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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2006. It constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) Requirements have been corrected and made easier to understand.
- b) Test procedures have been revised to make them easier to perform and to improve repeatability.
- c) Guidance is provided for the evaluation and verification of AOPDs using design techniques for which the test procedures of this part are not sufficient.

This standard has the status of a product family standard and may be used as a normative reference in a dedicated product standard for the safety of machinery.

This standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 61496-1:2012.

This part supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 61496-1.

Where a particular clause or subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this Part 2, that clause or subclause applies as far as is reasonable. Where this part states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant text of Part 1 is adapted accordingly.

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INTRODUCTION

Electro-sensitive protective equipment (ESPE) is applied to machinery that presents a risk of personal injury. It provides protection by causing the machine to revert to a safe condition before a person can be placed in a hazardous situation.

This part of IEC 61496 provides particular requirements for the design, construction and testing of electro-sensitive protective equipment (ESPE) for the safeguarding of machinery, employing active opto-electronic protective devices (AOPDs) for the sensing function.

Each type of machine presents its own particular hazards, and it is not the purpose of this standard to recommend the manner of application of the ESPE to any particular machine. The application of the ESPE should be a matter for agreement between the equipment supplier, the machine user and the enforcing authority; in this context, attention is drawn to the relevant guidance established internationally, for example, ISO 12100.

Due to the complexity of the technology of ESPEs there are many issues that are highly dependent on analysis and expertise in specific test and measurement techniques. In order to provide a high level of confidence, independent review by relevant expertise is recommended.

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1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following:

This part of IEC 61496 specifies requirements for the design, construction and testing of electro-sensitive protective equipment (ESPE) designed specifically to detect persons as part of a safety-related system, employing active opto-electronic protective devices (AOPDs) for the sensing function. Special attention is directed to features which ensure that an appropriate safety-related performance is achieved. An ESPE may include optional safety-related functions, the requirements for which are given in Annex A of IEC 61496-1:2012 and of this part.

This part of IEC 61496 does not specify the dimensions or configurations of the detection zone and its disposition in relation to hazardous parts for any particular application, nor what constitutes a hazardous state of any machine. It is restricted to the functioning of the ESPE and how it interfaces with the machine.

Excluded from this part are AOPDs employing radiation at wavelengths outside the range 400 nm to 1500 nm.

This part of IEC 61496 may be relevant to applications other than those for the protection of persons, for example, the protection of machinery or products from mechanical damage. In those applications, additional requirements may be necessary, for example, when the materials that are to be recognized by the sensing function have different properties from those of persons.

This part of IEC 61496 does not deal with EMC emission requirements.

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

Additional references:

IEC 60825-1:2007, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 61496-1:2012, *Safety of machinery – Electro-sensitive protective equipment – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 62471, *Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems*

ISO 13855, *Safety of machinery – Positioning of safeguards with respect to the approach speeds of parts of the human body*

EN 471:2003, *High-visibility warning clothing for professional use – Test methods and requirements*.