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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee EL-006, Industrial Switchgear and Controlgear to supersede AS/NZS 3947.7.1:2001.

The objective of this Standard, in addition to that stated in Clause 1, is to bring Australian requirements into line with Edition 2.0 (2002-07) of IEC 60947-7-1.

This Standard is Part 7.1 of a series which, when complete, will consist of the following:

AS 60947	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear
AS 60947.1*	Part 1: General rules
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
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 (this Standard)
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 2.0 (2002-07) of IEC 60947-7-1:2002, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 7-1: Ancillary equipment—Terminal blocks for copper conductors* including Corrigendum 1:2003.

The provisions of the general rules dealt with in AS 60947.1 (hereinafter referred to as Part 1) are applicable to this Standard, where specifically called for. Clauses and sub-clauses, tables, figures and appendices of the general rules thus applicable are identified by reference to Part 1, for example, 1.2.3 of Part 1, table 4 of Part 1, or annex A of Part 1.

This Standard differs from AS/NZS 3947.7.1:2001 in the following areas:

- (a) The term ‘clamping unit’ is used instead of ‘terminal’.
- (b) Scope has been revised to remove non-applicable connecting devices and terminal blocks and its guidance role has been expanded.
- (c) Requirements and tests for resistance to abnormal heat and fire are added.
- (d) Requirements for dielectric properties have been revised.
- (e) Requirements and tests for mechanical properties have been revised.
- (f) Tests have been added for the verification of clearances and creepage distances.
- (g) Retightening of screws during the temperature rise test is not permitted.
- (h) Tests for ageing of screwless-type terminal blocks have been revised.
- (i) Tests for verification of the main characteristics have been added.
- (j) Annex C has been deleted.

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- (i) Its number does not appear on each page of text and its identity is shown only on the cover and title page.
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The terms ‘normative’ and ‘informative’ have been used in this Standard to define the application of the annex to which they apply. A ‘normative’ annex is an integral part of a standard, whereas an ‘informative’ annex is only for information and guidance.

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1 General**1.1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60947-1 AS 60947 specifies requirements for terminal blocks with screw-type or screwless-type clamping units primarily intended for industrial or similar use and to be fixed to a support to provide electrical and mechanical connection between copper conductors. It applies to terminal blocks intended to connect round copper conductors, with or without special preparation, having a cross-section between 0,2 mm² and 300 mm² (AWG 24/600 kcmil), intended to be used in circuits of a rated voltage not exceeding 1 000 V a.c. up to 1 000 Hz or 1 500 V d.c.

NOTE AWG is the abbreviation of "American Wire Gage" (Gage (US) = Gauge (UK))

kcmil = 1000 cmil;

1 cmil = 1 circular mil = surface of a circle having a diameter of 1 mil

1 mil = 1/1000 inch

This standard may be used as a guide for

- terminal blocks requiring the fixing of special devices to the conductors, for example quick connect terminations or wrapped connections, etc.;
- terminal blocks providing direct contact to the conductors by means of edges or points penetrating the insulation, for example insulation displacement connections, etc.;
- special types of terminal blocks, for example disconnect terminal blocks, etc.

Where applicable in this standard, the term "clamping unit" has been used instead of the term "terminal". This is taken into account in case of reference to Part 1.

1.2 Normative references

The following reference 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 60695-2-2:1991, Fire hazard testing—Part 2: Test methods—Section 2: Needle flame test Amendment 1 (1994)~~

~~IEC 60695-2-2:1995.2.2, Fire hazard testing—Test methods—Needle-flame test~~

~~IEC 60947-1:1999, Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear—Part 1: General rules—
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