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In this Redline version, a vertical line in the margin shows where the technical content is modified by amendment 1. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text. A separate Final version with all changes accepted is available in this publication.

International Standard IEC 61784-3 has been prepared by subcommittee 65C: Industrial networks, of IEC technical committee 65: Industrial-process measurement, control and automation.

This fourth edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- Contents of previous Annex F were corrected based on feedback from peer review and subsequent analysis (in particular deletion of RP_U for data integrity, reduction of the Equation for RR_A , and clarifications on the values of RP_I and R_T).
- Additional assumptions for residual error rate calculations, clarification of assumption a).
- After correction, contents of previous Annex F were exchanged with the contents of previous Subclause 5.8.
- Contents of Subclause 5.9 on security replaced by a simple reference to IEC 62443 in accordance with Guide 120.
- Changes in Annex B: Dependency of this Annex B with the BSC model has been highlighted. First two paragraphs and figure in Clause B.2 have been deleted because of little relevance. The approximation Equation (B.4) has been deleted due to obsolescence, based on the observations that the CRC shall be anyway explicitly calculated in order to prove properness, and that it may produce optimistic results. Guidance for calculation of R_{CRC} in B.4.2 has been reviewed.
- Changes in Annex D: Formula D.1 was changed from an approximation to a proper Equation, with some adjustments, and contents of D.4.3 were clarified (default safety action).
- New informative Annex H, providing additional guidance for the calculation of R_{CRC} .

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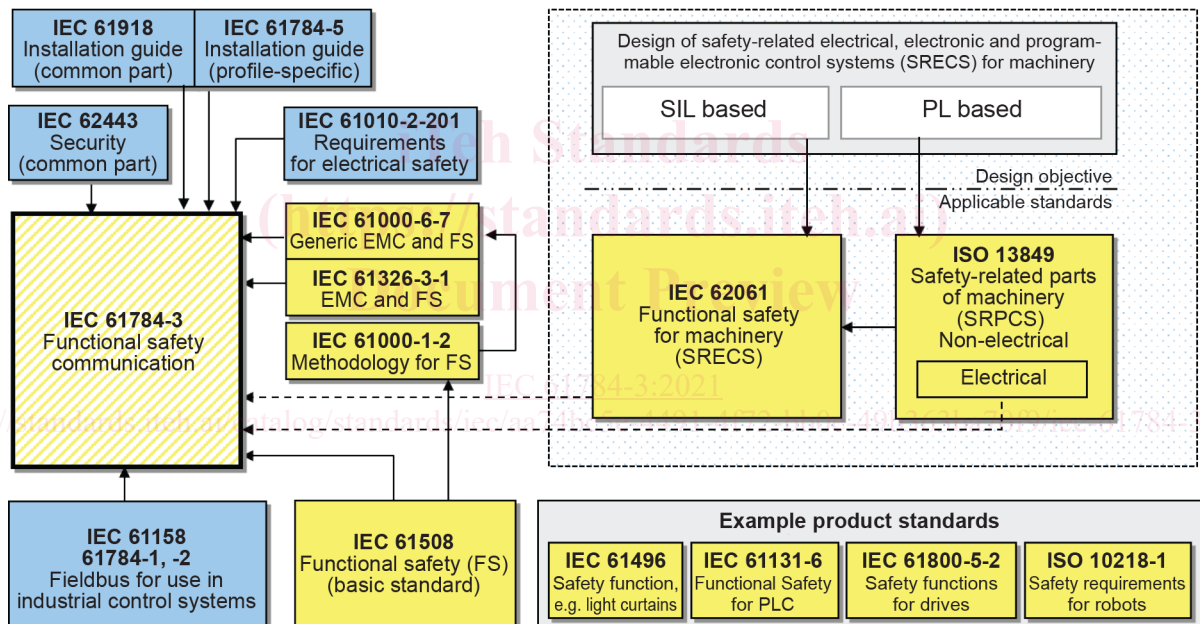
0 Introduction

0.1 General

The IEC 61158 (all parts) fieldbus standard together with its companion standards IEC 61784-1 and IEC 61784-2 defines a set of communication protocols that enable distributed control of automation applications. Fieldbus technology is now considered well accepted and well proven. Thus, fieldbus enhancements continue to emerge, addressing applications for areas such as real time and safety-related applications.

