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IEC 61784-3	2021	Industrial communication networks - Profiles - Part 3: Functional safety fieldbuses - General rules and profile definitions	EN IEC 61784-3	2021
IEC 62443	series	Security for industrial automation and control systems	EN IEC 62443	series
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Full information on the voting for its approval can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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This document was drafted in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, and developed in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and ISO/IEC Directives, IEC Supplement, available at www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs. The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at www.iec.ch/publications.

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Italics are also used to denote the name of a service input or output parameter or the name of a structure or element of a structure that are usually defined in tables.

The *italicized terms* and *names* are also, with a few exceptions, written in camel-case (the practice of writing compound words or phrases in which the elements are joined without spaces, with each element's initial letter capitalized within the compound). For example, the defined term is *AddressSpace* instead of Address Space. This makes it easier to understand that there is a single definition for *AddressSpace*, not separate definitions for Address and Space.

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- reconfirmed,
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- revised.

INTRODUCTION

OPC UA safety extends OPC UA to fulfill the requirements of functional safety as defined in the IEC 61508 series and IEC 61784-3 series of standards.

Figure 1 shows the relationship between this document and the relevant safety and OPC UA standards in an industrial environment. An arrow from Document A to Document B means "Document A is referenced in Document B". This reference can be either normative or informative. Not all of these standards are applicable or required for a given product.

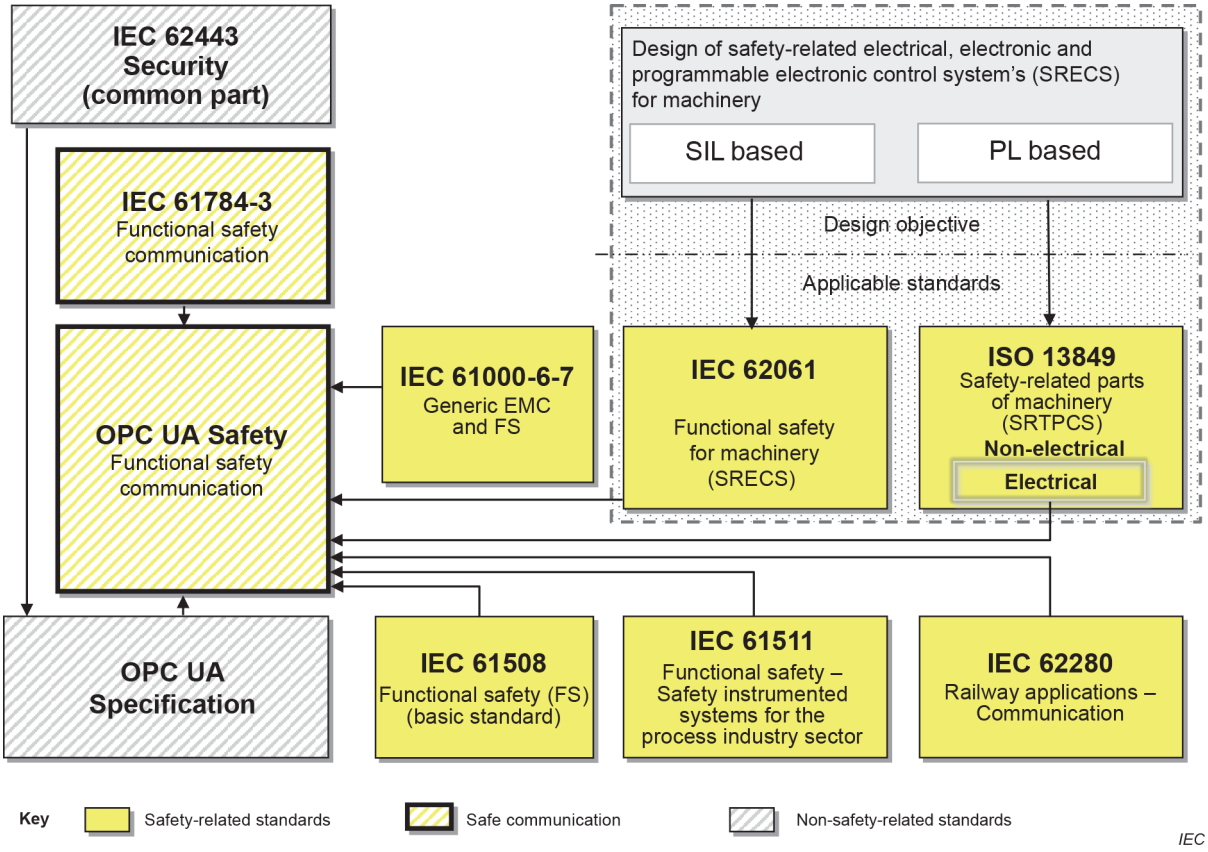

Figure 1 – Relationships of OPC UA safety with other standards

Implementing this document allows for detecting all types of communication errors encountered in the lower network layers. In case an error is detected, this information is shared with the safety applications in the user layer which can then act in an appropriate way, e.g. by switching to a safe state.

The document describes the behaviour of the individual endpoints for safe communication, as well as the OPC UA *Information Model* which is used to access these endpoints.

This document is application-independent and does not pose requirements on the structure and length of the application data. Application-specific requirements are expected to be described in appropriate companion specifications.

This document can be used for applications requiring functional safety up to the *safety integrity level* (*SIL*) 4.

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1 Scope

This document describes a *safety communication layer* (services and a protocol) for the exchange of *SafetyData* using IEC 62541 mechanisms. It identifies the principles for functional safety communications defined in IEC 61784-3 that are relevant for this *safety communication layer*. This *safety communication layer* is intended for implementation in *safety* devices only.

NOTE 1 This document targets controller-to-controller communication. However, easy expandability to other use-cases (e.g. OPC UA field level communication) has already been considered in the design of this document.

NOTE 2 This document does not cover electrical safety and intrinsic safety aspects. Electrical safety relates to hazards such as electrical shock. Intrinsic safety relates to hazards associated with potentially explosive atmospheres.

This document defines mechanisms for the transmission of safety-relevant messages among participants within a network using OPC UA technology in accordance with the requirements of the IEC 61508 series and IEC 61784-3 for functional safety. These mechanisms can be used in various industrial applications such as process control, manufacturing, automation, and machinery.

This document provides guidelines for both developers and assessors of compliant devices and systems.

NOTE 3 The resulting *SIL* claim of a system depends on the implementation of this document within the system – implementation of this document in a standard device is not sufficient to qualify it as a safety device.

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