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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2003. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

The relevant modifications are:

– update of references;
– renumbering of clauses to bring them into a more logical order;
– inclusion of contact load categories (same as in IEC 61810-2 and IEC 61810-7);
– clarifications concerning electrical endurance (Clause 11);
– inclusion of provisions for insulation coordination in accordance with the basic safety standards IEC 60664-3, IEC 60664-4 and IEC 60664-5 (Clause 13);

– renumbering of all annexes in the order they are referenced in the body of the standard;
– inclusion of new Annex C (normative) for the test set-up, and new Annex D (informative) for special loads (based upon similar annexes in IEC 61810-2 and IEC 61810-7);
– improvement of Annex B covering inductive contact loads.

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

FDIS	Report on voting
94/267/FDIS	94/269/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 parts of IEC 61810 series, published under the general title *Electromechanical elementary relays* can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until the maintenance result 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- withdrawn;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.

A bilingual version of this document may be issued at a later date.

The contents of the corrigendum of February 2010 have been included in this copy.

ELECTROMECHANICAL ELEMENTARY RELAYS –

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61810 applies to electromechanical elementary relays (non-specified time all-or-nothing relays) for incorporation into equipment. It defines the basic functional requirements and safety-related aspects for applications in all areas of electrical engineering or electronics, such as:

- general industrial equipment,
- electrical facilities,
- electrical machines,
- electrical appliances for household and similar use,
- information technology and business equipment,
- building automation equipment,
- automation equipment,
- electrical installation equipment,
- medical equipment,
- control equipment,
- telecommunications,
- vehicles,
- transportation (e.g. railways).

Compliance with the requirements of this standard is verified by the type tests indicated.

In case the application of a relay determines additional requirements exceeding those specified in this standard, the relay should be assessed in line with this application in accordance with the relevant IEC standard(s) (e.g. IEC 60730-1, IEC 60335-1, IEC 60950-1).

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 60038:1983, *IEC standard voltages*
Amendment 1 (1994)
Amendment 2 (1997)

IEC 60050, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary*

IEC 60068-2-2:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-17:1994, *Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2: Tests – Test Q: Sealing*

IEC 60068-2-20:1979, *Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2: Tests – Test T: Soldering*
Amendment 2 (1987)

IEC 60085:2004, *Electrical insulation – Thermal classification*

IEC 60112:2003, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60364-4-44:2007, *Low voltage electrical installations – Part 4-44: Protection for safety – Protection against voltage disturbances and electromagnetic disturbances*

IEC 60417:2007, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

IEC 60664-1:2007, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60664-3:2003, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 3: Use of coating, potting or moulding for protection against pollution*

IEC 60664-4:2005, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 4: Consideration of high-frequency voltage stress*

IEC 60664-5:2007, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 5: Comprehensive method for determining clearances and creepage distances equal to or less than 2 mm*

IEC 60695-2-10:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure*

IEC 60695-2-11:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products*

IEC 60695-2-12:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-12: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for materials*

IEC 60695-2-13:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-13: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire ignitability test method for materials*

IEC 60695-10-2:2003, *Fire hazard testing – Part 10-2: Abnormal heat – Ball pressure test*

IEC 60721-3-3:2002, *Classification of environmental conditions – Part 3-3: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities – Stationary use at weatherprotected locations*
Amendment 1 (1995)
Amendment 2 (1996)

IEC 60999-1:1999, *Connecting devices – Electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units – Part 1: General requirements and particular requirements for clamping units for conductors from 0,2 mm^2 up to 35 mm^2 (included)*

IEC 61210:1993, *Connecting devices – Flat quick-connect terminations for electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements*

IEC 61760-1:2006, *Surface mounting technology – Part 1: Standard method for the specification of surface mounting components (SMDs)*

IEC 61984:2001, *Connectors – Safety requirements and tests*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050, in particular IEC 60050-444 and the following apply.

An alphabetical list of terms can be found at the end of this standard.

NOTE In the text of this standard, the term *relay* is used instead of *elementary relay* to improve the readability.