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- a) limitation of tests to 10 M cycles in Clause 5;
- b) reduction of required number of test samples to 5 in specified cases;
- c) introduction of WeiBayes analysis for routine test under Clause 4.

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INTRODUCTION

Based on the general provisions of IEC 61810-2, this part of IEC 61810 specifies reliability test procedures for electromechanical elementary relays where enhanced requirements for the verification of reliability apply. A type test is passed and then confirmed by routine tests with specified periodicity. This document describes how figures for B_{10} (the mean number of cycles until 10 % of the relays have failed) are derived from these life tests performed with representative relay samples.

In particular when electromechanical elementary relays are intended to be incorporated in safety-related control systems of machinery in accordance with IEC 62061 and ISO 13849-1, the mean time to dangerous failure ($MTTF_d$) is a measure that can be taken into account when assessing the probability of dangerous failure of the safety function concerned. Although a component failure cannot be defined as “dangerous” unless the detailed application is known, it is common to consider a failure mode that is likely to result in danger in a typical application of the component, and to refer to this failure mode as a “dangerous failure”. The $MTTF_d$ then becomes the expectation of the mean time to failure in this “dangerous” mode. For the calculation of $MTTF_d$ for electromechanical relays, the data provided by the manufacturer for B_{10D} can be used (see Clause C.4 of ISO 13849-1:2015).

Electromechanical elementary relays with forcibly guided (mechanically linked) contacts offer the possibility of a high diagnostic coverage according to 4.5.3 of ISO 13849-1:2015.

NOTE Requirements for such relays are given in IEC 61810-3.

ELECTROMECHANICAL ELEMENTARY RELAYS –

Part 2-1: Reliability – Procedure for the verification of B_{10} values

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61810 specifies reliability test procedures for electromechanical elementary relays when enhanced requirements for the verification of reliability apply.

Particular provisions are given for relays incorporated in safety-related control systems of machinery in accordance with IEC 62061 and ISO 13849-1. For such relays, B_{10} values for dangerous failures (B_{10D} values) are derived from the tests specified in this document.

2 Normative references

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IEC 61810-1:2015, *Electromechanical elementary relays – Part 1: General and safety requirements*

IEC 61810-2:2017, *Electromechanical elementary relays – Part 2: Reliability*

IEC 61810-3, *Electromechanical elementary relays – Part 3: Relays with forcibly guided (mechanically linked) contacts*

IEC 62061, *Safety of machinery – Functional safety of safety-related electrical, electronic and programmable electronic control systems*

ISO 13849-1:2015 *Safety of machinery – Safety-related parts of control systems – Part 1: General principles for design*

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dangerous failure

failure which has the potential to put the safety-related part of a control system in a hazardous or fail-to-function state

[SOURCE: ISO 13849-1:2015, 3.1.5, modified – In the definition, the abbreviated term "SRP/CS" has been replaced by "safety-related part of a control system".]