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ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS –****Part 2-3: Particular requirements –  
Time-delay switches (TDS)**

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- Introduction a new Annex E "Additional requirements and tests for switches intended to be used at a temperature lower than  $-5\text{ °C}$ "

90 This part of IEC 60669-2 is to be used in conjunction with IEC 60669-1. It lists the changes  
91 necessary to convert that standard into a specific standard for time-delay switches.

92 In this publication, the following print types are used:

- 93 – requirements proper: in roman type;
- 94 – *test specifications: in italic type;*
- 95 – notes: in smaller roman type.

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97 101.

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99 *fixed-electrical installations*, can be found on the IEC website.

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### Part 2-3: Particular requirements – Time-delay switches (TDS)

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#### 116 **1 Scope**

117 This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows:

118 *Replacement of the first paragraph by:*

119 This part of IEC 60669 applies to time-delay switches (hereinafter referred to as TDS) with a  
120 rated voltage not exceeding 440 V AC and a rated current not exceeding 63 A, intended for  
121 household and similar fixed electrical installations, either indoors or outdoors, operated by hand  
122 and/or by remote control. For the control circuit, the rated control voltage does not exceed 440  
123 V AC or 220 V DC.

124 TDS are provided with a time-delay device operated by mechanical, thermal, pneumatic,  
125 hydraulic or electrical means or by a combination of them.

126 Electronic TDS are within the scope of IEC 60669-2-1.

127 TDS including only passive components such as resistors, capacitors, PTC and NTC  
128 components and printed circuit boards are not considered to be electronic TDS.

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#### 129 **2 Normative references**

130 This clause of part 1 is applicable with the following additions:

131 IEC 60317, *Specifications for particular types of winding wires*

132 IEC 60445:2021, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and*  
133 *identification – Identification of equipment terminals and of terminations of certain designated*  
134 *conductors, including general rules for an alphanumeric system*

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136 IEC 60664-1:2020, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part*  
137 *1:Principles, requirements and tests*

138  
139 IEC 60664-3: 2016, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems - Part 3: Use of*  
140 *coating, potting or moulding for protection against pollution*

141  
142 IEC 60669-1:2017, *Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations –*  
143 *Part 1: General requirements*

144 IEC 60669-2-1:2021, *Switches for household and similar fixed-electrical installations –*  
145 *Part 2-1: Particular requirements – Electronic control devices*

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

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### 150 3 Terms and definitions

151 This clause of part 1 is applicable with the following modifications:

#### 152 3.8

#### 153 thread-cutting screw

154 *Addition of the following note:*

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

#### 156 3.9

#### 157 mechanical time-delay device

158 *Addition of the following note:*

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

160 *Addition of the following new definitions:*

#### 161 3.101

#### 162 time-delay switches

#### 163 TDS

164 switch provided with a time-delay device which operates for a certain time (the delay time). It  
165 may be either manually actuated and/or remotely electrically initiated

#### 166 3.101.1

#### 167 electronic TDS

168 TDS containing electronic component(s)

#### 169 3.102

#### 170 rated control voltage

171 voltage assigned to the control circuit by the manufacturer

#### 172 3.103

#### 173 switching circuit

174 circuit which contains the parts which allow the rated current to flow through the TDS

#### 175 3.104

#### 176 control circuit

177 circuit which includes electrical parts to control the switching circuit in an electrically controlled  
178 TDS

#### 179 3.105

#### 180 control mechanism

181 all the parts which are intended for the operation of the TDS

#### 182 3.106

#### 183 incorporated hand-operated device

184 device incorporated in the switch which allows the switching circuit to be operated, directly or  
185 indirectly. This device is not intended for the normal operation of the TDS

#### 186 3.107

#### 187 delay time

188 period during which the switching circuit(s) is (are) kept closed. Any time taken for the  
189 decreasing of the voltage (e.g. to reduce the light) at the end of the delay period is included  
190 within the delay time

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192 **3.108**193 **delay device**

194 all components which have an influence on the delay time. The delay device is energized by  
195 means of an impulse into the control circuit in an electrically controlled TDS. The delay time  
196 may be adjustable

197 **3.109**198 **disconnectable TDS**

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

203 **4 General requirements**

204 This clause of part 1 is applicable with the following addition:

205 *Addition after the first paragraph:*

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

208 **5 General remarks on tests**

209 This clause of part 1 is applicable with the following additions:

210 *Addition to Table 1*

211 : **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	

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213 *Addition of the following subclauses:*

214 **5.101 Incorporated hand-operated device**

215 *If a TDS is provided with an incorporated hand-operated device, actuating the switching circuit*  
216 *directly, it shall be tested as specified in 19.101.*

217 **5.102 Operated by hand**

218 *For a TDS operated by hand, the requirements relating to the control voltage do not apply.*

219 **5.103 Control and switching circuits without common point**

220 *In the case of a TDS for which the control and the switching circuits have no common point, the*  
221 *test is made with the circuits supplied with the rated voltages which are specified in this*  
222 *standard.*

## 223 6 Ratings

224 This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows:

### 225 6.1 Rated voltage

226 *Replacement:*

227 Preferred values of rated voltage are:

228 – 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;

229 Note These rated voltages are aligned with the rated control voltages specified in 6.101 to simplify the tests on  
230 TDS having a common point between the control and switching circuits.

231 *Addition of the following subclause:*

### 232 6.101 Rated control voltage

233 Preferred values of rated control voltage are:

234 – 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;

235 – DC: 6V, 9 V, 12 V, 24 V, 48 V, 60 V, 110 V and 220 V.

## 236 7 Classification

237 This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows:

238 **7.1.** according to the possible connections (see Figure 8 of IEC 60669-1):

239 *Replacement:*

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	Pattern number
single-pole switches	1
double-pole switches	2
three-pole switches	3
three-pole plus switched neutral switches	03
two-way switches	6

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243 **7.5** according to the method of actuating a switch

244 *Addition of the following:*

245 – time-delay switches (TDS):

246 • manually operated;

247 • remotely operated;

248 • manually and remotely operated.

249 Note The above methods of operation can be combined with a complementary method of operation allowing  
250 permanent on and/or permanent off. These possibilities are given by a complementary device acting either directly  
251 on the switching circuit, or on the control circuit.

252 **7.7** according to the method of installation, as a consequence of the design of the switch

253 *Addition of the following:*

- 254 – disconnectable TDS;

255 *Addition of the following subclause:*

256 **7.1.101** According to the type of control mechanism:

- 257 – mechanical;
- 258 – thermal;
- 259 – pneumatic;
- 260 – hydraulic;
- 261 – electrical;
- 262 – combination(s) of the above.

263 **8 Marking**



264 This clause of part 1 is applicable with the following additions:

265 **8.1 General**

266 *Replacement of b)*

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267 b) rated voltage(s) in volts and rated control voltage(s) in volts, if different from the rated  
268 voltage(s);

269 Addition after m)

270 Switches shall be also marked with

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272 n) symbol for the adjustment of the delay time, if applicable;

273 o) symbols for the positions "Permanent on" and "Permanent off", if applicable;

274 p) symbol for "Delay time".

275 *Addition after Note 5:*

276 Note 6 If a delay time value is indicated, it should be expressed in minutes.

277 **8.2 Addition of the following symbols:**

Permanent on.....



NOTE – If the TDS may also be remote controlled, the symbol | is not to be used.

Delay time .....



Permanent off but only if the air gap of the switching contact of the TDS is not less than 3 mm .....

