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Part 1: General rules

1 General

The purpose of this standard is to harmonize as far as practicable all rules and requirements of a general nature applicable to low-voltage switchgear and controlgear in order to obtain uniformity of requirements and tests throughout the corresponding range of equipment and to avoid the need for testing to different standards.

All those parts of the various equipment standards which can be considered as general have therefore been gathered in this standard together with specific subjects of wide interest and application, e.g. temperature-rise, dielectric properties, etc.

For each type of low-voltage switchgear and controlgear, only two main documents are necessary to determine all requirements and tests:

- 1) this basic standard, referred to as "Part 1" in the specific standards covering the various types of low-voltage switchgear and controlgear;
- 2) the relevant equipment standard hereinafter referred to as the "relevant product standard" or "product standard".

For a general rule to apply to a specific product standard, it shall be explicitly referred to by the latter, by quoting the relevant clause or subclause number of this standard followed by "IEC 60947-1" e.g. "7.2.3 of IEC 60947-1".

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NOTE The product standards due to be part of the series of IEC standards covering low-voltage switchgear and controlgear are:

- IEC 60947-2: Part 2: Circuit-breakers
- IEC 60947-3: Part 3: Switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse combination units
- IEC 60947-4: Part 4: Contactors and motor-starters
- IEC 60947-5: Part 5: Control-circuit devices and switching elements
- IEC 60947-6: Part 6: Multiple function equipment
- IEC 60947-7: Part 7: Ancillary equipment
- IEC 60947-8: Part 8: Control units for built-in thermal protection (PTC) for rotating electrical machines.

1.1 Scope and object

This standard applies, when required by the relevant product standard, to switchgear and controlgear hereinafter referred to as "equipment" and intended to be connected to circuits, the rated voltage of which does not exceed 1 000 V a.c. or 1 500 V d.c.

It does not apply to low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies which are dealt with in IEC 60439.

NOTE In certain clauses or subclauses of this standard, the equipment covered by this standard is also referred to as "device", to be consistent with the text of such clauses or subclauses.

The object of this standard is to state those general rules and requirements which are common to low-voltage equipment as defined in 1.1, including for example:

- definitions;
- characteristics;
- information supplied with the equipment;
- normal service, mounting and transport conditions;
- constructional and performance requirements;
- verification of characteristics and performance.

Digital inputs and/or digital outputs contained in switchgear and controlgear, and intended to be compatible with programmable controllers (PLCs) are covered by Annex S.

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.

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IEC 60068-2-52:1996, *Environmental testing – Part 2-52: Tests – Test Kb: Salt mist, cyclic (sodium chloride solution)*

IEC 60068-2-78:2001, *Environmental testing – Part 2-78: Tests – Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

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IEC 60073:2002, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Coding principles for indicators and actuators*

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

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