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This first edition of IEC 60873-1 cancels and replaces IEC 60873 (1986) and constitutes a technical revision.

The main changes with respect to the previous edition concern the updating of methods for inspection and routine testing of devices, and recorder testing requirements now comply with IEC 61298.

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

FDIS	Report on voting
65B/494/FDIS	65B/511/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 standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 61298.

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 2009. At this date, the publication will be

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- withdrawn;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

A bilingual version of this publication may be issued at a later date.

INTRODUCTION

The methods of evaluation specified in this part of IEC 60873 are intended for use by manufacturers to determine the performance of their products and by users or independent testing establishments to verify manufacturers' performance specifications.

The test conditions in this standard, for example, the range of ambient temperatures and power supply, represent those which commonly arise in use. Consequently, the values specified herein shall be used where no other values are specified by the manufacturer.

The tests specified in this standard are not necessarily sufficient for instruments specifically designed for unusually arduous duties. Conversely, a restricted series of tests may be suitable for instruments designed to perform within a more limited range of conditions.

It will be appreciated that the closest communication should be maintained between the evaluating body and the manufacturer. Note should be taken of the manufacturer's specifications for the instrument when the test programme is being decided, and the manufacturer should be invited to comment on both the test programmes and the results.

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1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60873 provides methods for determining the performance of all electrical and pneumatic analogue chart recorders operating from a standardized signal which may be used in process control. It is intended that continuous and dotted-line traces, multiple-pen and multiple-channel instruments should be covered. Some tests should not apply to all instruments and additional tests may be required for certain types of recorders.

The object of this standard is to specify uniform methods of test for the evaluation of the performance of electrical and pneumatic analogue chart recorders operating from a standardized signal which may be used in process control.

When a full evaluation in accordance with this standard is not required, those tests which are required should be performed and the results reported in accordance with those parts of the standard which are relevant. It should be made clear in such a report that the evaluation reported is not a full evaluation and the parts omitted should be indicated.

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 60050-351:1998, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 351: Automatic control*

IEC 61010-1:2001, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 61187:1993, *Electric and electronic measuring equipment – Documentation*

IEC 61298-1:1995, *Process measurement and control devices – General methods and procedures for evaluating performance – Part 1: General considerations*

IEC 61298-2:1995, *Process measurement and control devices – General methods and procedures for evaluation performance – Part 2: Tests under reference conditions*

IEC 61298-3:1998, *Process measurement and control devices – General methods and procedures for evaluation performance – Part 3: Tests for the effects of influence quantities*

IEC 61298-4:1995, *Process measurement and control devices – General methods and procedures for evaluation performance – Part 4: Evaluation report content*