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- a) scope exclusions;
- b) editorial correction of notes and hanging paragraphs;

- c) safety aspects related to:
 - general aspects;
 - limited energy circuits;
 - electronic circuits;
- d) mention of dedicated wiring accessories;
- e) power consumption measurement;
- f) alignment to IEC 60947-1:2020;
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INTRODUCTION

This document covers low-voltage semiconductor controllers and semiconductor contactors (solid-state contactors) intended for the use with non-motor loads. As semiconductor controllers, they have many capabilities beyond the simple switching on and off of non-motor loads. As semiconductor contactors, they perform the same functions as mechanical contactors, but utilize one or more semiconductor switching devices in their main poles.

The devices may be single-pole or multi-pole (see 3.5.1 of IEC 60947-1:2020). This document refers to complete devices rated as a unit incorporating all necessary heat-sinking material and terminals. It includes devices with all necessary terminals, which are supplied with or without heat-sink in knocked-down form for combination by the users, when the manufacturer gives with the device detailed information about choosing the heat-sink and mounting the device on the heat-sink.

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1 Scope

This document applies to semiconductor controllers and semiconductor contactors for non-motor load intended to be connected to circuits, the rated voltage of which does not exceed 1 000 V AC.

It covers their use:

- for operations of changing the state of AC electric circuits between the ON-state and the OFF-state;
- with or without bypass switching devices;
- as controller, for reducing the amplitude of the RMS AC voltage.

This document does not apply to:

- electromechanical contactors (see IEC 60947-4-1);
- short-circuit protective device associated with semiconductor controllers and semiconductor contactors (see IEC 60947-4-1 (MPSD), IEC 60947-2 and IEC 60947-3);
- semiconductor motor controller or soft-starter equipment (see IEC 60947-4-2);
- semiconductor converters (see IEC 60146 (all parts));
- solid-state relays (see IEC 62314);
- use of the product within explosive atmospheres (see IEC 60079 (all parts));
- software and firmware requirements (see IEC TR 63201);
- cyber security aspects (see IEC TS 63208).

Contactors and control-circuit devices used in semiconductor controllers and contactors are considered compliant with the requirements of their relevant product standard. Where mechanical switching devices are used, they are considered meeting the requirements of their own IEC product standard and the additional requirements of this document.

The object of this document is to state as follows:

- the characteristics of semiconductor controllers and semiconductor contactors;
- the conditions with which semiconductor controllers and semiconductor contactors comply with reference to:
 - a) their operation and behaviour in normal and abnormal operating conditions including overcurrent operating conditions;
 - b) their dielectric properties;
 - c) the degrees of protection provided by their enclosures, where applicable;
 - d) their construction including safety measures against electric shock, fire hazard and mechanical hazard;
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