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- a) clarification that power electric converter systems, switch mode power supplies, uninterruptable power supplies and adjustable speed power drive systems are tested to their particular products standard, but when they are incorporated in assemblies the incorporation is in accordance with the IEC 61439 series of standards;
 - b) introduction of a group rated current for circuits within a loaded assembly and the refocussing of temperature rise verification on this new characteristic;
 - c) addition of requirements in respect of DC;

d) introduction of the concept of class I and class II assemblies regarding protection against electric shock;

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to harmonize as far as practicable all rules and requirements of a general nature applicable to low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies, in order to obtain uniformity of requirements and verification for assemblies and to avoid the need for verification in other standards. All those requirements for the various assembly standards, which can be considered as general, have therefore been gathered in this document 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 assembly, only two main standards are necessary to determine all requirements and the corresponding methods of verification:

- the basic standard, (this document) referred to as “IEC 61439-1” in the specific standards, covering the various types of low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies;
- the specific assembly standard hereinafter also referred to as the relevant assembly standard.

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Requirements in this document that are subject to agreement between the assembly manufacturer and the user are summarized in Annex C (informative). This schedule also facilitates the supply of information on basic conditions and additional user specifications to enable proper design, application and utilization of the assembly.

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- a) IEC 61439-1: General rules
- b) IEC 61439-2: Power switchgear and controlgear assemblies (PSC-assemblies)¹
- c) IEC 61439-3: Distribution boards intended to be operated by ordinary persons (DBO)
- d) IEC 61439-4: Particular requirements for assemblies for construction sites (ACS)
- e) IEC 61439-5: Assemblies for power distribution in public networks
- f) IEC 61439-6: Busbar trunking systems (busways)
- g) IEC 61439-7: Assemblies for specific applications such as marinas, camping sites, market squares, electric vehicles charging stations
- h) IEC TR 61439-0: Guidance to specifying assemblies.

This list is not exhaustive; additional parts may be developed as the need arises.

¹ IEC 61439-2 includes requirements for assemblies for photovoltaic applications.

LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR ASSEMBLIES –

Part 1: General rules

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61439 lays down the general definitions and service conditions, construction requirements, technical characteristics and verification requirements for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies.

NOTE Throughout this document, the term assembly (see 3.1.1) is used for a low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assembly.

This document cannot be used alone to specify an assembly or used for the purpose of determining conformity. Assemblies comply with the relevant part of the IEC 61439 series, Part 2 onwards. For assemblies not covered by Part 3 onward, Part 2 applies.

This standard applies to low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies only when required by the relevant assembly standard as follows:

- Assemblies for which the rated voltage does not exceed 1000 V in the case of AC or 1500 V in the case of DC;
- Assemblies designed for a nominal frequency of the incoming supply or supplies not exceeding 1000 Hz;
- Assemblies intended for indoor and outdoor applications;
- stationary or movable assemblies with or without an enclosure;
- Assemblies intended for use in connection with the generation, transmission, distribution and conversion of electric energy, and for the control of electrical energy consuming equipment.

This document does not apply to individual devices and self-contained components such as motor starters, fuse switches, power electronic converter systems and equipment (PECS), switch mode power supplies (SMPS), uninterruptable power supplies (UPS), basic drive modules (BDM), complete drive modules (CDM), adjustable speed power drives systems (PDS), and other electronic equipment which comply with their relevant product standards. This document describes the integration of devices and self-contained components into an assembly or into an empty enclosure forming an assembly.

For some applications, such as electrical equipment of machines or those involving, for example, explosive atmospheres, functional safety, there may be a need to comply with the requirements of other standards or legislation in addition to those specified in the IEC 61439 series.

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 60068-2-2:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-11:1981, *Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2-11: Tests – Test Ka: Salt mist*

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

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

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

- 476 IEC 60364 (all parts), *Low-voltage installations*
- 477 IEC 60364-4-41:2005, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-41: Protection for safety –*
 478 *Protection against electric shock*
 479 IEC 60364-4-41:2005/AMD1:2017
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 482 *Protection against voltage disturbances and electromagnetic disturbances*²
 483 IEC 60364-4-44:2007/AMD1:2015
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- 485 IEC 60364-5-51:2005, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 5-51: Selection and erection*
 486 *of electrical equipment – Common rules*
- 487 IEC 60364-5-52:2009, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 5-52: Selection and erection*
 488 *of electrical equipment – Wiring systems*
- 489 IEC 60364-5-53:2018, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 5-53: Selection and erection*
 490 *of electrical equipment – Isolation, switching and control*³
- 491 IEC 60439 (all parts), *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies*⁴
- 492 IEC 60445:2017, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and*
 493 *identification – Identification of equipment terminals, conductor terminations and conductors*
- 494 IEC 60447:2004, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and*
 495 *identification – Actuating principles*
- 496 IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*⁵
 497 IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999
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 500 *Principles, requirements and tests*
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 502 *Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure*
- 503 IEC 60695-2-11:2014, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods –*
 504 *Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products (GWEPT)*
- 505 IEC 60865-1:2011, *Short-circuit currents – Calculation of effects – Part 1: Definitions and*
 506 *calculation methods*
- 507 IEC TR 60890:2014, *A method of temperature-rise verification of low-voltage switchgear and*
 508 *controlgear assemblies by calculation*
- 509 IEC 60947-1:201X, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: General rules*
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- 511 IEC 60947-4-1:2018, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 4-1: Contactors and*
 512 *motor-starters – Electromechanical contactors and motor-starters*

² There is a consolidated edition 2.2 (2018) that includes IEC 60364-4-44 (2007), its amendment 1 (2015) and amendment 2 (2018).

³ There is a consolidated edition 3.2 (2013) that includes IEC 60364-5-53 (2001) and its amendment 1 (2002) and amendment 2 (2015).

⁴ Withdrawn. The IEC 60439 series has been cancelled and replaced by IEC 61439 series

⁵ There is a consolidated document edition 2.2 (2013) that includes IEC 60529 (1989) and its amendment 1 (1999) and amendment 2 (2013).