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

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

FDIS	Report on voting
72/760/FDIS	72/764/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.

This Part 2-7 is to be used in conjunction with IEC 60730-1. It was established on the basis of the third edition of that standard (1999) and its Amendment 1 (2003) and Amendment 2 (2007). Consideration may be given to future editions of, or amendments to, IEC 60730-1.

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:

- 4.1.4
- 4.3.2
- 6.3.6.101
- Table 7.2, Notes 101 and 103
- 7.2.9
- 11.4.103
- 11.4.104
- 14.101
- 17.16.101.3
- 17.16.103.1
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- Table 17.2-3, Notes 101 and 102
- 21.101
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- H.26.11

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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 for household and similar use 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 outlets. This standard does not apply to time-delay switches (TDS) within the scope of IEC 60669-2-3¹⁾.

Throughout this standard, the word "timers" means timers and time switches, unless the type is specifically mentioned.

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

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 This standard applies to the inherent safety, to the operating characteristics where such are associated with equipment protection and to the testing of automatic electrical control devices 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.

This standard does not apply to timers designed exclusively for industrial applications.

Throughout this standard, the word "equipment" means "appliance and equipment".

1.1.2 This standard applies to automatic electrical control devices, mechanically, electromechanically, electrically or electronically operated, responsive to or controlling parameters such as temperature, pressure, passage or time, humidity, light, electrostatic effect, flow or liquid level.

¹⁾ IEC 60669-2-3:2006, *Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations – Part 2-3: Particular requirements – Time-delay switches (TDS)*

1.1.3 This standard applies to automatic electrical control devices serving the starting of small motors that are used principally in appliances and apparatus for household and similar purposes. Such control devices may be built into or be separate from the motor.

1.1.4 This standard applies to non-automatic control devices when such are associated with automatic control devices.

1.2 Replacement:

This standard applies to controls with a rated voltage not exceeding 690 V and a rated current not exceeding 63 A.

1.3 Replacement:

This standard does not take into account the response value of an automatic action of a control, if such a response value is dependent upon the method of mounting the control in the equipment. If a response value is of significant purpose for the safety of the user or surroundings, the value defined in the appropriate household equipment standard or as determined by the manufacturer shall apply.

1.4 Replacement:

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

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* ²⁾

Amendment 1 (1999)

Amendment 2 (2006)

IEC 61010-1, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 1: General requirements*

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⁾ There exists a consolidated edition 3.2 (2007) that includes edition 3 and its Amendments 1 and 2.