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1.1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60947 applies to control circuit devices and switching elements intended for controlling, signalling, interlocking, etc., of switchgear and controlgear.

It applies to control circuit devices having a rated voltage not exceeding 1 000 V a.c. (at a frequency not exceeding 1 000 Hz) or 600 V d.c.

However, for operational voltages below 100 V a.c. or d.c., see note 2 of 4.3.1.1.

This standard applies to specific types of control circuit devices such as:

- manual control switches, for example pushbuttons, rotary switches, foot switches, etc.;
- electromagnetically operated control switches, either time-delayed or instantaneous, for example contactor relays;
- pilot switches, for example pressure switches, temperature sensitive switches (thermostats), programmers, etc.;
- position switches, for example control switches operated by part of a machine or mechanism;
- associated control circuit equipment, for example indicator lights, etc.

NOTE 1 A control circuit device includes (a) control switch(es) and associated devices such as (an) indicator light(s).

NOTE 2 A control switch includes (a) switching element(s) and an actuating system.

NOTE 3 A switching element may be a contact element or a semiconductor element.

It also applies to specific types of switching elements associated with other devices (whose main circuits are covered by other standards) such as:

- auxiliary contacts of a switching device (e.g. contactor, circuit breaker, etc.) which are not dedicated exclusively for use with the coil of that device;
- interlocking contacts of enclosure doors;
- control circuit contacts of rotary switches;
- control circuit contacts of overload relays.