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## SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES –

### Part 2: Discrete devices – Rectifier diodes

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60747 provides standards for the following categories or sub-categories of rectifier diodes, including:

- line rectifier diodes;
- avalanche rectifier diodes;
- fast-switching rectifier diodes;
- Schottky barrier diodes.

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IEC 60747-1:2006, *Semiconductor devices – Part 1: General*  
IEC 60747-1:2006/AMD1: 2010

IEC 60749-23, *Semiconductor devices – Mechanical and climatic test methods – Part 23: High temperature operating life*

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##### 3.1 General terms and definitions

###### 3.1.1

###### forward direction

direction of the flow of continuous (direct) current in which a semiconductor diode has the lower resistance

###### 3.1.2

###### reverse direction

direction of the flow of continuous (direct) current in which a semiconductor diode has the higher resistance