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| FDIS | Report on voting |
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This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

IEC 60770 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Transmitters for use in industrial-process control systems*:

Part 1: Methods for performance evaluation

Part 2: Methods for inspection and routine testing

Part 3: Methods for performance evaluation of intelligent transmitters

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INTRODUCTION

New transmitters for use in industrial process control systems are now equipped with micro-processors which utilise digital data processing and communication methods, auxiliary sensors and artificial intelligence. This makes them more complex than conventional analogue transmitters and gives them considerable added value.

An intelligent transmitter is an instrument that uses digital data processing and communication methods for performing its functions and for safeguarding and communicating data and information on its operation. It may be equipped with additional sensors and functionality which support the main function of the intelligent transmitter. The variety of added functionality can for instance enhance accuracy and rangeability, self-test capabilities, and alarm and condition monitoring. Therefore accuracy-related performance testing, although still a major tool for evaluation, is no longer sufficient to show the flexibility, capability and other features with respect to engineering, installation, maintainability, reliability and operability.

Because of the complexity of intelligent transmitters, a close collaboration should be maintained between the evaluating body and the manufacturer during the evaluation. Note should be taken of the manufacturer's specifications for the instrument, when the test programme is being decided, and the manufacturer should be invited to comment on both the test programme and the results. His comments on the results should be included in any report produced by the testing organisation.

This part of IEC 60770 addresses, in its main body, structure and mandatory methods for a design review and performance testing of intelligent transmitters. Intelligent transmitters will, in many cases, also have the capacity to be integrated into digital communication (bus) systems, where they have to co-operate with a variety of devices. In this case, dependability, (inter)operability and real-time behaviour are important issues. The testing of these aspects depends largely on the internal structure and organisation of the intelligent transmitter and the architecture and size of the bus system. The Annexes A, B and C give a non-mandatory methodology and framework for designing specific evaluation procedures for dependability and throughput testing and function block testing in a specific case.

When a full evaluation, in accordance with this part of IEC 60770, is not required or possible, those tests which are required, should be performed and the results reported in accordance with the relevant parts of this standard. In such cases, the test report should state that it does not cover the full number of tests specified herein. Furthermore, the items omitted should be mentioned, in order to give the reader of the report a clear overview.

The structure of this part of IEC 60770 largely follows the framework of IEC 62098. For performance testing, the IEC 61298 series should also be consulted. A number of tests described there are still valid for intelligent transmitters. Further reading of the IEC 61069 series is recommended, as some notions in this part of IEC 60770 are based on concepts brought forward therein.

TRANSMITTERS FOR USE IN INDUSTRIAL-PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS –

Part 3: Methods for performance evaluation of intelligent transmitters

1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60770 specifies the following methods.

- Methods for
 - reviewing the functionality and the degree of intelligence in intelligent transmitters;
 - testing the operational behaviour, as well as the static and dynamic performance of an intelligent transmitter.
- Methodologies for
 - determining the reliability and diagnostic features used to detect malfunctions;
 - determining the communication capabilities of the intelligent transmitters in a communication network.

The methods and methodologies are applicable to intelligent transmitters, which convert one or more physical, chemical or electrical quantities into digital signals for use in a communication network or into analogue electrical signals (as specified in the IEC 60381 series).

The methods and methodologies listed in this part of IEC 60770 are intended for use by:

- manufacturers to determine the performance of their products and
- users or independent testing laboratories to verify equipment performance specifications.

Manufacturers of intelligent transmitters are urged to apply this part of IEC 60770 at an early stage of development.

This standard is intended to provide guidance for designing evaluations of intelligent transmitters by providing:

- a checklist for reviewing the hardware and software design in a structured way;
- test methods for measuring and qualifying the performance, dependability and operability under various environmental and operational conditions;
- methods for reporting the data obtained.

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 60050-300, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Electrical and electronic measurements and measuring instruments – Part 311: General terms relating to measurements – Part 312: General terms relating to electrical measurements – Part 313: Types of electrical measuring instruments – Part 314: Specific terms according to the type of instrument*

IEC 60068-2-1, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests. Tests A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-31, *Environmental testing. Part 2: Tests. Test Ec: Drop and topple, primarily for equipment-type specimens*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing – Part 2-78: Tests – Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

IEC 60079 (all parts), *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres*

IEC 60381(all parts), *Analogue signals for process control systems*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degree of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*
Amendment 1 (1999)

IEC 60654 (all parts), *Operating conditions for industrial-process measurement and control equipment*

IEC 60721-3 (all parts), *Classification of environmental conditions – Part 3: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities*

IEC 60770-1:1999, *Transmitters for use in industrial-process control systems – Part 1: Methods for performance evaluation*

IEC 61010-1:2001, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 61032:1997, *Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures – Probes for verification*

IEC 61158 (all parts), *Digital data communications for measurement and control – Fieldbus for use in industrial control systems*

IEC 61298 (all parts), *Process measurement and control devices – General methods and procedures for evaluating performance*

IEC 61326:2002, *Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – EMC requirements*

IEC 61499 (all parts), *Function blocks*

IEC 61804 (all parts), *Function blocks (FB) for process control*

CISPR 11, *Industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) radio-frequency equipment – Electromagnetic disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement*