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Part 1: Requirements and tests

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c) addition of requirements for routine test;
d) renumbering of clauses to bring them into a more logical order;
e) clarification of the requirement for shock;
f) addition of cybersecurity requirements for industrial automation and control systems;
g) addition of environmentally conscious design requirement;
h) addition of common data dictionary reference;
i) addition of terms and definitions of relay types;
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TIME RELAYS AND COUPLING RELAYS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL USE –

Part 1: Requirements and tests

1 Scope

~~This part of the IEC 61812 applies to time relays for industrial applications (e.g. control, automation, signal and industrial equipment).~~

~~It also applies to time relays for automatic electrical controls for use in, on, or in association with equipment for residential and similar use.~~

~~The term "relay" as used in this standard comprises all types of relays with specified time functions, other than measuring relays.~~

~~NOTE Depending on the field of application of these relays (for example automatic electrical controls for household and similar use, switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations), further standards may be applicable, for example IEC 60730-2-7 or IEC 60669-2-3.~~

This part of IEC 61812 applies to time relays and coupling relays for industrial applications (for example control, automation, signal and industrial equipment) and for automatic electrical controls for use in, on, or in association with equipment for residential and similar use.

The term "relay" as used in this document comprises all types of time relays and coupling relays, other than measuring relays.

NOTE 1 Time relays and coupling relays can be used for industrial application (for example control, automation, signal and industrial equipment) and for automatic electrical controls for use in, on, or in association with equipment for residential and similar use."

NOTE 2 Measuring relays are handled by the IEC TC95.

This document defines type test and routine test to confirm the service condition. Subclause 3.2 provides definitions for different types of time relays in use in the IEC 61812 series.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60068-2-6:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-27:2008, *Environmental testing – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60085:2007, *Electrical insulation – Thermal evaluation and designation*

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IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*
IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999
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IEC 60947-5-4:2002/AMD1:2019

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IEC 61000-4-2:2008, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-3:~~2006~~2020, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test*

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IEC 61000-4-5:~~2005~~2014, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity* test
IEC 61000-4-5:2014/AMD1:2017

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IEC 61000-4-34:2005/AMD1:2009

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IEC 61810-1:2015/AMD1:2019

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~~Amendment 1 (2010)~~
CISPR 11:2015/AMD1:2016
CISPR 11:2015/AMD2:2019

~~CISPR 22:2008, *Information technology equipment – Radio disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement*~~

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3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-444 and IEC 60050-445 and the following apply.

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3.1 Terms and definitions related to general terms

3.1.1
time relay
specified-time relay
all-or-nothing relay (IEV 444-01-02) with one or more time functions

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-01-01, modified – in the definition, the reference to the IEV entry has been added.]

3.1.2
coupling relay
all-or-nothing electrical relay incorporated into a housing or mounted on a socket (for example IEC 60715 mounting rail) with no specified time or logic function for industrial or residential use intended for incorporation into cabinets.

Note 1 to entry: Typically this is a relay according to the IEC 61810 series or IEC 62314 incorporated into a housing or mounted on a socket (for example IEC 60715 mounting rail) for installation in industrial or residential cabinets.

3.1.3
specified time
specified characteristic of the time relay at given type of function, for example operate time, release time, pulse on time, interval time

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-05-01, modified – the note has been removed.]

3.1.4
setting accuracy
difference between the measured value of the specified time and the reference value set on the scale

Note 1 to entry: For analogue setting this value relates to the maximum setting value.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-06-07]

3.1.5
effect of influence (on specified time)
degree with which the influence quantity within its nominal range has an effect on the specified time

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-06-02]

3.1.6
recovery time
minimum time interval for which the power supply is removed or control signal is applied or removed before the specified function can be performed again

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-05-04, modified – “must be removed” and “must be applied” have been replaced by “is removed” and “is applied”, respectively.]

3.1.7
minimum control impulse time
shortest duration of the power supply or control signal to fulfil the specified function

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-05-02]

3.1.8
repeatability
difference between the upper and lower limits of the specified confidence range determined from several time measurements of the time relay under identical conditions

Note 1 to entry: Preferably the repeatability is indicated as a percentage of the mean value of all measured values.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-06-08]

3.1.9
power supply
~~**energizing quantity**~~
electrical quantity (for example electric current, voltage) which has to be applied or removed from the input circuit of the time relay or coupling relay in order to enable it to fulfil its purpose

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-03-01, modified – in the definition, “or coupling relay” has been added.]

