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This is the harmonized CSA Group and UL standard for Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 5-1: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Electromechanical control circuit devices. It is the second edition of CSA C22.2 No. 60947-5-1 and the fourth edition of UL 60947-5-1. This edition of CSA C22.2 No. 60947-5-1 supersedes the previous edition published in 2014 as CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60947-5-1 (adopted IEC 60947-5-1:2003).

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

- a) update of normative references;
- b) update and restructuration of subclauses in 7.1;
- c) addition of material requirements and test;

- d) update of EMC requirements;
- e) clarification of requirements and update of 8.2;
- f) addition of requirements for screwless-type clamping units;
- g) update of existing Tables 4 and 5;
- h) addition of new Tables 6, 7, 8 and 9;
- i) addition of a new Figure 10;
- j) addition of a new Annex N.

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- 7.2.4.1: Making and breaking capacities (United States of America and Canada)
- 8.3.3.5.2: Test circuits and connections (United States of America and Canada)

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## 1 General

### 1.1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60947 applies to control circuit devices and switching elements intended for controlling, signalling, interlocking, etc., of switchgear and controlgear.

It applies to control circuit devices having a rated voltage not exceeding 1 000 V a.c. (at a frequency not exceeding 1 000 Hz) or 600 V d.c.

However, for operational voltages below 100 V a.c. or d.c., see [4.3.22](#).

This standard applies to specific types of control circuit devices such as:

- manual control switches, for example push-buttons, rotary switches, foot switches, etc.;
- electromagnetically operated control switches, either time-delayed or instantaneous, for example contactor relays;
- pilot switches, for example pressure switches, temperature sensitive switches (thermostats), programmers, etc.;
- position switches, for example control switches operated by part of a machine or mechanism;
- associated control circuit equipment, for example indicator lights, etc.

NOTE 1 A control circuit device includes (a) control switch(es) and associated devices such as (an) indicator light(s).

NOTE 2 A control switch includes (a) switching element(s) and an actuating system.

NOTE 3 A switching element can be a contact element or a semiconductor element.

It also applies to specific types of switching elements associated with other devices (whose main circuits are covered by other standards) such as:

- auxiliary contacts of a switching device (e.g. contactor, circuit breaker, etc.) which are not dedicated exclusively for use with the coil of that device;
- interlocking contacts of enclosure doors;
- control circuit contacts of rotary switches;
- control circuit contacts of overload relays.

Contactors also comply with the requirements and tests of IEC 60947-4-1 except for the utilization category which comply with this standard.

This standard does not include the relays covered in IEC 60255 or in the IEC 61810 series, nor automatic electrical control devices for household and similar purposes.

The colour requirements of indicator lights, push-buttons, etc., are found in IEC 60073 and also in CIE S 0004/E-2001 from the Commission of Illumination (CIE).

The object of this standard is to state:

- a) the characteristics of control circuit devices;
- b) the electrical and mechanical requirements with respect to:
  - 1) the various duties to be performed;
  - 2) the significance of the rated characteristics and of the markings;
  - 3) the tests to verify the rated characteristics;
- c) the functional requirements to be satisfied by the control circuit devices with respect to:
  - 1) environmental conditions, including those of enclosed equipment;
  - 2) dielectric properties;
  - 3) terminals.

**1.1DV D2 Modification of 1.1 by adding the following:**

**This equipment is intended for installation in accordance with CSA C22.1, Canadian Electrical Code (CE Code, Part I), and the US National Electrical Code (NEC), NFPA 70.**

## 1.2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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

IEC 60068-2-14:2009, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

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

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 indications and actuators*

IEC 60417-DB:2002<sup>1</sup>, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

IEC 60617-DB:2012<sup>2</sup>, *Graphical symbols for diagrams*

<sup>1</sup> “DB” refers here to the IEC on-line database, available at: <http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment>.

<sup>2</sup> “DB” refers there to the IEC on-line database, available at: <http://std.iec.ch/iec60617>.

IEC 60695-2-10:2013, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure*

IEC 60695-2-11:2014, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products (GWEPT)*

IEC 60695-2-12:2010, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-12: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability index (GWF) test method for materials*

IEC 60695-2-12:2010/AMD1:2014

IEC 60947-1:2007, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: General rules*

IEC 60947-1:2007/AMD1:2010

IEC 60947-1:2007/AMD2:2014

IEC 60947-4-1:2009, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 4-1: Contactors and motor-starters – Electromechanical contactors and motor-starters*

IEC 60947-4-1:2009/AMD1:2012

IEC 60947-5-5:1997, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 5-5: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Electrical emergency stop device with mechanical latching function*

IEC 60947-5-5:1997/AMD1:2005

IEC 60947-5-5:1997/AMD2:2016

IEC 60999-1:1999, *Connecting devices – Electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units – Part 1: General requirements and particular requirements for clamping units for conductors from 0,2 mm<sup>2</sup> up to 35 mm<sup>2</sup> (included)*

IEC 61000-3-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-2: Limits – Limits for harmonic current emissions (equipment input current < 16 A per phase)*

