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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-006, Industrial Switchgear and Controlgear, to supersede AS 60947.7.1—2004.

The objective of this Standard is to specify 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.

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This part of IEC 60947 specifies requirements for terminal blocks with screw-type or screw-less-type clamping units primarily intended for industrial or similar use and to be used as 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 1000 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 = 1 000 cmil;

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

1 mil = 1/1 000 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 with diodes or varistors or similar component holders, 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 IEC 60947-1.

1.2 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 60695-11-5:2004, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-5: Test flames – Needle-flame test method – Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance*

IEC 60947-1:2007, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: General rules*

ISO 4046-4:2002, *Paper, board, pulp and related terms – Vocabulary – Part 4: Paper and board grades and covered products*