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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) harmonization with IEC 62477-1:2022;
- b) harmonization with UL 61800-5-1 and CSA C22.2 No. 274, including an annex with a list of national deviation which was considered not possible to harmonize within a reasonable timeframe;
- c) more detailed information about the evaluation of components according to this document and relevant safety component standards;
- d) updated requirement for mechanical hazards including multiple IP ratings.

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## INTRODUCTION

### 0.1 General

This document contains the revision of IEC 61800-5-1:2007 and IEC 61800-5-1:2007/AMD1:2016.

Several important issues have influenced the scope and the chosen approach of the maintenance of IEC 61800-5-1:2007 in the development of this document.

The most significant changes compared to IEC 61800-5-1:2007 are the following.

#### a) Structure and content is based on IEC 62477-1 considering modifications and new topics such as the following

- Clause 1: Scope updated to include radio emitting/transmitting *BDM/CDM/PDS*.
- 4.1, 5.1, 6.1: "Intended use" included.
- 4.2: Single fault/abnormal operation analysis (significantly reworked).
- 4.3: Short-circuit and overload protection included as new subclause.
- 4.4 and Annex A: Protection against electric shock updated according to IEC 61140:2016 and IEC 60364-4-41, including insulation coordination according to IEC 60664 (all parts) considering the following:
  - 4.4.2 – Decisive voltage classification (especially DVC As for dry, wet and salt-water wet); Table 2 and Table 3 reworked;
  - 4.4.3 – Basic protection (reworked);
  - 4.4.4 – Fault protection (reworked);
  - 4.4.5 – Enhanced protection (reworked);
  - 4.4.7 – Insulation (reworked):
    - 4.4.7.1.2 – Working voltage (new);
    - 4.4.7.1.8 – Components bridging insulation (new);
    - 4.4.7.7 – *clearance* and *creepage distances* for functional insulation on PWB and component assemblies (reworked);
    - 4.4.7.8 – Solid insulation (new/reworked);
    - 4.4.7.9 – Connection of parts of solid insulation (cemented joints) (new);
  - 4.4.8/Annex H – Compatibility with RCD (reworked);
  - 4.4.10 – Access conditions for *high-voltage PDS* (new).
- 4.5: Protection against energy hazards (new).
- 4.6: Protection against fire and thermal hazards (new).
- 4.7: Protection against mechanical hazards (new).
- 4.8: *BDM/CDM/PDS* with multiple sources of supply (new).
- 4.9: Protection against environmental stresses (new) (in alignment with IEC 61800-2).
- 4.11: Wiring and connections updated (significantly reworked).
- 4.12: Enclosure updated (significantly reworked).
- 4.13 Bibliography: Evaluation of components (new).
- 4.14 Annex P: Protection against electromagnetic fields (new).
- Clause 5: Updated with some additional/modified test requirement:
  - 5.2.2.2 – Non-accessibility test (significantly reworked);
  - 5.2.2.3 – Ingress protection test (IP rating) (significantly reworked);

- 5.2.2.4 – Enclosure integrity tests (new);
- 5.2.2.5 – Wall or ceiling mounted *BDM/CDM/PDS* test (new);
- 5.2.2.6 – Handles and manual control securement test (new);
- 5.2.2.7 – Strain relief test (new);
- 5.2.3.7 – Touch current measurement test (reworked);
- 5.2.3.9 – Limited power source (new);
- 5.2.3.11 – Protective equipotential bonding test (new);
- 5.2.3.12 – Input test (new);
- 5.2.3.13 – Thin sheet material test (new);
- 5.2.3.14 – Test procedure for determination of working voltage (new);
- 5.2.3.16 – Preconditioning of material (reworked);
- 5.2.4.4 – Protective equipotential bonding short-circuit test (new);
- 5.2.4.9 – Output overload test (new);
- 5.2.4.13.5 – Covering of openings for cooling air test (type test) (new);
- 5.2.5.6 – Cemented joints test (new);
- 5.2.7 – Hydrostatic pressure test (new);
- 5.2.8 – Electromagnetic fields (EMF) test (new).
- Clause 6: – Update with more specific marking.
  - Structure aligned with IEC 62477-1 as close as possible;
  - Table 48 simplified.
- Annex A – Additional information for protection against electric shock (reworked).
- Annex C – Symbols referred (reworked).
- Annex E – Altitude correction for *clearances* (reworked).
- Annex F – *Clearance* and *creepage distance* determination for frequencies greater than 30 kHz (reworked).
- Annex H – Guidelines for RCD compatibility (reworked).
- Annex M – Test probes for determining access (new).
- Annex O – Guidance for determination of *clearance* and *creepage distance* (new).
- Annex P – Protection of persons against electromagnetic fields for frequencies from 0 Hz up to 300 GHz (new).
- Annex Q – Automatic disconnection of supply (new).
- Annex R – Guide 116 risk evaluation included (new).
- Bibliography – Relevant component safety standards (new).

