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- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

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INTRODUCTION

Under the background of Smart Manufacturing, new production modes such as mass customization based on interconnected factories require real-time interconnection, frequent switching and integration across different levels. Therefore, reliability is an important requirement for automation systems in factories. Reliability data of automation systems is the basis for maintenance planning e.g. stock-keeping of spare parts of a production line. An automation system usually consists of several different devices or machines that are used in series, parallel or mixed. This technical report gives guidance for system integrator on how to evaluate the reliability of such entire systems.

This report is the second part of the series. This part concentrates on calculation of failure rates or reliability values for systems based on failure rates or reliability values of single devices depending on the structure of the system. This is necessary for system integrators or designers to be able to calculate the reliability of an entire system from the reliability values of individual devices (see IEC TS 63164-1).

Parts within IEC 63164 series are:

Part 1: Assurance of automation devices reliability data and specification of their source

Part 2: System reliability

Future parts may include following subjects:

- collecting reliability data for automation devices in the field;
- user guide.

RELIABILITY OF INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION DEVICES AND SYSTEMS –

Part 2: System reliability

1 Scope

This part of IEC 63164 provides guidance on the calculation of reliability data of automation systems which can be simplified as series, parallel or mixed structure based on reliability data of single devices and/or sub-systems, and on the form to present the data.

NOTE This procedure is only targeted to the reliability of automation systems, but not systems that embed automation systems, e.g. process plant.

Reliability is included in dependability, and this document is mainly focused on random hardware failures that affect reliability. Dependability is used as a collective term for the time-related quality characteristics of an item and additionally includes availability, recoverability, maintainability, maintenance support performance, and, in some cases, other characteristics such as durability, safety and security, which are all not in the scope of this Technical Report.

2 Normative references

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3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

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automation system
DCS or PLC-based system for the monitoring and controlling of production facilities in the process industry, including control systems based on fieldbus technologies

Note 1 to entry: Whenever “system” is mentioned in this document, it means “automation system”.

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