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- e) clarification of the requirement for shock;
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## Part 1: Requirements and tests

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61812 applies to time relays and coupling relays for industrial applications (for example control, automation, signal and industrial equipment) and for automatic electrical controls for use in, on, or in association with equipment for residential and similar use.

The term “relay” as used in this document comprises all types of time relays and coupling relays, other than measuring relays.

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