#### **b) Harmonization with UL 61800-5-1**

Complete document is modified taken into consideration UL 61800-5-1 US National deviations. US National deviations from UL 61800-5-1 not possible to harmonize have been placed in Annex S.

#### **c) Harmonization with CSA C22.2 No. 274**

- Due to a short time frame, only some few topics have been harmonized.
- Canadian National deviations from CSA C22.2 No. 274 not possible to harmonize have been placed in Annex T.

#### **d) Harmonization with UL 347A**

- Some few relevant topics have been harmonized considering safety aspects related to *high-voltage BDM/CDM/PDS*.

Further harmonization is expected to be adopted in IEC 61800-5-1 considering the content of UL 61800-5-1, CSA C22.2 No 274 and UL 347A in future editions of IEC 61800-5-1.

## **0.2 Feedback from industry and national committees**

The use of IEC 61800-5-1:2007 by manufacturers and test institutes since its release has identified several topics which are considered useful to implement, or topics which need further information for a better understanding of the intent of the specific requirement. These topics are also implemented in this document.

## **0.3 Requirement covered by other relevant parts of the IEC 61800 series**

- general requirements for DC *power drive systems* are covered in IEC 61800-1;
- general requirements for AC *power drive systems* are covered in IEC 61800-2;
- EMC aspects are covered in IEC 61800-3;
- functional safety aspects are covered in IEC 61800-5-2;
- functional safety aspects for encoders are covered in IEC 61800-5-3;
- type of load duty aspects are covered in IEC TR 61800-6;
- communication profiles aspects are covered in IEC 61800-7 (all parts);
- *power interface* voltage aspects are covered in IEC TS 61800-8;
- ecodesign aspects are covered in IEC 61800-9 (all parts);

The following document is not part of the IEC 61800 series, but is used often as part of the BDM:

- active infeed converters in IEC TS 62578.

# ADJUSTABLE SPEED ELECTRICAL POWER DRIVE SYSTEMS –

## Part 5-1: Safety requirements – Electrical, thermal and energy

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61800 specifies requirements for adjustable speed electrical *power drive systems (PDS)* or their elements, with respect to electrical, thermal, fire, mechanical, energy and other relevant hazards. It does not cover the driven equipment except for interface requirements. It applies to adjustable speed electrical *PDS* which include the power conversion, *basic drive module (BDM)/complete drive module (CDM)* control, and a motor or motors.

Excluded are traction and electric vehicle *BDM/CDM*.

It applies to low-voltage adjustable speed electrical *PDS* intended to feed a motor or motors from a *BDM/CDM* connected to phase-to-phase voltages of up to and including 1,0 kV AC (50 Hz or 60 Hz) and up to and including 1,5 kV DC.

It also applies to high-voltage adjustable speed electrical *PDS* intended to feed a motor or motors from a *BDM/CDM* connected to phase-to-phase voltages of up to and including 35 kV AC (50 Hz or 60 Hz) and up to and including 52 kV DC.

NOTE 1 At the time of publication of this document, the technical upper voltage limit for DC motors is 2,25 kV DC.

NOTE 2 Above voltage and frequency limits reflect the scope of IEC 61800-1 and IEC 61800-2.

NOTE 3 For adjustable speed electrical *PDS* not covered by the scope of this document, applicable requirements of other standards, for example IEC 62477-1 and IEC 62477-2, can be used.

This document also applies to *PDS* which intentionally emit or receive radio waves for the purpose of radio communication.

Motors for driven equipment (see Figure 1) are covered by IEC 60034 (all parts).

NOTE 4 In some cases, safety requirements of the *PDS* (for example, protection against access to hazardous parts) can necessitate the use of special components and/or additional measures.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60034 (all parts), *Rotating electrical machines*

IEC 60034-1:2022, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance*

IEC 60034-5:2020, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 5: Degrees of protection provided by the integral design of rotating electrical machines (IP code) – Classification*

IEC 60050-112, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 112: Quantities and units* (available at [www.electropedia.org](http://www.electropedia.org))