IEC 61784-3 (all parts) explains the relevant principles for functional safety communications with reference to IEC 61508 (all parts) and specifies several safety communication layers (profiles and corresponding protocols) based on the communication profiles and protocol layers of IEC 61784-1, IEC 61784-2 and IEC 61158 (all parts). It does not cover electrical safety and intrinsic safety aspects. It also does not cover security aspects, nor does it provide any requirements for security.

Figure 1 shows the relationships between IEC 61784-3 (all parts) and relevant safety and fieldbus standards in a machinery environment.



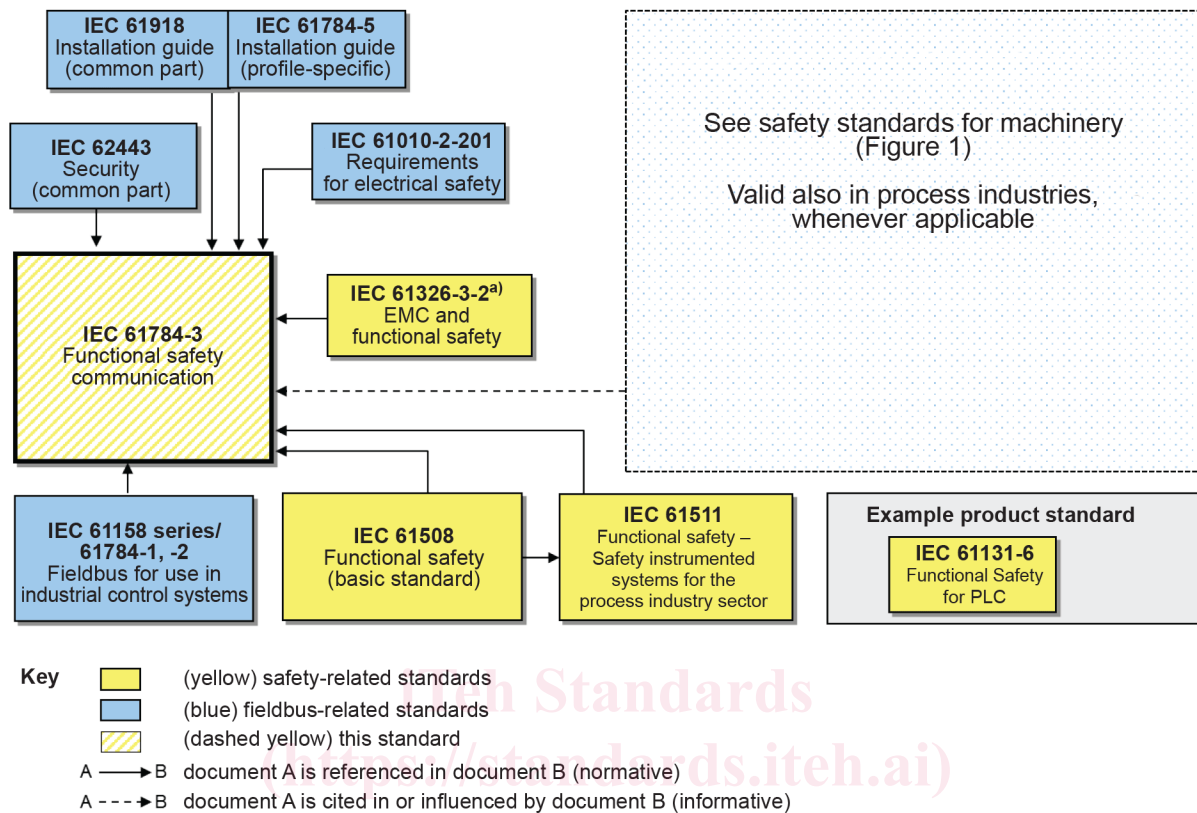
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NOTE IEC 62061 specifies the relationship between PL (Category) and SIL.

Figure 1 – Relationships of IEC 61784-3 with other standards (machinery)

Figure 2 shows the relationships between IEC 61784-3 (all parts) and relevant safety and fieldbus standards in a process environment.



^a For specified electromagnetic environments; otherwise IEC 61326-3-1 or IEC 61000-6-7.

Figure 2 – Relationships of IEC 61784-3 with other standards (process)

Safety communication layers which are implemented as parts of safety-related systems according to IEC 61508 (all parts) provide the necessary confidence in the transportation of messages (information) between two or more participants on a fieldbus in a safety-related system, or sufficient confidence of safe behaviour in the event of fieldbus errors or failures.

