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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2013. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) new descriptions of 41 classes for the families of circuit-breakers and their associated devices (ACC2xx), switches and disconnectors (ACC3xx), control switches (ACC5xx) and terminal blocks (ACC7xx) in addition to 14 classes for motor-starters of the first edition;
- b) new associated properties and value lists necessary for the new classes;
- c) three new blocks of properties: ACC017 Head of the control circuit device, ACC018 Light block of the control circuit device and ACC041 Over-current release;

- d) use of LEVEL\_TYPE for replacing minimum and maximum properties into a single property with two values.

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## INTRODUCTION

Mainly large customers and wholesalers are requesting standardized product descriptions and product properties from product manufacturers. However, all stakeholders will benefit from this standardised presentation and data exchange.

Multiple associations or groups of actors launched different initiatives to try to respond to this demand but, due to the lack of standardisation of classes and properties, the situation is not satisfactory neither for customers nor for manufacturers.

In order to keep the lead of product description, IEC proposes a new consistent solution within its product standards.

The purpose of this International Standard is to:

- define device classes and properties for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear in a dedicated standard,
- provide a basis for introduction of the low-voltage switchgear and controlgear classes and properties into the [IEC 61360 database](http://std.iec.ch/iec61360) maintained by IEC/SC3D (see <http://std.iec.ch/iec61360>).

This standard is not intended to establish a hierarchy of product classes called classification.

The intended benefits of this standard are to:

- reduce the time and efforts of mapping data for each customer request;
- optimize the workflow of B2B exchanges;
- minimize duplication of articles in customer inventories and in databases;
- minimize losses and misinterpretation of data during exchanges;
- facilitate the selection of a product, especially regarding reliability and safety;
- give access to product data everywhere regardless of country, language and culture;
- provide product data related to environmental aspects such as material declaration;
- contribute to the fast growth of the e-business by simplifying the development of:
  - e-Catalogue allowing more differentiation of products performances, certifications and approvals, etc;
  - e-commerce: use of electronic networks to exchange information, products, services and payments for commercial and communication purposes between individuals (consumers) and businesses, between businesses themselves.

The output of this standard consists of:

- reference dictionary of low-voltage switchgear and controlgear using existing terms from IEC standards. However, terminology used in e-business may be relevant for the purpose of naming classes in this standard to get a high level of acceptance;
- properties for e-commerce purposes, conformity of properties with product standards being the main goal of this standard.

NOTE The classes "under consideration" are for information only and are intended to be completed during the next maintenance cycle.

For this project, the introduction of low-voltage switchgear and controlgear within the IEC 61360 database needs to address the following technical aspect:

- IEC 61360 requires mandatory attributes. The complete set of mandatory attributes with additional relevant attributes for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear will be available within the IEC 61360 database. At the development stage, the [CDD 62683](#) database is

available at the following address:

<http://std.iec.ch/cdd/iec62683/cdddev.nsf/Welcome?OpenPage> . Within the present document, only the most useful attributes will be presented;

- The switchgear and controlgear data model is implemented in an appropriate domain of the IEC Component Data Dictionary (CDD), IEC 61360, by creating dictionaries of blocks, classes and properties.

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard establishes the reference dictionary of the general description of low-voltage switchgear and controlgear classes based on defined properties.

This dictionary is used to facilitate the exchange in electronic format of data describing low-voltage switchgear and controlgear.

This standard provides clear and unambiguous definitions of a limited number of properties and classes which are mainly used for presentation, selection and identification of products particularly in electronic catalogues.

Each property has an unambiguously defined meaning and naming, and where relevant, a defined value list, a defined format and a defined unit.

The intention is not to cover manufacturer specific features.

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IEC 60947-1:2007/AMD1:2010

IEC 60947-1:2007/AMD2:2014

IEC 61360-1, *Standard data element types with associated classification scheme for electric items – Part 1: Definitions – Principles and methods*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions of IEC 60947-1, as well as the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### **attribute**

data element for description of a property, a relation or a device class

EXAMPLE The name of a property, the code of a class, the measure unit of a property.

### 3.2

#### **block** (of properties)

collection of properties describing one common aspect of the device class

EXAMPLE Diagnostic functions, control circuit.