user terminal	3.42
high-voltage PDS	3.13	protective earthing (PE)	3.28	working voltage	3.43
installation	3.14	protective earthing conductor	3.29	zone of equipotential bonding	3.44
integrated PDS	3.15	protective impedance	3.30		

#### 3.1

##### adjacent circuit

circuit having no galvanic connection to the circuit under consideration

NOTE A protective impedance is not considered to be a galvanic connection.