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<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60068-2-6	2007	Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)	EN 60068-2-6	2008
IEC 60068-2-14	2009	Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature	EN 60068-2-14	2009
IEC 60068-2-27	2008	Environmental testing – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock	EN 60068-2-27	2009
IEC 60068-2-30	2005	Environmental testing - Part 2-30: Tests - Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)	EN 60068-2-30	2005
IEC 60364	series	Low-voltage electrical installations	HD 60364	series
IEC 60445	2017	Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Identification of equipment terminals, conductor terminations and conductors	EN 60445	2017
IEC 60695-2-10	2013	Fire hazard testing - Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods - Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure	EN 60695-2-10	2013
IEC 60695-2-11	2014	Fire hazard testing - Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods - Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products (GWEPT)	EN 60695-2-11	2014
IEC 60695-2-12	2010	Fire hazard testing - Part 2-12: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods - Glow-wire flammability index (GWFI) test method for materials	EN 60695-2-12	2010
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IEC 60947-1	2007	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 1: General rules	EN 60947-1	2007
+ A1	2010		+ A1	2011
+ A2	2014		+ A2	2014
IEC 61000-4-2	2008	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques - Electrostatic discharge immunity test	EN 61000-4-2	2009
IEC 61000-4-3	2006	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques - Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test	EN 61000-4-3	2006
+ A1	2007		+ A1	2008
+ A2	2010		+ A2	2010
IEC 61000-4-4	2012	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques - Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test	EN 61000-4-4	2012
IEC 61000-4-6	2013	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-6: Testing and measurement techniques - Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields	EN 61000-4-6	2014
			+ AC	2015
IEC 61000-4-8	2009	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-8: Testing and measurement techniques - Power frequency magnetic field immunity test	EN 61000-4-8	2010
IEC 61000-4-11	2004	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-11: Testing and measurement techniques - Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations immunity tests	EN 61000-4-11	2004
+ A1	2017		+ A1	2017
IEC 61000-4-13	2002	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-13: Testing and measurement techniques - Harmonics and interharmonics including mains signalling at a.c. power port, low frequency immunity tests	EN 61000-4-13	2002
+ A1	2009		+ A1	2009
+ A2	2015		+ A2	2016
IEC 61076-2	series	Connectors for electronic equipment – Product requirements – Part 2: Circular connectors	EN 61076-2	series
IEC 61140	-	Protection against electric shock - Common aspects for installation and equipment	EN 61140	2016

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IEC 62471	series	Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems	EN 62471	series
IEC TR 62471-2	2009	Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems - Part 2: Guidance on manufacturing requirements relating to non-laser optical radiation safety	-	-
CISPR 11 (mod)	2015	Industrial, scientific and medical equipment – Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement	EN 55011	2016
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IEC Guide 117	2010	Electrotechnical equipment - Temperatures of touchable hot surfaces	CLC Guide 29	2007

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<b>Essential requirements of Directive 2014/30/EU</b>	<b>Clause(s) / sub-clause(s) of this EN</b>	<b>Remarks / Notes</b>
Annex I. 1(a) Electromagnetic disturbances	8.2.6.1, 8.2.6.3, 9.6.1, 9.6.3	
Annex I. 1(b) Electromagnetic immunity	8.2.6.1, 8.2.6.2, 9.6.1, 9.6.2	Full coverage of requirements for conducted and radiated disturbances in the range 150 kHz to 6 GHz

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1 b)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 7, 8.1, 8.2 ANNEX B	
1 c)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Also refer to 2 a) to 2 d) and 3 a) to 3 c) in this table	
2 a)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5.3, 6.1, 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, ANNEX B, ANNEX C	
2 b)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5.3, 5.4, 6.1, 6.3, 7.1, 8.1, 8.2, 9.2, 9.3	This document does not deal with any specific requirement on acoustic noise. Photobiological radiation risk (8.1) is covered by using the standard informed (EN 60825- 1/EN 62471 (all parts)).
2 c)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.4, 7, 8.1, 8.4, 9.1, ANNEX B, ANNEX C	

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2014/35/EU	this EN	Remarks/note
2 d)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5.3, 5.4, 6.1 7, 8.1, 8.2, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, ANNEX B	
3 a)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8.4, 9.1, ANNEX B, ANNEX C	
3 b)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8.1	In reference to the scope of this document the risk about biological/chemical effects and chemical stress (8.1) is not recognized and therefore not covered.
3 c)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7.1, 8.1, 8.2, 9.3	

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#### **Part 5-2: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Proximity switches**

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

- update of the scope;
- adaptation and update of the construction requirements according to IEC Guide 116 (e.g. material requirements, artificial optical radiation, instruction requirements, hot surface, unattended operation, foreseeable misuse...);
- modification of the specifications concerning the sensing range and operating distance;

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- new definitions for photoelectric proximity switch type D with background suppression;
- integration of the requirements and test procedures of photoelectric proximity switch type D with background suppression;
- update of EMC requirements in Table 9 and Table 10;
- integration of environmental information requirements and environmental condition by referencing Annexes O, W and Q of IEC 60947-1:2007, IEC 60947-1:2007/AMD1:2010 and IEC 60947-1:2007/AMD2:2014;
- modification of impulse withstand voltage test (5.3.1.3, 9.3.3.4.5);
- modification of the references in the (normative) standard body to the (informative) Annex A;
- major update of Annex A (definitions update, new dimensions and shapes);
- update of C.9.1.1;
- update of Annex D in order to consider new connector types and normative references;
- update of Annex F (additional symbols for photoelectric proximity switches).

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- 8.1.7.3: recommendations are given in the National US Electrical Code about connections means;
- 8.1.7.4: in the United States of America, there are other documents that define conductor colour coding schemes that can apply to the installation of proximity switches;
- 8.1.15.2: for European Union Countries: in certain ranges the defined limits of exposure values in IEC 60825-1:2014 exceed the requirements of the European directive 2006/25/EC Directive on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to risks arising from physical agents (artificial optical radiation).

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## LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

### Part 5-2: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Proximity switches

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60947 applies to inductive and capacitive proximity switches that sense the presence of metallic and/or non-metallic objects, ultrasonic proximity switches that sense the presence of sound reflecting objects, photoelectric proximity switches that sense the presence of objects and non-mechanical magnetic proximity switches that sense the presence of objects with a magnetic field.

Products covered by the scope of this document are not subjected to defined behaviours under fault conditions. Proximity switches with defined behaviour are covered by IEC 60947-5-3 and have to fulfil additional requirements.

These proximity switches are self-contained, have semiconductor switching element(s) and are intended to be connected to circuits, the rated voltage of which does not exceed 250 V 50 Hz/60 Hz AC RMS or 300 V DC.

Examples of typical applications for in-scope products:

- factory automation and machinery industry;
- logistic and packaging industry;
- conveyor belts, lifts;
- process industry;
- power plants.

Special applications (e.g. corrosive atmosphere) can cause additional requirements.

This document is not intended to cover proximity switches with analogue outputs.

The object of this document is to state for proximity switches:

- definitions;
- classification;
- characteristics;
- product information;
- normal service, mounting and transport conditions;
- constructional and performance requirements;
- tests to verify rated characteristics.

Products covered by the scope of this document are expected to be selected, installed, and maintained by skilled personnel only.