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

1 Scope

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

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

Electronic TDS are within the scope of IEC 60669-2-1 but not of this document.

TDS including only passive components such as resistors, capacitors, positive temperature coefficient (PTC) and negative temperature coefficient (NTC) components and printed circuit boards are not considered to be electronic TDS.

For switches provided with screwless terminals, the rated current is limited to 16 A.

NOTE 1 The rated current is limited to 16 A for switches provided with insulation piercing terminals (IPT's) according to Annex D.

Switches covered by this document are, where applicable, intended for the control in normal use of all of the following loads:

- a circuit for a tungsten filament lamp load;
- a circuit for an externally ballasted lamp load (for example LED, CFL, fluorescent lamp load);
- a circuit for a self ballasted lamp load (for example LEDi or CFLi);
- a circuit for a substantially resistive load with a power factor not less than 0,95;
- a single phase circuit for motor load with a rated current not exceeding 3 A at 250 V (750 VA) and 4,5 A at 120 V (540 VA) and a power factor not less than 0,6. This applies to both switches rated not less than 10 A that have not undergone additional tests and to momentary switches rated not less than 6 A that have not undergone additional tests.

NOTE 2 In the following country the suitability of a switch intended to control the inrush current of a motor shall be tested: AU.

This document also applies to boxes for switches, with the exception of mounting boxes for flush-type switches.

NOTE 3 General requirements for boxes for flush-type switches are given in IEC 60670-1.

It also applies to switches such as

- switches incorporating pilot lights;
- electromagnetic remote control switches (particular requirements are given in IEC 60669-2-2);

- switches incorporating a time-delay device (particular requirements are given in IEC 60669-2-3);
- combinations of switches and other functions (with the exception of switches combined with fuses);
- electronic switches (particular requirements are given in IEC 60669-2-1);
- switches having facilities for the outlet and retention of flexible cables (see Annex A);
- isolating switches (particular requirements are given in IEC 60669-2-4);
- switches and related accessories for use in home and building electronic systems (particular requirements are given in IEC 60669-2-5);
- firemen's switches (particular requirements are given in IEC 60669-2-6).

Switches complying with this document are suitable for use at ambient temperatures not normally exceeding +40 °C, but their average over a period of 24 h does not exceed +35 °C, with a lower limit of the ambient air temperature of –5 °C.

NOTE 4 For lower temperatures see Annex E.

Switches complying with this document are suitable only for incorporation in equipment in such a way and in such a place that it is unlikely that the surrounding ambient temperature exceeds +35 °C.

In locations where special conditions prevail, such as in ships, vehicles and the like and in hazardous locations, for example where explosions are liable to occur, special construction and/or additional requirements may be required.

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IEC 60998-2-2, *Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes – Part 2-2: Particular requirements for connecting devices as separate entities with screwless-type clamping units*

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SWITCHES FOR HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS –

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

1 Scope

IEC 60669-1:2017, Clause 1 is applicable except as follows:

Replacement of the first paragraph with the following:

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

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

Electronic TDS are within the scope of IEC 60669-2-1 but not of this document.

TDS including only passive components such as resistors, capacitors, positive temperature coefficient (PTC) and negative temperature coefficient (NTC) components and printed circuit boards are not considered to be electronic TDS.

2 Normative references

IEC 60669-1:2017, Clause 2 is applicable with the following additions:

IEC 60317 (all parts), *Specifications for particular types of winding wires*

IEC 60445:2021, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Identification of equipment terminals, conductor terminations and conductors*

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

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

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

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

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INTERRUPTEURS POUR INSTALLATIONS ÉLECTRIQUES FIXES DOMESTIQUES ET ANALOGUES –

Partie 2-3: Exigences particulières – Interrupteurs temporisés (minuteries)

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Cette édition inclut les modifications techniques majeures suivantes par rapport à l'édition précédente:

- a) révision de la présente édition avec référence à l'IEC 60669-1:2017 (Édition 4);
- b) introduction d'une révision de l'Annexe E "Exigences et essais supplémentaires pour les interrupteurs à utiliser à une température inférieure à -5 °C ".

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Lorsqu'un paragraphe particulier de l'IEC 60669-1:2017 n'est pas mentionné dans le présent document, ce paragraphe s'applique pour autant que cela soit raisonnable.

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INTERRUPTEURS POUR INSTALLATIONS ÉLECTRIQUES FIXES DOMESTIQUES ET ANALOGUES –

Partie 2-3: Exigences particulières – Interrupteurs temporisés (minuteriers)

1 Domaine d'application

L'Article 1 de l'IEC 60669-1:2017 s'applique, avec l'exception suivante:

Remplacement du premier alinéa par le suivant:

La présente partie de l'IEC 60669 s'applique aux interrupteurs temporisés (désignés ci-après minuteriers) de tension assignée qui ne dépasse pas 440 V en courant alternatif et de courant assigné qui ne dépasse pas 63 A, prévus pour installations électriques fixes domestiques et analogues intérieures ou extérieures, commandés à la main ou à distance. Pour le circuit de commande, la tension de commande assignée ne dépasse pas 440 V en courant alternatif ou 220 V en courant continu.

Les minuteriers sont équipées d'un dispositif de temporisation mécanique, thermique, pneumatique, hydraulique ou électrique ou d'un dispositif qui met en œuvre une quelconque de leurs combinaisons.

Les minuteriers électroniques sont couvertes par le domaine d'application de l'IEC 60669-2-1, mais pas par celui du présent document.

Les minuteriers qui comportent uniquement des composants passifs tels que des résistances, des condensateurs, des composants à coefficient de température positif (CTP) et coefficient de température négatif (CTN) et des cartes de circuits imprimés ne sont pas considérées comme des minuteriers électroniques.

2 Références normatives

L'Article 2 de l'IEC 60669-1:2017 s'applique, avec les ajouts suivants:

IEC 60317 (toutes les parties), *Spécifications pour types particuliers de fils de bobinage*

IEC 60445:2021, *Principes fondamentaux et de sécurité pour les interfaces homme-machines, le marquage et l'identification – Identification des bornes de matériels, des extrémités de conducteurs et des conducteurs*

IEC 60664-1:2020, *Coordination de l'isolement des matériels dans les réseaux d'énergie électrique à basse tension – Partie 1: Principes, exigences et essais*

IEC 60664-3:2016, *Coordination de l'isolement des matériels dans les systèmes (réseaux) à basse tension – Partie 3: Utilisation de revêtement, d'emportage ou de moulage pour la protection contre la pollution*

IEC 60669-1:2017, *Interrupteurs pour installations électriques fixes domestiques et analogues – Partie 1: Exigences générales*

IEC 61558-2-6:2021, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and combinations thereof – Part 2-6: Particular requirements and tests for safety isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating safety isolating transformers for general applications* (disponible en anglais uniquement)