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IEC 60050-441	-	Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Switchgear, controlgear and fuses	-	-
IEC 60034-12	2016	Rotating electrical machines - Part 12: Starting performance of single-speed three-phase cage induction motors	EN 60034-12	2017
IEC 60034-30-1	2014	Rotating electrical machines - Part 30-1: Efficiency classes of line operated AC motors (IE code)	EN 60034-30-1	2014
IEC 60068-2-14	2009	Environmental testing – Part 2–14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature	EN 60068-2-14	2009
IEC 60228	2004	Conductors of insulated cables	EN 60228 +AC	2005 2005
IEC 60269	(all parts)	Low-voltage fuses	EN 60269	(series)
IEC 60417	-	Graphical symbols for use on equipment	-	-
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)	EN 60695-2-11	2014
IEC 60947-1	2020	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 1: General rules	EN IEC 60947-1	2021
IEC 60947-5-1	2016	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 5-1: Control circuit devices and switching elements - Electromechanical control circuit devices	EN 60947-5-1	2017
+ CORR 1	2016			
IEC 61000-4-2	2008	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test	EN 61000-4-2	2009
IEC 61000-4-3	2006	, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test	EN 61000-4-3	2006
+A1	2007		+A1	2008
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IEC 61000-4-5 +A1	2014 2017	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4–5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity test	EN 61000-4-5 +A1	2014 2017
IEC 61000-4-6	2013	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4–6: Testing and measurement techniques – Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields	EN 61000-4-6 +AC1	2014 2015
IEC 61238-1-1	-	Compression and mechanical connectors for power cables - Part 1–1: Test methods and requirements for compression and mechanical connectors for power cables for rated voltages up to 1 kV ( $U_m = 1,2 \text{ kV}$ ) tested on non-insulated conductors	EN IEC 61238-1- 2019 1	
IEC 61545	1996	Connecting devices - Devices for the connection of aluminium conductors in clamping units of any material and copper conductors in aluminium bodied clamping units	-	-
IEC 62208	2011	Empty enclosures for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies - General requirements	EN 62208	2011
IEC 62475	2010	High-current test techniques - Definitions and requirements for test currents and measuring systems	EN 62475	2010
ISO 2859-1 +A1	1999 2011	Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes - Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection	-	-
CISPR 11 +A1	2015 2016	Industrial, scientific and medical equipment – Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement	EN 55011 +A1	2016 2017
CISPR 32	2015	Electromagnetic compatibility of multimedia equipment - Emission requirements	EN 55032 +AC	2015 2016

## Annex ZZA

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### **Relationship between this European standard and the essential requirements of Directive 2014/30/EU [2014 OJ L96] aimed to be covered**

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Essential requirements of Directive 2014/30/EU	Clause(s) / sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks / Notes
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1 a)	1, 2, 3, 6.2, 6.3, Annex D, Annex E	
1 b)	1, 2, 3, 6.2, 6.3, Annex C, Annex D, Annex E	
1 c)	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, A.1, A.2, C.1, D.1, D.2, E.1, E.6.3	Also refer to 2 a) to 2 d) and 3 a) to 3 c) in this table
2 a)	1, 2, 3, 8.1, 8.2, 9.1, 9.3, 9.5, Annex A, Annex C, Annex D	
2 b)	1, 2, 3, 5, 8.1, 8.2.2, 9.3, Annex A, Annex C, Annex D, Annex E	
2 c)	1, 2, 3, 6, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, Annex A, Annex C, Annex D, Annex E	
2 d)	1, 2, 3, 4.3, 5, 6.2, 6.3, 8.1, 8.2, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.5, Annex A, Annex C, Annex D, Annex E	
3 a)	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8.2, 8.3, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.5, Annex A, Annex C, Annex D, Annex E	
3 b)	1, 2, 3, 6.2, 6.3, 7, Annex D	
3 c)	1, 2, 3, 6.3, 8.3, 9.3, Annex D, Annex E	

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- addition of critical load current tests for DC switches (see 9.3.9);
- addition of requirements for a conditional short-circuit rating for disconnectors, switches, and switch-disconnectors protected by circuit-breakers (see 9.3.7.2);
- addition of new categories for high-efficiency motors switching (see Annex A);

- addition of new Annex E for connection to aluminium conductors;
- addition of new Annex F for power losses measurement.

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## INTRODUCTION

The provisions of the general rules dealt with in IEC 60947-1 are applicable to this document, where specifically called for. Clauses and subclauses, tables, figures and annexes of the general rules thus applicable are identified by reference to the sixth edition of IEC 60947-1:2020, for example, 5.3.4.1 of IEC 60947-1:2020, Table 4 of IEC 60947-1:2020, or Annex A of IEC 60947-1:2020.

## LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

### Part 3: Switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60947 applies to switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units and their dedicated accessories to be used in distribution circuits and motor circuits of which the rated voltage does not exceed 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC.

NOTE 1 Accessories are interconnecting units, extended terminals, internal coils, auxiliary contacts, motor operator, etc. offered as options with the basic unit.

This document does not apply to equipment coming within the scope of IEC 60947-2, IEC 60947-4-1 and IEC 60947-5-1.

Particular requirements for switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units for use in photovoltaic (PV) DC applications are given in Annex D.

Specific requirements for LV switchgear intended for the connections of aluminium conductors are given in Annex E.

Guidance on measurement of power loss is provided in Annex F.

This document does not include the additional requirements necessary for electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres.

NOTE 2 Depending on its design, a switch (or disconnector) can be referred to as "a rotary switch (disconnector)", "cam-operated switch (disconnector)", "knife-switch (disconnector)", etc.

NOTE 3 In this document, the word "switch" also applies to the apparatus referred to in French as "commutateurs", intended to modify the connections between several circuits and *inter alia* to substitute a part of a circuit for another.

NOTE 4 In general, throughout this document, switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units will be referred to as "equipment".

The object of this document is to state:

- a) the characteristics of the equipment;
- b) the conditions that apply to the equipment with reference to:
  - 1) operation and behaviour in normal service;
  - 2) operation and behaviour in case of specified abnormal conditions, e.g. short-circuit;
  - 3) dielectric properties;
- c) the tests for confirming that these conditions have been met and the methods that are adopted for these tests;
- d) the information relevant to the marking of the equipment or made available by the manufacturer, e.g. in the catalogue.

Specific items requiring agreement between the user and the manufacturer are identified in Annex B.

## 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.

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