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- a) update of the scope structure and exclusions;
- b) requirements for control circuits;
- c) update of the normal service conditions (e.g. shock and vibration);
- d) update of information and marking requirements including environmental information requirements referencing IEC TS 63058:2021;

- e) update of the constructional requirements and the corresponding tests considering safety aspects (e.g. artificial optical radiation, security aspects, limited energy source, stored charge energy circuit);
- f) update of the EMC requirements according to the generic documents;
- g) new requirements for reed contact magnetic switches in Annex D;
- h) requirements for class II circuit devices achieved by double or reinforced insulation in Annex F;
- i) update of pull-out tests in Annex G;
- j) information requirements for audible signalling device in Annex J;
- k) insertion of new Annex O.

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- 8.2.4.1: Making and breaking capacities (United States of America and Canada).
- 9.3.3.5.2: Test circuits and connections (United States of America and Canada).

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## LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

### Part 5-1: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Electromechanical control circuit devices

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60947 applies to control circuit devices and switching elements intended for controlling, signalling, interlocking, etc., of switchgear and controlgear.

It applies to control circuit devices having a rated voltage not exceeding 1 000 V AC (at a frequency not exceeding 1 000 Hz) or 600 V DC.

This document applies to specific types of control circuit devices as contained in the following non exhaustive list:

- manually operated control switches;
- electromagnetically operated control switches, either time-delayed or instantaneous;
- contactor relays;
- pilot switches;
- pressure switches;
- temperature sensitive switches (thermostats);
- programmers;
- position switches;
- control switches operated by part of a machine or mechanism;
- associated control circuit equipment, for example indicator lights;
- control circuit devices incorporating semiconductor switching elements;
- control circuit devices incorporating a built-in single drop digital communication interface.

NOTE 1 Control circuit devices and switching elements are referred to as "equipment" or "device" equally in this document.

This document also applies to specific types of control circuit switching elements associated with other devices (whose main circuits are covered by other standards) as contained in the following non exhaustive list:

- auxiliary contacts of a switching device (e.g. contactor, circuit breaker) which are not dedicated exclusively for use with the coil of that device;
- interlocking contacts of enclosure doors;
- control circuit contacts of rotary switches;
- control circuit contacts of overload relays.

This document does not apply to:

- relays covered in the IEC 60255 or IEC 61810 series;
- automatic electrical control devices for household and similar purposes;
- the use of control circuit devices and switching elements with additional measure within explosive atmospheres. These are given in the IEC 60079 series;

This document does not address specific colour requirements or actuating force values.

NOTE 2 Colour requirements can be found in IEC 60073 and also in CIE S004/E-2001.

The object of this document is to state:

- definitions;
- classification;
- characteristics;
- product information;
- normal service, mounting and transport conditions;
- constructional and performance requirements, including electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) and all related product safety measures;
- tests to verify the requirements and the rated characteristics.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60068-2-6:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-14:2023, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

IEC 60068-2-27:2008, *Environmental testing – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-30:2005, *Environmental testing – Part 2-30: Tests – Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)*

IEC 60068-2-78:2012, *Environmental testing – Part 2-78: Tests – Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*, available at <http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment>

IEC 60695-2-10:2021, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure*

IEC 60695-2-11:2021, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products (GWEPT)*

IEC 60695-2-12:2021, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-12: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability index (GWFI) test method for materials*

IEC 60730-1:2022, *Automatic electrical controls – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60947-1:2020, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: General rules*

IEC 60947-4-1:2018, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 4-1: Contactors and motor-starters – Electromechanical contactors and motor-starters*

IEC 60947-5-2:2019, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 5-2: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Proximity switches*

IEC 60947-5-5:1997, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 5-5: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Electrical emergency stop device with mechanical latching function*

IEC 60947-5-5:1997/AMD1:2005

IEC 60947-5-5:1997/AMD2:2016

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<sup>2</sup> up to 35 mm<sup>2</sup> (included)*

IEC 61000-4-2:2008, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-3:2020, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-4:2012, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-5:2014, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-5:2014/AMD1:2017

IEC 61000-4-6:2023, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-6: Testing and measurement techniques – Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields*

IEC 61000-4-8:2009, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-8: Testing and measurement techniques – Power frequency magnetic field immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-11:2020, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-11: Testing and measurement techniques – Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations immunity tests for equipment with input current up to 16 A per phase*

IEC 61131-9:2022, *Programmable controllers – Part 9: Single-drop digital communication interface for small sensors and actuators (SDCI)*

IEC 61140:2016, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment*

IEC 62262:2002, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external mechanical impacts (IK code)*

IEC 62471:2006, *Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems*

CISPR 11:2015, *Industrial, scientific and medical equipment – Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement*

CISPR 11:2015/AMD1:2016

CISPR 11:2015/AMD2:2019

CISPR 32:2015, *Electromagnetic compatibility of multimedia equipment – Emission requirements*

CISPR 32:2015/AMD1:2019

ISO 2859-1:1999, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes – Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*

ISO 14159:2002, *Safety of machinery – Hygiene requirements for the design of machinery*

### 3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

##### 3.1.1 General

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60947-1:2020, as well as the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

##### 3.1.2 Basic terms and definitions

###### 3.1.2.1

###### **control circuit device**

electrical device intended for the controlling, signalling, interlocking, etc., of switchgear and controlgear

Note 1 to entry: Control circuit devices include control switches and associated devices such as indicator lights.

Note 2 to entry: Control circuit devices can also include associated devices dealt with in other standards, such as instruments, potentiometers, relays, in so far as associated devices are used for the purposes specified above.

###### 3.1.2.2

###### **control switch**

<control and auxiliary circuits> mechanical switching device which serves the purpose of controlling the operation of switchgear or controlgear, including signalling, electrical interlocking, etc.

Note 1 to entry: A control switch consists of one or more contact elements with a common actuating system.

Note 2 to entry: A control switch may include semiconductor elements or contact elements (see 3.1.5.2 and 3.1.5.3).

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-14-46, modified – Addition of a new Note 2 to entry.]

###### 3.1.2.3

###### **control switch suitable for isolation**

control switch which, in the open position, complies with the requirements specified for the isolating function (see 3.3.19 and 8.1.7 of IEC 60947-1:2020)

Note 1 to entry: Such control switches are intended to provide a higher degree of safety to personnel when working on the equipment controlled. For this reason, they have to be manually actuated relying on the intelligence of instructed persons to react in case they would fail to operate, for example in case of insufficiently opened contacts.