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

- a) Revision of the present edition with reference to IEC 60669-1:2017 (Edition 4);
- b) Introduction of a revision to Annex E "Additional requirements and tests for switches intended to be used at a temperature lower than  $-5\text{ °C}$ ".

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When a particular subclause of IEC 60669-1:2017 is not mentioned in this document, that subclause applies as far as reasonable.

In this document, the following print types are used:

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- *test specifications: in italic type;*
- notes: in smaller roman type.

Subclauses, figures or tables or notes which are additional to those in IEC 60669-1:2017 are numbered starting from 101.

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# SWITCHES FOR HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS –

## Part 2-2: Particular requirements – Electromagnetic remote-control switches (RCS)

### 1 Scope

IEC 60669-1:2017, Clause 1 is applicable except as follows:

*Replacement of the first paragraph with the following:*

This part of IEC 60669 applies to electromagnetic remote control switches (hereinafter referred to as electromagnetic RCS) with a rated voltage not exceeding 440 V AC and a rated current not exceeding 63 A, intended for household and similar fixed electrical installations, either indoors or outdoors. For the control circuit, the rated control voltage does not exceed 440 V AC or 220 V DC.

The RCS coil can be either permanently energized or not permanently energized.

Electronic RCS are within the scope of IEC 60669-2-1 but not of this document.

RCS including only passive components such as resistors, capacitors, positive temperature coefficient (PTC) and negative temperature coefficient (NTC) components and printed circuit boards are not considered to be electronic RCS.

Electromechanical contactors for household and similar purposes are within the scope of IEC 61095.

### 2 Normative references

IEC 60669-1:2017, Clause 2 is applicable with the following additions:

IEC 60085:2007, *Electrical insulation – Thermal evaluation and designation*

IEC 60317 (all parts), *Specifications for particular types of winding wires*

IEC 60445:2021, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Identification of equipment terminals, conductor terminations and conductors*

IEC 60664-1:2020, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60664-3:2016, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 3: Use of coating, potting or moulding for protection against pollution*

IEC 60669-1:2017, *Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 61558-2-6:2021, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and combinations thereof – Part 2-6: Particular requirements and tests for safety isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating safety isolating transformers for general applications*

### 3 Terms and definitions

IEC 60669-1:2017, Clause 3 is applicable with the following additions:

#### 3.11 rated voltage

*Addition of the following note:*

Note 101 to entry: This definition is applicable to the switching circuit only.

#### 3.12 rated current

*Addition of the following note:*

Note 101 to entry: This definition is applicable to the switching circuit only.

*Addition of the following new terminological entries:*

#### 3.101 remote control switch RCS

switch intended to be operated from a distance

##### 3.101.1 electromagnetic RCS

RCS provided with a coil which is operated by means of impulses or which can be permanently energized by means of a control circuit

##### 3.101.2 electronic RCS

RCS containing electronic component(s)

#### 3.102 rated control voltage

voltage assigned to the control circuit by the manufacturer

Note 101 to entry: The rated control voltage is generally the operating voltage of the electromagnetic control coil.

#### 3.103 switching circuit

circuit which contains the parts which allow the rated current to flow through the RCS

#### 3.104 control circuit

circuit which includes electrical parts to actuate the switching mechanism

#### 3.105 control mechanism

mechanism which includes all the parts which are intended for the operation of the RCS

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-442:1998, 442-04-28, modified – the term "switch" has been replaced by "RCS".]

#### 3.106 incorporated hand-operated device

device which allows the switching circuit to be operated, directly or indirectly

Note 101 to entry: An incorporated hand-operated device is not intended for the normal operation of the RCS.



**3.107****disconnectable RCS**

RCS consisting of two parts, the first being used as a base and including the terminals, the other being removable and including the switching and the control circuits, the two parts being resiliently connected together using a means which allows joining and/or separating with or without the use of a tool

**3.108****rated control current**

current required for initiation of the RCS, assigned to the current coil in the control circuit by the manufacturer (only for an RCS provided with a current sensitive coil)

**3.109****bistable RCS**

RCS containing a control mechanism which, when not initiated electrically or actuated mechanically, remains stable in its operating position and will change its operating position on initiation or actuation

**3.110****monostable RCS**

RCS containing a control mechanism which, on electrical initiation or mechanical actuation, changes the operating position of the switch which remains in this condition while the RCS is initiated or actuated, and returns to the position prior to initiation or actuation of the RCS after initiation or actuation is discontinued

**3.111****priority RCS**

RCS used to operate directly or indirectly a first load circuit or group of load circuits the use of which at times can be dispensed with, and where the control circuit of the RCS is influenced by or connected to a second circuit or group of circuits (priority circuits or circuits) which when energized will thus initiate the control circuit of the RCS to de-energize the first load circuit or circuits for the time during which the second circuit or group of circuits is energized

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Note 101 to entry: The RCS may have a means for adjusting the sensitivity of the RCS control circuit to initiate the RCS depending on the total load or current delivered to any part of the circuits (priority switch with current coil) or be sensitive to the voltage (priority switch with voltage coil) applied to the second load or group of loads.