Safety communication layers specified in IEC 61784-3 (all parts) do this in such a way that a fieldbus can be used for applications requiring functional safety up to the Safety Integrity Level (SIL) specified by its corresponding functional safety communication profile.

The resulting SIL claim of a system depends on the implementation of the selected functional safety communication profile (FSCP) within this system – implementation of a functional safety communication profile in a standard device is not sufficient to qualify it as a safety device.

IEC 61784-3 (all parts) describes:

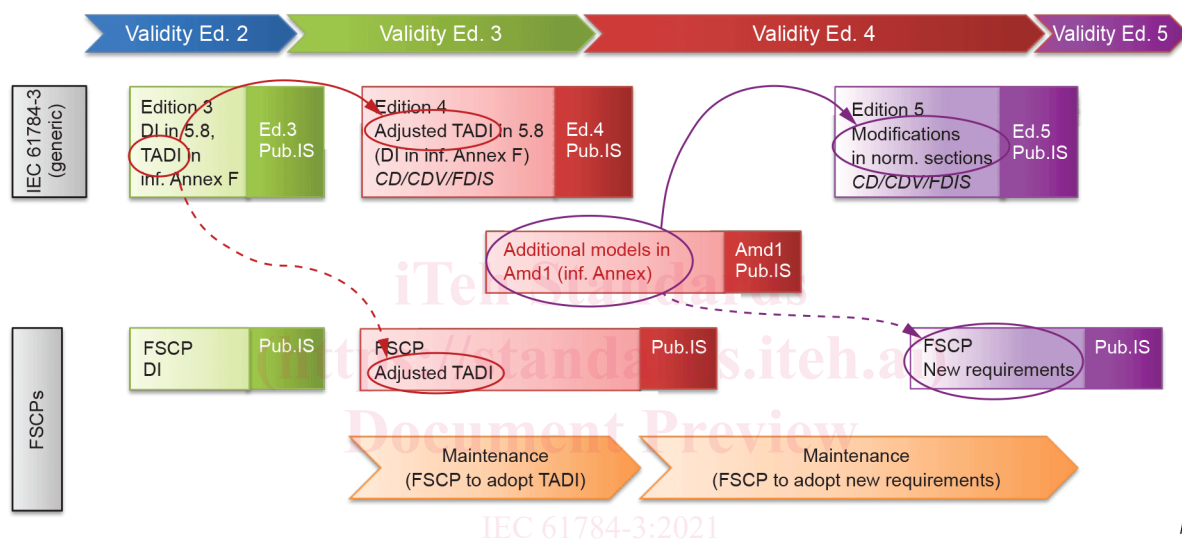
- basic principles for implementing the requirements of IEC 61508 (all parts) for safety-related data communications, including possible transmission faults, remedial measures and considerations affecting data integrity;
- functional safety communication profiles for several communication profile families in IEC 61784-1 and IEC 61784-2, including safety layer extensions to the communication service and protocols sections of IEC 61158 (all parts).

0.2 Use of extended assessment methods in Edition 4

This edition of the generic part of IEC 61784-3 (all parts) includes extended models for use when estimating the total residual error rate for an FSCP. This value can be used to determine if the FSCP meets the requirements of functional safety applications up to a given SIL. These extended models for qualitative and quantitative safety determination methods are detailed in Annex E and 5.8.

Upon publication of this new edition of the generic part, FSCPs shall be assessed using the methods from this Edition 4, based on the extended models specified in 5.8 (derived from a modified version of Annex F of Edition 3). The informative Annex F contains the legacy models for reference purpose only.

Figure 3 shows the transitions from original assessment methods of Edition 2 to extended assessment methods in this Edition 4 and the future Edition 5.



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- DI Data Integrity
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Figure 3 – Transitions from Ed. 2 to Ed. 4 and future Ed. 5 assessment methods

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INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

This Amendment 1 discusses the concepts of a comprehensive channel model for data integrity calculations for functional safety communications protocols (FSCPs) as specified in IEC 61784-3:2021. The comprehensive channel model addresses data corruption error types where multiple contiguous bits are affected by a single fault.

It also reviews typical relationships between the possible errors and the various safety measures which can be implemented.

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