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IEC 60068-2-1	2007	Environmental testing - Part 2-1: Tests - Test A: Cold	EN 60068-2-1	2007
IEC 60068-2-2	2007	Environmental testing - Part 2-2: Tests - Test B: Dry heat	EN 60068-2-2	2007
IEC 60068-2-6	2007	Environmental testing - Part 2-6: Tests - Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)	EN 60068-2-6	2008
IEC 60068-2-27	2008	Environmental testing - Part 2-27: Tests - Test Ea and guidance Shock	EN 60068-2-27	2009
IEC 60947-1	2020	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 1: General rules	EN IEC 60947-1	2021
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## Annex ZZ (informative)

### Relationship between this European standard and the safety objectives of Directive 2014/35/EU [2014 OJ L96] aimed to be covered

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1 a)	6	
1 b)	4, 5, 6	
1 c)	4, 5, 6	Also refer to 2 a) to 2 d) and 3 a) to 3 c) in this table
2 a)	4, 5, 6.1, 6.3, 7.2, 8.1, 9.2, 9.3	
2 b)	6.1, 6.3, 8.1, 8.2, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3	This standard does not deal with any specific requirements on acoustic noise and optical radiation.
2 c)	4, 5, 6.2, 6.3, 8.1, 8.2, 9.2, 9.3	
2 d)	4, 5, 6.2, 6.3, 7, 8.1, 8.2, 9.2, 9.3	Special environmental conditions differing from those given in 7.1 are not covered by this standard.
3 a)	4, 5, 6.2, 6.3, 7, 9.2, 9.3	
3 b)	4, 5, 9.1	Special environmental conditions differing from those given in 7.1 are not covered by this standard.
3 c)	4, 5, 6.2, 7, 8.2, 9.3	

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## LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

**Part 5-8: Control circuit devices and switching elements –  
Three-position enabling switches**

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2006. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) due to the increasing range of useful applications of three-position enabling switches, note of scope, operational characteristics and tests are reviewed;
- b) figures for example of devices incorporating enabling switch are added in Annex A;
- c) new Annex B for procedure to determine reliability data for the switch used in functional safety applications is added.

The text of this document is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
121A/358/FDIS	121A/369/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this document can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This document should be used in conjunction with IEC 60947-1:2020 and IEC 60947-5-1:2016.

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## LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

### Part 5-8: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Three-position enabling switches

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60947 series specifies requirements for three-position enabling switches.

These switches are used as components of enabling devices to provide signals that,

- a) when activated, allow machine operation to be initiated by a separate start control, and
- b) when de-activated,
  - initiate a stop function, and
  - prevent initiation of machine operation.

NOTE 1 The enabling control function is described in 9.2.3.9 of IEC 60204-1:2016 but the application of three-position enabling switches is not limited to a component of the enabling device described in IEC 60204-1.

NOTE 2 This document does not deal with enabling devices.

These switches are intended to be connected to circuits which rated voltage does not exceed 250 V AC 50 Hz/60 Hz or 300 V DC.

EXAMPLE Devices incorporating three-position enabling switches are:

- push-button enabling devices;
- grip actuated enabling devices;
- foot actuated enabling devices.

See Annex A for more typical examples.

This document does not apply to:

- three-position enabling switches for non-electrical control circuits, for example hydraulic, pneumatic;
- enabling switches without three-position mechanism;
- emergency stop devices (see IEC 60947-5-5).

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60068-2-1:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Test A: Cold*

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

IEC 60068-2-6:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

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

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

IEC 60947-5-1:2016, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 5-1: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Electromechanical control circuit devices*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in Clause 3 of IEC 60947-1:2020 and Clause 2 of IEC 60947-5-1:2016, and the following apply.

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

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

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#### 3.1

##### **enabling device**

manually operated control device used in conjunction with a start control and which, when continuously actuated, allows a machine operation

#### 3.2

##### **three-position enabling switch**

three-position switch having enabling contact(s)

#### 3.3

##### **actuating system**

<three-position enabling switch> all the mechanical parts which transmit the actuating force to the contact elements

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:2000, 441-15-21, modified – "all the operating means of a control switch" replaced by "all the mechanical parts", note to entry deleted.]

#### 3.4

##### **actuator**

<three-position enabling switch> part of the actuating system which is actuated by a part of the human body