Note 102 to entry: These devices are used to limit the total current into a home installation by disconnecting/connecting certain load circuits in the installation while leaving others (the priority circuits) connected.

**3.112****sequentially operated RCS**

RCS which includes several switching or reversing contacts generally operated by means of a cam allowing different circuit combinations by successive impulses

Note 101 to entry: The number of impulses is given according to the number of lobes of the cam.

**4 General requirements**

IEC 60669-1:2017, Clause 4 is applicable with the following addition:

*Addition after the first paragraph:*

The operation of an RCS shall not be impaired when it is mounted at an angle deviating by not more than 5° from the specified position of use.

## 5 General remarks on tests

IEC 60669-1:2017, Clause 5 is applicable with the following additions:

*Addition to Table 1:*

**Table 1 – Number of specimens needed for the tests**

Clauses and subclauses	Number of specimens	Number of additional specimens for dual current rating
101 Abnormal operation of the control circuit	PQR	

*Addition of the following new subclause:*

### 5.101 Incorporated hand-operated device

*If an RCS is provided with an incorporated hand-operated device, it shall be tested as specified in Clause 19.*

*During the making and breaking capacity tests and the normal operation tests, the application of the voltage to the RCS coil always at the same phase angle should be avoided, as this application can give misleading results.*

*Precautions should be taken when using combinations equipped with synchronous motors and devices having similar operating characteristics.*

## 6 Ratings

IEC 60669-1:2017, Clause 6 is applicable except as follows:

### 6.1 Rated voltage

*Replacement of the first paragraph with the following:*

Preferred values of rated voltage are:

- AC: 6 V, 8 V, 9 V, 12 V, 24 V, 42 V, 48 V, 110 V, 130 V, 220 V, 230 V and 240 V.

*Addition of the following new subclause:*

#### 6.101 Rated control voltage

Preferred values of rated control voltage are:

- AC: 6 V, 8 V, 9 V, 12 V, 24 V, 42 V, 48 V, 110 V, 130 V, 220 V, 230 V and 240 V;
- DC: 6 V, 9 V, 12 V, 24 V, 48 V, 60 V, 110 V and 220 V.

## 7 Classification

IEC 60669-1:2017, Clause 7 is applicable with the following additions:

**7.5** according to the method of actuating the switch:

*Addition of the following:*

- current coil (for priority RCS);
- voltage coil (for priority RCS).

**7.7** according to the method of installation, as a consequence of the design of the switch:

*Addition of the following:*

- disconnectable RCS.

*Addition of the following new subclauses:*

**7.101** according to the type of switching mechanism:

- directly operated RCS;
- sequentially operated RCS;
- bistable RCS;
- monostable RCS.

NOTE 101 Directly operated RCS are those which, for each impulse, show an ON or OFF state, these states occurring for each impulse on 1, 2, 3 or 4 poles, either as a switch or as a reversing switch.

Pattern number 5 may be met by two RCS pattern numbers 1 or 6 and wiring in accordance with Figure 8 of IEC 60669-1:2017.

Pattern number 7 may be met by pattern number 6/2 and wiring with external connections in accordance with Figure 8 of IEC 60669-1:2017.

**7.102** according to the kind of energization of the control circuit:

- RCS energized by impulses;
- RCS permanently energized.

## 8 Marking

IEC 60669-1:2017, Clause 8 is applicable with the following additions:

### 8.1 General

*Replacement of list item b) with the following:*

b) rated voltage(s) in volts and rated control voltage(s) in volts, if different from the rated voltage(s) or rated control current in amperes according to classification 7.5;

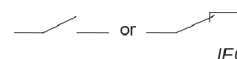
### 8.2 Symbols

*Addition of the following symbols:*

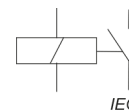
Control mechanism (IEC 60417-6457:2023-08)



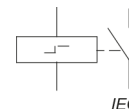
Switch



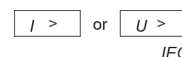
Monostable RCS



Bistable RCS



Priority RCS



### 8.4 Marking on terminals for phase conductors

*Addition after the last paragraph (before Note 1) of the following:*

If necessary, the wiring diagram on which the terminal references are clearly indicated shall be fixed to the accessory or inside the protective cover for the terminals.

The terminals for the control circuit shall be marked according to either IEC 60445 or with the symbols according to 8.2, or both.

The terminals for the control circuit of a priority RCS with a current sensitive coil or voltage sensitive coil shall be marked with the appropriate symbol indicated in 8.2.

### 8.6 Marking of the switch position

*Addition, at the beginning of the subclause, of the following paragraph:*

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<https://www.intertek.com/standards/iec/iec-60669-2-2-2024> This Subclause 8.6 is only applicable to an RCS equipped with an incorporated hand-operated device, acting directly on the switching circuit.

## 9 Checking of dimensions

IEC 60669-1:2017, Clause 9 is applicable.

## 10 Protection against electric shock

IEC 60669-1:2017, Clause 10 is applicable.

## 11 Provision for earthing

IEC 60669-1:2017, Clause 11 is applicable.

## 12 Terminals

IEC 60669-1:2017, Clause 12 is applicable.

## 13 Constructional requirements

IEC 60669-1:2017, Clause 13 is applicable with the following addition: