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This third edition replaces the second edition published in 1999 and its Amendments 1 (2001) and 2 (2006). It is a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition and its amendments:

- updated EMC normative references and associated requirements,
- new references to IEC 60947-1,
- marking of electronic relays without thermal memory,
- marking of tripping time at 0 °C ambient or below,
- new test requirements for limits of operation of time-delay overload relays,

- new classes of overload current withstand time,
- damp heat, salt mist, vibration and shock tests,
- short-circuit test in the smallest enclosure,
- update of the routine and sampling tests.

This standard shall be read in conjunction with IEC 60947-1:2007, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: General rules*. The provisions of the general rules are applicable to this standard, where specifically called for.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
17B/1734/FDIS	17B/1741/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

A list of all the parts in the IEC 60947 series, under the general title *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC web site under "http://webstore.iec.ch" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

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- withdrawn,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

INTRODUCTION

This standard covers low-voltage a.c. semiconductor motor controllers and starters that have many capabilities and features beyond the simple starting and stopping of an induction motor, such as controlled starting and stopping, manoeuvring and controlled running.

The generic term “controller” is used in this standard wherever the unique features of the power semiconductor switching elements are the most significant points of interest. The generic term “starter” is used wherever the consequences of operating the power semiconductor switching elements, together with suitable overload protective means, are the most significant points of interest. Specific designations (for example form 1, form HxB, etc.) are used wherever the unique features of various configurations comprise significant points of interest.

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1 Scope

This standard applies to a.c. semiconductor motor controllers and starters, which may include a series mechanical switching device, intended to be connected to circuits, the rated voltage of which does not exceed 1 000 V a.c.

This standard characterizes a.c. semiconductor motor controllers and starters with and without bypass means.

AC semiconductor motor controllers and starters dealt with in this standard are not normally designed to interrupt short-circuit currents. Therefore, suitable short-circuit protection (see 8.2.5) should form part of the installation, but not necessarily of the a.c. semiconductor motor controller or starter.

In this context, this standard gives requirements for a.c. semiconductor motor controllers and starters associated with separate short-circuit protective devices.

This standard does not apply to

– continuous operation of a.c. motors at motor speeds other than the normal speed;
– semiconductor equipment, including semiconductor contactors (see 2.2.13 of IEC 60947-1:2007) controlling non-motor loads;
– electronic a.c. power controllers covered by IEC 60146 series.

Contactors, overload relays and control circuit devices used in a.c. semiconductor motor controllers and starters should comply with the requirements of their relevant product standard. Where mechanical switching devices are used, they should meet the requirements of their own IEC product standard, and the additional requirements of this standard.

The object of this standard is to state as follows:

– the characteristics of a.c. semiconductor motor controllers and starters and associated equipment;
– the conditions with which a.c. semiconductor motor controllers and starters comply with reference to
  a) their operation and behaviour;
  b) their dielectric properties;
  c) the degrees of protection provided by their enclosures where applicable;
  d) their construction;
– the tests intended for confirming that these conditions have been met, and the methods to be adopted for these tests;
– the information to be given with the equipment, or in the manufacturer's literature.

NOTE For the purpose of this standard, the term "controller" may be used instead of "a.c. semiconductor motor controller".

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.

IEC 60034-1:2010, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance*

IEC 60085:2007, *Electrical insulation – Thermal evaluation and designation*

IEC 60269-1:2006, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 1: General requirements*
Amendment 1 (2009)

IEC 60410:1973, *Sampling plans and procedures for inspection by attributes*

IEC 60664 (all parts), *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems*

IEC 60947-1:2007, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: General rules*

IEC 61000-4 (all parts), *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques*

CISPR 11:2009, *Industrial, scientific and medical equipment – Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement*
Amendment 1 (2010)

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 General

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions of Clause 2 of IEC 60947-1:2007, as well as the following terms, definitions, symbol and abbreviations apply.

3.2 Alphabetical index of terms