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Part 5-4: Control circuit devices and switching elements –  
Method of assessing the performance of low-energy contacts –  
Special tests*

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de commutation pour circuits  
de commande -  
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der Leistungsfähigkeit  
von Schwachstromkontakte -  
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## Annex ZA (normative)

### **Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications**

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**NOTE** When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60068-1 + corr. October + A1	1988 1988 1992	Environmental testing Part 1: General and guidance	EN 60068-1	1994
IEC 60068-2	Series	Environmental testing Part 2: Tests	EN 60068-2 HD 323.2	Series Series
IEC 60605-6	1997	Equipment reliability testing Part 6: Tests for the validity of the constant failure rate or constant failure intensity assumptions	-	-
IEC 60947-1 (mod) A1 A2	1999 2000 2001	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear Part 1: General rules	EN 60947-1 + corr. October A1 A2	1999 1999 2000 2001
IEC 60947-5-1 A1 A2	1997 1999 1999	Part 5-1: Control circuit devices and switching elements - Electromechanical control circuit devices	EN 60947-5-1 + A12 A1 A2	1997 1999 1999 2000
IEC 61131-2	1992	Programmable controllers Part 2: Equipment requirements and tests	EN 61131-2	1994 1)

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1) EN 61131-2:1994 is superseded by EN 61131-2:2003 + corrigendum August 2003, which is based on IEC 61131-2:2003.

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## INTRODUCTION

Control switches may not be suitable for use at very low voltages and therefore it is recommended to seek the advice of the manufacturer concerning any application with a low value of operational voltage, for example, below 100 V a.c. or d.c. (see IEC 60947-5-1, note 2 of 4.3.1.1).

However, the development of electronic systems and programmable controllers in industrial processes increases the use of switching elements in low-voltage circuit control.

It is thus necessary to define how predictional behaviour of contacts in this area should be established (with an acceptable confidence level), by using precise conventional testing methods, down to specified values (such as 24 V, 1 mA; 5 V, 10 mA).

## LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

### Part 5-4: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Method of assessing the performance of low-energy contacts – Special tests

#### 1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60947 applies to separable contacts used in the utilization area considered, such as switching elements for control circuits.

This standard takes into consideration two rated voltage areas:

- a) above (and including) 10 V (typically 24 V) where contacts are used for switching loads with possible electrical erosion, such as programmable controller inputs;
- b) below 10 V (typically 5 V) with negligible electrical erosion, such as electronic circuits.

This standard does not apply to contacts used in the very low energy area of measurement, for example, sensor or thermocouple systems.

The object of this standard is to propose a method of assessing the performances of low energy contacts giving

- useful definitions;
- general principles of test methods which are to monitor and record the behaviour of contacts at each operation;
- functional bases for the definition of a general testing equipment;
- preferred test values;
- particular conditions for testing contacts intended for specific applications (such as switching of PC inputs);
- information to be given in the test report;
- interpretation and presentation of the test results.

#### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60068-1:1988, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*  
Amendment 1 (1992)

IEC 60068-2 (all parts), *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests*

IEC 60605-6:1997, *Equipment reliability testing – Part 6: Tests for the validity of the constant failure rate or constant failure intensity assumptions*

IEC 60947-1:1999, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: General rules*<sup>1</sup>  
Amendment 1 (2000)  
Amendment 2 (2001)

IEC 60947-5-1:1997, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 5-1: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Electromechanical control-circuit devices*<sup>2</sup>  
Amendment 1 (1999)  
Amendment 2 (1999)

IEC 61131-2:1992, *Programmable controllers – Part 2: Equipment requirements and tests*

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