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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee EL-006, Industrial Switchgear and Controlgear.

The objective of this Standard, in addition to that stated in Clause 1, is to bring Australian requirements into line with Edition 3.0 (2003-11) of IEC 60947-5-1.

This Standard is Part 5.1 of a series which, when complete, will consist of the following:

AS 60947	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear
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AS 60947.2*	Part 2: Circuit-breakers
AS 60947.3	Part 3: Switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units
AS 60947.3 Suppl	Part 3: Switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnector and fuse-combination units, Supplement 1: Fuse-switch-disconnectors and switch-disconnectors for use with low-voltage aerial bundled cables
AS 60947.4.1*	Part 4.1: Contactors and motor-starters—Electromechanical contactors and motor-starters
AS 60947.4.2*	Part 4.2: Contactors and motor-starters—A.C. semiconductor motor controllers and starters
AS 60947.4.3	Part 4.3: Contactors and motor-starters—A.C. semiconductor controllers and contactors for non-motor loads
AS 60947.5.1*	Part 5.1: Control circuit devices and switching elements—Electromechanical control circuit devices (this standard)
AS 60947.5.2*	Part 5.2: Control circuit devices and switching elements—Proximity switches
AS 60947.5.3	Part 5.3: Control circuit devices and switching elements—Requirements for proximity devices with defined behaviour under fault conditions
AS 60947.5.4*	Part 5.4: Control circuit devices and switching elements—Methods of assessing the performance of low-energy contacts—Special tests
AS 60947.5.5	Part 5.5: Control circuit devices and switching elements—Electrical emergency stop devices with mechanical latching function
AS 60947.5.6	Part 5.6: Control circuit devices and switching elements—D.C. interface for proximity sensors and switching amplifiers (NAMUR)
AS 60947.5.7*	Part 5.7: Control circuit devices and switching elements—Requirements for proximity devices with analogue output
AS 60947.6.1	Part 6.1: Multiple function equipment—Automatic transfer switching equipment
AS 60947.6.2*	Part 6.2: Multiple function equipment—Control and protective switching devices (or equipment) (CPS)
AS 60947.7.1*	Part 7.1: Ancillary equipment—Terminal blocks for copper conductors
AS 60947.7.2*	Part 7.2: Ancillary equipment—Protective conductor terminal blocks for copper conductors

AS 60947.7.3*	Part 7.3: Ancillary equipment—Safety requirements for terminal blocks for the reception of cartridge fuse-links
AS 60947.8*	Part 8: Control units for built-in thermal protection for rotating machines

It is the intention of the Committee to align the numbering of this series of Standards with that of the corresponding IEC 60947 series of Standards.

Standards from the list above that are marked with an asterisk (*) are, at the time of publication of this document, available as a part of the AS 60947 series of Standards.

Standards that are not so marked remain as AS/(NZS) 3947 series Standards. Following the next amendment or revision of the corresponding IEC Standard, each of these Standards remaining in the AS/(NZS) 3947 series will be revised and renumbered as a part of the AS 60947 series.

This Standard is identical with and has been reproduced from Edition 3.0 (2003-11) of IEC 60947-5-1:2003, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 5-1: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Electromechanical control circuit devices*.

This Standard differs from AS/NZS 3947.5.1:2000 in the following areas:

- Normative references have been updated and several editorial corrections made.
- The performance and test requirements in AS 60947.1 for dielectric properties (except for Class II control circuit devices insulated by encapsulation, which are separately covered in Annex F) now apply to all control circuit devices, not only those for which the manufacturer has declared a value of the rated impulse voltage (U_{imp}). Application of the test voltage remains as in AS/NZS 3947.5.1:2000 but the test voltage duration is now 5 seconds and not 1 minute as previously.
- EMC requirements and tests have been updated.
- Requirements and tests for indicating towers are now included in Annex J.

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1 General

The provisions of the general rules, ~~IEC 60947-4~~ AS 60947.1 (hereinafter referred to as Part 1), are applicable to this standard, where specifically called for. General rules, clauses and subclauses thus applicable, as well as tables, figures and annexes are identified by a reference to ~~IEC 60947-4~~ Part 1, for example 1.2.3, Table 4 or Annex A of Part 1.

1.1 Scope and object

This part of ~~IEC 60947~~ AS 60947 applies to control circuit devices and switching elements intended for controlling, signalling, interlocking, etc., of switchgear and controlgear.

It applies to control circuit devices having a rated voltage not exceeding 1 000 V a.c. (at a frequency not exceeding 1 000 Hz) or 600 V d.c.

However, for operational voltages below 100 V a.c. or d.c. see note 2 of 4.3.1.1.

This standard applies to specific types of control circuit devices such as:

- manual control switches, for example pushbuttons, rotary switches, foot switches, etc.;
- electromagnetically operated control switches, either time-delayed or instantaneous, for example contactor relays;
- pilot switches, for example pressure switches, temperature sensitive switches (thermostats), programmer, etc.;
- position switches, for example control switches operated by part of a machine or mechanism;
- associated control circuit equipment, for example indicator lights, etc.

NOTE 1 A control circuit device includes (a) control switch(es) and associated devices such as (an) indicator light(s).

NOTE 2 A control switch includes (a) switching element(s) and an actuating system.

NOTE 3 A switching element may be a contact element or a semiconductor element.

It also applies to specific types of switching elements associated with other devices (whose main circuits are covered by other standards) such as:

- auxiliary contacts of a switching device (e.g. contactor, circuit breaker, etc.) which are not dedicated exclusively for use with the coil of that device;
- interlocking contacts of enclosure doors;
- control circuit contacts of rotary switches;
- control circuit contacts of overload relays.

Contactor relays shall also meet the requirements and tests of ~~IEC 60947-4-1~~ AS 60947.4.1 (hereinafter referred to as Part 4.1) except for the utilization category which shall comply with this standard.