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

a) requirements for Port Class B have been refined;
b) best practice patterns for Data Storage (backup of Device parameters) and Device reset functions have been introduced;
c) a new Standardized Master Interface (SMI) for PLC, IT, and an engineering tool access have been added.

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INTRODUCTION

0.1 General

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The increased use of micro-controllers embedded in low-cost sensors and actuators has provided opportunities for adding diagnosis and configuration data to support increasing application requirements.

The driving force for the SDCI (IO-Link™[1]) technology is the need of these low-cost sensors and actuators to exchange this diagnosis and configuration data with a controller (PC or PLC) using a low-cost, digital communication technology while maintaining backward compatibility with the current DI/DO signals.

In fieldbus concepts, the SDCI technology defines a generic interface for connecting sensors and actuators to a Master unit, which can be combined with gateway capabilities to become a fieldbus remote I/O node.

Any SDCI compliant Device can be attached to any available interface Port of the Master. SDCI compliant Devices perform physical to digital conversion in the Device, and then communicate the result directly in a standard format using "coded switching" of the 24 V I/O signalling line, thus removing the need for different DI, DO, AI, AO modules and a variety of cables.

Physical topology is point-to-point from each Device to the Master using three wires over distances up to 20 m. The SDCI physical interface is backward compatible with the usual 24 V I/O signalling specified in IEC 61131-2. Transmission rates of 4,8 kbit/s, 38,4 kbit/s and 230,4 kbit/s are supported.

The Master of the SDCI interface detects, identifies, and manages Devices plugged into its Ports.

Tools allow the association of Devices with their corresponding electronic I/O Device Descriptions (IODD) and their subsequent configuration to match the application requirements.

The SDCI technology specifies three different levels of diagnostic capabilities: for immediate response by automated needs during the production phase, for medium term response by operator intervention, or for longer term commissioning and maintenance via extended diagnosis information.

The structure of this document is described in 4.8.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61131 specifies a single-drop digital communication interface technology for small sensors and actuators SDCI (commonly known as IO-Link™[3]), which extends the traditional digital input and digital output interfaces as defined in IEC 61131-2 towards a point-to-point communication link for the exchange of complex data in both directions. This technology also enables the transfer of parameters to Devices and the delivery of identification and diagnostic information from the Devices to the automation system.

This technology is mainly intended for use with simple sensors and actuators in factory automation, which include small and cost-effective microcontrollers.

This document specifies the SDCI communication services and protocol (physical layer, data link layer and application layer in accordance with the ISO/OSI reference model) for both SDCI Masters and Devices.

This document also includes EMC test requirements.

This document does not cover communication interfaces or systems incorporating multiple point or multiple drop linkages, or integration of SDCI into higher level systems such as fieldbuses.

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