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## INTRODUCTION

The exchange of product data between companies, business systems, engineering tools, data systems within companies and, in the future, control systems (electrical, measuring and control technology) can run smoothly only when both the information to be exchanged and the use of this information have been clearly defined.

Prior to this standard, requirements on process control devices and systems were specified by customers in various ways when suppliers or manufacturers were asked to quote for suitable equipment. The suppliers in their turn described the devices according to their own documentation schemes, often using different terms, structures and media (paper, databases, CDs, e-catalogues, etc.). The situation was similar in the planning and development process, with device information frequently being duplicated in a number of different information technology (IT) systems.

Any method that is capable of recording all existing information only once during the planning and ordering process and making it available for further processing, gives all parties involved an opportunity to concentrate on the essentials. A precondition for this is the standardization of both the descriptions of the objects and the exchange of information.

The IEC 61987 series proposes a method for standardization which will help both suppliers and users of process control equipment to optimize workflows both within their own companies and in their exchanges with other companies. Depending on their role in the process, engineering firms may be considered here to be either users or suppliers.

The method specifies process control equipment by means of blocks of properties. These blocks are compiled into Lists of Properties (LOPs), each of which describes a specific equipment (device) type. The IEC 61987 series covers both properties that may be used in an inquiry or a proposal and detailed properties required for integration of the equipment in computer systems for other tasks.

IEC 61987-10 defines structure elements for constructing lists of properties for electrical and process control equipment in order to facilitate automatic data exchange between any two computer systems in any possible workflow, for example engineering, maintenance or purchasing workflow and to allow both the customers and the suppliers of the equipment to optimize their processes and workflows. IEC 61987-10 also provides the data model for assembling the LOPs.

IEC 61987-11 while specifying a generic structure for measuring equipment provides several important detail descriptions, such as the handling of composite devices that are also required for LOPs describing devices of other areas like the automated valves.

IEC 61987-21 specifies the generic structure for Operating and Device Lists of Properties (OLOPs and DLOPs) for automated valves. It lays down the framework for further parts of IEC 61987 in which complete LOPs for final control elements of different construction and functional principle will be specified. The generic structure may also serve as a basis for the specification of LOPs for other industrial-process control instrument types.

This part of IEC 61987 concerns positioners and I/P converters. It provides an operating LOP for valve/actuator accessories which can be used, for example, as a request for quotation for various purposes. The DLOPs for the positioners and I/P converters provided in this standard can be used in very different ways in the computer systems of equipment manufacturers and suppliers, in Computer Aided Engineering (CAE) and similar systems of Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractors and other engineering companies and especially in the various plant maintenance systems of plant owners. The OLOP and the DLOPs provided correspond to the guidelines specified in IEC 61987-10, IEC 61987-11 and IEC 61987-21.

# INDUSTRIAL-PROCESS MEASUREMENT AND CONTROL – DATA STRUCTURES AND ELEMENTS IN PROCESS EQUIPMENT CATALOGUES –

## Part 24-1: Lists of Properties (LOPs) of positioners and I/P converters for electronic data exchange

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61987 provides

- Operating Lists of Properties (OLOPs) for the description of the operating parameters and the collection of requirements for valve/actuator accessories, that can be used for every valve/actuator accessory,
- Device Lists of Properties (DLOPs) for positioners and I/P converters.

The structures of the OLOP and the DLOPs conform to the general structures defined in IEC 61987-11 and IEC 61987-21 as well as to the fundamentals for the construction of LOPs defined in IEC 61987-10. The DLOPs conform additionally with the terms defined in IEC 60534-7.

Libraries of properties and of blocks used in the LOPs are listed in Annexes A and B respectively.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 61987-10:2009, *Industrial-process measurement and control – Data structures and elements in process equipment catalogues – Part 10: List of Properties (LOPs) for Industrial-Process Measurement and Control for Electronic Data Exchange – Fundamentals*

IEC 61987-11, *Industrial-process measurement and control – Data structures and elements in process equipment catalogues – Part 11: List of Properties (LOP) of measuring equipment for electronic data exchange – Generic structures*

IEC 61987-21:2015, *Industrial process measurement and control – Data structures and elements in process equipment catalogues – Part 21: List of Properties (LOP) of automated valves for electronic data exchange – Generic structures*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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