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International Standard IEC 60300-1 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 56: Dependability.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition, published in 1993, and constitutes a technical revision.

The main changes with respect to the previous edition are listed below.

– Dependability management system seen as part of the organization’s overall management system.
– Structural and terminological alignment with ISO 9000:2000 standards.
– Focus on systems.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
56/856/FDIS	56/861/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2010. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

Dependability is a key decision factor in today's global business environment. Dependability affects product costs and processes. It is an inherent product design property influencing product performance. A dependable product is achieved through the implementation of dependability disciplines in the early concept and design phases of the product life cycle to provide cost-effective product operations. Like other technical and engineering disciplines, dependability needs to be managed in order to deliver high-value products to customers. In the broadest sense, dependability reflects user confidence in fitness for use by attaining satisfaction in product performance capability, delivering service availability upon demand, and minimizing the costs associated with the acquisition and ownership throughout the life cycle.

Dependability is the collective term describing the availability performance of any simple to complex product. The factors influencing the availability performance of a product are the reliability and maintainability design characteristics and the maintenance support performance. Annex A provides the dependability relationships. In many products, reliability, maintainability, and availability rank amongst the dominant performance characteristics of importance to the customers seeking cost-effective operation. Reliability and maintainability are performance characteristics inherent in the product design. Maintenance support is external to the product, and will affect its dependability. Maintenance support performance reflects the ability of the maintenance organization to provide the necessary resources to sustain a level of maintenance support effort to achieve system availability performance objectives.

This part of IEC 60300 provides general guidelines in establishing a dependability management system to meet most organization or project needs. The structure of the referenced dependability standards follows a "tool-box" concept. The recommendations are non-prescriptive to facilitate tailoring and effective implementation of dependability disciplines in management. The top-level dependability management standard IEC 60300-1 is supported by IEC 60300-2 providing references to application guidelines and methods. This "tool-box" concept helps standards users locate specific dependability application guidelines and relevant methods to accomplish their respective project objectives.

This standard encourages innovation and flexibility in management and design for product optimization with known constraints and technology limitations. It is aligned with ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 9004:2000 Quality Management Systems (QMS) structure to facilitate incorporation of dependability activities in the overall management system. Dependability activities complement QMS processes to achieve the desired levels of reliability, maintainability, and maintenance support performance of products. The alignment of IEC 60300-1 to ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 9004:2000 is necessary to link specific dependability recommendations to relevant QMS processes. The major clauses in IEC 60300-1 are cross-referencing ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 9004:2000 although some clause headings may not be exactly the same. They address similar quality topics from a dependability perspective.

DEPENDABILITY MANAGEMENT –

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1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60300 describes the concepts and principles of dependability management systems. It identifies the generic processes in dependability for planning, resource allocation, control, and tailoring necessary to meet dependability objectives.

This standard deals with the dependability performance issues in the product life-cycle phases concerning planning, design, measurements, analysis and improvement. Dependability includes availability performance and its influencing factors: reliability performance, maintainability performance, and maintenance support performance.

The object of this standard is to facilitate co-operation by all parties concerned (supplier, organization and customer) and foster understanding of the dependability needs and value to achieve the overall dependability objectives.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

IEC 60300-2, *Dependability management – Part 2: Guidelines for dependability programme management*[1]

ISO 9000:2000, *Quality management systems – Fundamentals and vocabulary*

ISO 9001:2000, *Quality management systems – Requirements*

ISO 9004:2000, *Quality management systems – Guidelines for performance improvements*

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[1] Second edition to be published.