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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) additional test for PCB terminal blocks with clamping units, where contact pressure is transmitted through insulating materials;
- b) tightening torques for screws now given in Table 4 of this document (previously given in Table 4 of IEC 60947-1:2007); tightening torques added for an additional type of screw;
- c) new criteria for verification of contact resistance introduced;

- d) clarification in the description of the temperature-rise test (current-temperature derating); corrections in the test sequence according to Figure 4.

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INTRODUCTION

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60947-7 specifies requirements for PCB terminal blocks primarily intended for industrial or similar use.

Mounting and fixing on the printed circuit board is made by soldering, press-in or equivalent methods to provide electrical and mechanical connection between copper conductors and the printed circuit board.

This document applies to PCB terminal blocks intended to connect copper conductors, with or without special preparation, having a cross-section between 0,02 mm² and 300 mm² (AWG 28-600 kcmil), intended to be used in circuits of a rated voltage not exceeding 1 000 V AC up to 1 000 Hz or 1 500 V DC.

NOTE 1 Large-cross-section terminal blocks are dedicated to the specific range of high-current PCBs. The range up to 300 mm² is kept to cover any possible application. Examples of high current PCBs and PCB terminal blocks are shown in Annex C.

NOTE 2 AWG is the abbreviation of “American Wire Gage” (Gage (US) = Gauge (UK)).

1 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 document can be used as a guide for special types of PCB terminal blocks with components, such as disconnectors, integrated cartridge fuse-links and the like or with other dimensions of conductors.

If applicable, in this document the term “clamping unit” is used instead of “terminal”. This is taken into account in the case of references to IEC 60947-1.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60068-2-20, *Environmental testing – Part 2-20: Tests – Test T: Test methods for solderability and resistance to soldering heat of devices with leads*

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IEC 60352-2, *Solderless connections – Part 2: Crimped connections – General requirements, test methods and practical guidance*