IEC 61000-3-3, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-3: Limits – Limitation of voltage changes, voltage fluctuations and flicker in public low-voltage supply systems, for equipment with rated current <16 A per phase and not subject to conditional connection*

IEC 61000-4-2:2008, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-3:2006, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-3:2006/AMD1:2007

IEC 61000-4-3:2006/AMD2:2010

IEC 61000-4-4:2012, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-5:2014, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-6:2013, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-6: Testing and measurement techniques – Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields*

IEC 61000-4-8:2009, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-8: Testing and measurement techniques – Power frequency magnetic field immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-11:2004, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-11: Testing and measurement techniques – Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations immunity tests*

IEC 61000-4-13:2002, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-13: Testing and measurement techniques – Harmonics and interharmonics including mains signalling at a.c. power port, low frequency immunity tests*

IEC 61000-4-13:2002/AMD1:2009

IEC 61000-4-13:2002/AMD2:2015

IEC 61140:2015, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment*

IEC 61140:2015/AMD1:2004

CISPR 11:2015, *Industrial, scientific and medical equipment – Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement*

CIE S 004/E-2001, *Colours of Light Signals*

### **1.2DV DC Modification of 1.2 by adding the following:**

For a list of normative standards, see [Table DVA.1](#) and [Table DVA.2](#). See [Table DVB.1](#) for component standards.

## **2 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60947-1, as well as the following apply.

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## 2.1 Basic terms and definitions

### 2.1.1

#### **control circuit device**

an electrical device intended for the controlling, signalling, interlocking, etc., of switchgear and controlgear

Note 1 to entry: Control circuit devices can include associated devices dealt with in other standards, such as instruments, potentiometers, relays, in so far as associated devices are used for the purposes specified above.

### 2.1.2

#### **control switch** (for control and auxiliary circuits)

a mechanical switching device which serves the purpose of controlling the operation of switchgear or controlgear, including signalling, electrical interlocking, etc.

Note 1 to entry: A control switch consists of one or more contact elements with a common actuating system.

Note 2 to entry: A control switch may include semiconductor elements or contact elements (see [2.3.2](#) and [2.3.3](#)).

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-14-46, modified – Addition of a new Note 2 to entry.]

### 2.1.3

#### **control switch suitable for isolation**

a control switch which, in the open position, complies with the requirements specified for the isolating function (see 2.1.19 and 7.1.7 of IEC 60947-1:2007)

Note 1 to entry: Such control switches are intended to provide a higher degree of safety to personnel when working on the equipment controlled. For this reason, they have to be manually actuated relying on the intelligence of instructed persons to react in case they would fail to operate, e.g. in case of insufficiently opened contacts.

### 2.1.4

#### **control station**

an assembly of one or more control switches fixed on the same panel or located in the same enclosure

Note 1 to entry: A control station panel or enclosure may also contain related equipment, e.g. potentiometers, signal lamps, instruments, etc.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-12-08]

## 2.2 Control switches

### 2.2.1

#### **automatic control switches**

Note 1 to entry: Automatic control switches are operated by automatic control (see 2.4.5 of IEC 60947-1:2007). They are also designated as pilot switches (see 2.2.18 of IEC 60947-1:2007).

#### 2.2.1.1

##### **instantaneous contactor relay**

a contactor relay operating without any intentional time delay

Note 1 to entry: Unless otherwise stated, a contactor relay is an instantaneous contactor relay.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-14-36]

## 2.2.1.2

**time-delay contactor relay**

a contactor relay with specified time-delay characteristics

Note 1 to entry: The time-delay may be associated with energization (e-delay) or with de-energization (d-delay) or both.

Note 2 to entry: A time-delay contactor relay may also incorporate instantaneous contact elements.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-14-37, modified – addition of a new Note 2 to entry.]

## 2.2.1.3

**position switch**

a pilot switch the actuating system of which is operated by a moving part of the machine, when this part reaches a predetermined position

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-14-49]

## 2.2.1.4

**programmer**

a control switch having a multiplicity of switching elements which, after initiation, operates in a defined sequence

## 2.2.2

**manually operated control switches**

Note 1 to entry: Manually operated control switches are operated by manual control (see 2.4.4 of IEC 60947-1:2007).

## 2.2.2.1

**push-button**

a control switch having an actuator intended to be operated by force exerted by a part of the human body, usually the finger or palm of the hand, and having stored energy (spring) return

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-14-53]

## 2.2.2.2

**pull-button**

a control switch having an actuator intended to be operated by manual pull, and having stored energy (spring) return

## 2.2.2.3

**push-pull button**

a control switch having an actuator intended to be operated by manual push and returned to its initial position by manual pull, or vice versa

Note 1 to entry: There are also «push-push» or «push-turn» or other combinations of buttons.

## 2.2.2.4

**rotary button**

a combination of push-button type switching elements having an actuator operated by a manual rotation (see also [2.2.2.15](#) to [2.2.2.18](#) inclusive)

EXAMPLE A selector switch.

Note 1 to entry: A rotary push-button may have more than two positions; it may or may not have a spring return.