3.1.10
input voltage
~~**input current**~~
electrical quantity that can be applied to (or removed from) ~~to~~ the power supply, ~~and to~~ the control signal or both

3.1.11
control signal
DEPRECATED: trigger signal
input signal which has to be applied or removed in addition to the power supply in order to ensure a function of the time relay

Note 1 to entry: The control signal is provided by a separate device designed to close or open an electrical circuit.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-02-05]

3.1.12
conditional short-circuit current of an output circuit
prospective electric current that a contact circuit, protected by a specified short-circuit protective device, can satisfactorily withstand for the total breaking time of that protective device under specified conditions of use and behaviour

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-04-03]

3.1.13
on-state voltage drop of a solid-state output circuit
DEPRECATED: voltage drop of a solid-state output circuit
voltage measured across the effectively conducting solid-state output of the time relay or coupling relay, when carrying the given load current

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-04-04, modified – in the definition, “or coupling relay” has been added.]

3.1.14
leakage current of a solid-state output
DEPRECATED: off-state current of a solid-state output
electric current which flows through the effectively non-conducting solid-state output of the time relay or coupling relay at a specified voltage

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-04-05, modified – in the definition “or coupling relay” has been added.]

3.1.15
power port
~~point~~ port at which the supply voltage (either AC or DC) is connected to the time relay or coupling relay

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-07-01, modified – in the definition "or coupling relay" has been added.]

3.1.16
control port
additional port for the starting of functions whilst supply voltage is applied, or for the connection of a remote potentiometer, control signal, etc.

Note 1 to entry: There are control ports for floating (potential-free) and non-floating control.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-07-02]

3.1.17
output port
port at which a load is connected to the time relay or coupling relay

Note 1 to entry: The output port could consist of electromechanical contacts or be a solid-state output.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-07-03, modified – in the definition "or coupling relay" has been added.]

3.1.18
enclosure port
physical boundary of the time relay or coupling relay through which electromagnetic fields can radiate or impinge

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

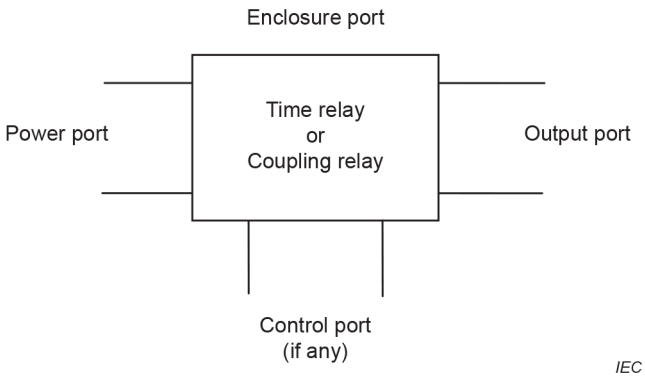


Figure 1 – Definition of ports

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-445:2010, 445-07-04, modified – in the definition "or coupling relay" and the note and reference to Figure 1 have been added.]

3.1.19
type test
test of one or more devices made to a certain design to show that the design meets certain specifications

[SOURCE: IEC 61810-1:2015, 3.1.7]

3.1.20
routine test
test to which each individual device is subjected during and/or after manufacture to ascertain whether it complies with certain criteria

[SOURCE: IEC 61810-1:2015, 3.1.8]

3.1.21
sampling test
test on a number of devices taken at random from a batch

[SOURCE: IEC 61810-1:2015, 3.1.9]

3.1.22
operative range
range of values of power supply for which the time relay or coupling relay is able to perform its specified function

[SOURCE: IEC 61810-1:2015, 3.4.5, modified – in the definition, “coil voltage” has been replaced with “power supply”, and “relay” has been replaced with “time relay or coupling relay”.]

3.1.23
rated input voltage range
range of input voltages used for specification purposes, established for a specified set of operating conditions

3.1.24
functional insulation
insulation between conductive parts which is necessary only for the proper functioning of the equipment

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:2021, 195-02-41, modified – "necessary" has been replaced with "which is necessary only".]

3.1.25
basic insulation
insulation of hazardous-live-parts which provides basic protection

Note 1 to entry: This concept does not apply to insulation used exclusively for functional purposes.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:2021, 195-06-06, modified – in the definition, “of hazardous live-parts” has been added.]

3.1.26
supplementary insulation
independent insulation applied in addition to basic insulation for fault protection

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:2021, 195-06-07]

3.1.27
double insulation
insulation comprising both basic insulation and supplementary insulation

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:2021, 195-06-08]

3.1.28
reinforced insulation
insulation of hazardous-live-parts which provides a degree of protection against electric shock equivalent to double insulation