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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2008. This third edition constitutes a technical revision. This new edition revises the compliance criteria of type 1.S and 2.S action, revises the requirements for filament lamp loads, adds requirements for abnormal operation in Annex H, removes some special requirements for single countries as well as updates the standard to IEC 60730-1:2010, fourth edition.

This Part 2-7 is intended to be used in conjunction with IEC 60730-1. It was established on the basis of the fourth edition (2010) of that publication. IEC 60730-1 Ed. 5 is available, and this part 2-7 will be aligned with that edition in the future. Consideration may be given to future editions of, or amendments to, IEC 60730-1.

The title of IEC 60730-2-7 Ed.3 has been updated to the title of IEC 60730-1 Ed.5.0. However, IEC 60730-2-7 Ed.3.0 has not been updated in accordance with the technical requirements in IEC 60730-1 Ed. 5.0.

This Part 2-7 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60730-1 so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: Particular requirements for timers and time switches.

Where this Part 2-7 states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant requirement, test specification or explanatory matter in Part 1 should be adapted accordingly.

Where no change is necessary, this Part 2-7 indicates that the relevant clause or subclause applies.

In the development of a fully international standard, it has been necessary to take into consideration the differing requirements resulting from practical experience in various parts of the world and to recognize the variation in national electrical systems and wiring rules.

The "in some countries" notes regarding differing national practice are contained in the following clauses and subclauses:

- 6.3.6.101
- Table 1, Notes 101 and 103
- 7.2.9
- 11.4.104
- 17.16.101.1
- 17.16.101.3
- 17.16.103.1
- Table 15, Notes 101 and 102
- Table 16, Notes 101 and 102
- 21.101
- Annex D
- H.26.11

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- 1) The following print types are used:
  - Requirements proper: in roman type.
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## **AUTOMATIC ELECTRICAL CONTROLS –**

### **Part 2-7: Particular requirements for timers and time switches**

#### **1 Scope and normative references**

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

##### **1.1 Replacement:**

In general, this part of IEC 60730 applies to timers and time switches that may use electricity, gas, oil, solid fuel, solar thermal energy, etc. or a combination thereof, including heating, air conditioning and similar applications.

This standard is also applicable to individual timers utilized as part of a control system or timers which are mechanically integral with multifunctional controls having non-electrical outputs. This standard does not apply to time-delay switches (TDS) within the scope of IEC 60669-2-3.

NOTE 1 Throughout this standard, the word “timers” means timers and time switches, unless the type is specifically mentioned.

NOTE 2 Devices which only indicate time or passage of time are not included.

NOTE 3 This standard does not apply to multi-functional controls having an integrated timing function which is not capable of being tested as a separate timing device.

##### **1.1.1 Replacement:**

This standard applies to the inherent safety, to the operating characteristics where such are associated with equipment protection and to the testing of timers used in appliances and other apparatus, electrical and non-electrical, for household and similar purposes, but also extended to industrial purposes when no dedicated product standards exist, such as that for central heating, air conditioning, process heating, etc.

Timers for equipment not intended for normal household use, but which nevertheless may be used by the public, such as equipment intended to be used by laymen in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard.

This standard is also applicable to timers for appliances within the scope of IEC 60335-1.

##### **1.1.2 Replacement:**

This standard applies to manual controls when such are electrically and/or mechanically integral with timers.

##### **1.4 Replacement:**

This standard applies also to timers incorporating electronic devices, requirements for which are contained in Annex H.

This standard applies also to timers using NTC or PTC thermistors, requirements for which are contained in Part 1, Annex J.



## 1.5 Normative references

This subclause of Part 1 applies except as follows:

*Addition:*

IEC 60669-1:1998, *Switches for household and similar fixed-electrical installations – Part 1: General requirements*<sup>1</sup>

IEC 60669-1:1998/AMD1:1999

IEC 60669-1:1998/AMD2:2006

IEC 60695-11-10:2013, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-10: Test flames – 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

## 2 Definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

### 2.3 Definitions relating to the function of controls

*Additional definition:*

#### 2.3.101

##### **timing cycle**

program including all the switching activities involved in a start-to-finish operation of a controlled appliance

### 2.5 Definitions of types of control according to construction

*Additional definitions:*

#### 2.5.101

##### **plug-in timer**

timer or time switch designed for direct plug-in to a socket-outlet

Note 1 to entry: The plug-in timer is equipped with conductor blades, pins or other means, protruding from the enclosure of the control or the control body itself, to match the dimensional parameters of the socket-outlet to which the control will be connected.

#### 2.5.102

##### **TV timer**

control for television equipment that can be set by the user, switching very high inrush currents of a very short duration generated by electrical power supply components and associated electronic component parts with various electrical characteristics

Note 1 to entry: Examples are power transformers, electronic tube filaments, large electric capacitors and others in television receivers, radio and video products.

#### 2.5.103

##### **synchronous timer**

timer or a time switch in which the transmission is effected by a device that is time-based on the frequency of the power supply for the prime mover or the load

#### 2.5.104

##### **hand-wound timer**

timer or time switch in which the transmission is provided by actuation

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<sup>1</sup> There exists a consolidated edition 3.2 (2007) that includes IEC 60669-1:2008 and its Amendments 1 and 2.