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This amendment and EN 60898-1:2019/A1:2024 include the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 60898-1:2019:

— Clause 6, Marking and other product information: addition of two items dealing with the grid distance “a”; one for the value of “a”, the other for the installation information, when “a” is greater than 35 mm.

— Subclause 8.1.3, Clearances, creepage distances and solid insulation and 9.7, Test of dielectric properties: text is rearranged to be in line with the IEC 61008 and IEC 61009 series.

— Subclause 9.9, 28-day test: the reference temperature is measured during the first cycle (previously during the temperature-rise test).

— Subclause 9.12.9.2 (Short-circuit) Test in free air, addition of a maximum grid distance of 250 mm.

— Annex J: Upper limit of current for use of screwless terminals is increased up to 40 A.

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Annex ZA
(normative)

Classification of circuit-breakers Type B and C up to and including 63 A into energy limiting classes

Circuit-breakers of B-type and C-type up to and including 63 A, shall be classified into energy limiting classes 1 or 3 in accordance with Table ZA.1 or Table ZA.2, as applicable, and be marked with the number of the energy limiting class in a square adjoining the symbol given in f) of Clause 6.

This classification shall not be applied to circuit-breakers type D and to circuit-breakers with rated current higher than 63 A.

Table ZA.1 – Permissible I^2t (let-through) values for circuit-breakers type B with rated current up to and including 63 A

	Type B				
Rated shortcircuit capacity A	**Class 1**	**Class 3**			
	≤ 63 A	≤ 16 A	20 A, 25 A, 32 A	40 A	50 A, 63 A
3 000	No limits specified	15 000	18 000	21 600	**28 000**
4 500		25 000	32 000	38 400	**48 000**
6 000		35 000	45 000	54 000	**65 000**
10 000		70 000	90 000	108 000	**135 000**

Table ZA.2 – Permissible I^2t (let-through) values for circuit breakers type C with rated current up to and including 63 A

	Type C				
Rated shortcircuit capacity A	**Class 1**	**Class 3**			
	≤ 63 A	≤ 16 A	20 A, 25 A, 32 A	40 A	50 A, 63 A
3 000	No limits specified	**17 000**	**20 000**	**24 000**	**30 000**
4 500		**28 000**	**37 000**	**45 000**	**55 000**
6 000		**40 000**	**52 000**	**63 000**	**75 000**
10 000		**80 000**	**100 000**	**120 000**	**145 000**

The maximum I^2t values measured during the test sequence E1 or E2 as applicable serve as reference values for the classification

Compliance with the requirements of Tables ZA.1 and ZA.2 is checked on the circuit-breakers with the highest rated current available within the range covered by each of these tables.

If these current ratings are not included in the samples submitted to test sequence E_1 or E_2 of Annex C, the appropriate number of samples of these ratings shall be additionally submitted to that test sequence. None of the values measured shall exceed the permissible I^2t value of the proposed energy limiting class in accordance with Tables ZA.1 and ZA.2.

If circuit-breakers rated 40 A are submitted with the range of circuit-breakers with rating exceeding 16 A and their measured I^2t values are lower than those indicated in Table ZA.1 or Table ZA.2 for rating 32 A, no relevant test is necessary for the circuit-breakers rated 32 A.

40 A, no relevant test is necessary for the circuit-breakers rated 40 A.

If circuit-breakers of D-type are submitted with the range of circuit-breakers of type B or type C and their measured I^2t values are lower than those indicated in Table ZA.1 or Table ZA.2 respectively, no relevant test is necessary for the circuit-breakers of type B or type C respectively.

If circuit-breakers of C-type are submitted with the range of circuit-breakers of type B and their measured I^2t values are lower than those indicated in Table ZA.1, no relevant test is necessary for the circuit-breakers of type B.

Annex ZB
(normative)

Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

NOTE 1 Where an International Publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

NOTE 2 Up-to-date information on the latest versions of the European Standards listed in this annex is available here: www.cenelec.eu.

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IEC 60051	Series	Direct acting indicating analogue electrical measuring instruments and their accessories -	EN 60051-1	2017
IEC 60112 +A1	2003 2009	Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials	EN 60112 +A1	2003 2009
IEC 60228	2004	Conductors of insulated cables	EN 50525	Series
IEC 60364-1 (mod)	2005	Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 1: Fundamental principles, assessment of general characteristics, definitions	HD 60364-1 + 1	2008 2017
IEC 60364-4-41 (mod)	2005	Electrical installations of buildings – Part 4: Protection for safety – Chapter 41: Protection against electric shock	HD 60364-4-41 + 11	2017 2017
IEC 60364-4-43 (mod)	2008	Electrical installations of buildings – Part 4: Protection for safety – Chapter 47: Application of protective measures for safety – Section 473: Measures of protection against overcurrent	HD 60364-4-43	2010
IEC 60417	Database	Graphical symbols for use on equipment. Available from: http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment	–	–
IEC 60529 + 1 + 2	1989 1999 2013	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)	EN 60529 + 1 + 2	1991 2000 2013
IEC 60664-1	2007	Insulation co-ordination for equipment within low voltage systems . Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests	EN 60664-1	2007
IEC 60664-3	-	Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 3: Use of coating, potting or moulding for protection against pollution	EN 60664-3	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

		test method for end products		
IEC 60898-2 +A1 (mod)	2000 2003	Circuit-breakers for overcurrent protection for household and similar installations – Part 2: Circuit-breakers for a.c. and d.c. operation	EN 60898-2	2006
IEC 60947-1	2007	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1 General rules	EN 60947-1	2007
IEC 60947-2	2016	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 2 Circuit-breakers	EN 60947-2	2017
IEC 61009-1 +A1 +A2 (mod)	2010 2012 2013	Residual current operated circuit-breakers with integral overcurrent protection for household and similar uses (RCBO's) – Part 1: General rules	EN 61009-1 +A1 +A2 +A11 +A12	2013 2014 2014 2015 2016
IEC 61009-2-1	1991	Residual current operated circuit-breakers with integral overcurrent protection for household and similar use (RCBO's) – Part 2–1: Applicability of the general rules to RCBO's functionally independent of line voltage	EN 61009-2-1 +A11	1994 1998
IEC 61009-2-2	1991	Residual current operated circuit-breakers with integral overcurrent protection for household and similar uses (RCBO's) – Part 2–2: Applicability of the general rules to RCBO's functionally dependent on line voltage	–	–
IEC 61545	1996	Connecting devices – Devices for the connection of aluminium conductors in clamping units of any material and copper conductors in aluminium bodied clamping units	–	-
ISO 2039-2	1987	Plastics – Determination of hardness – Part 2: Rockwell hardness	EN ISO 2039-2	1999
ISO/IEC Guide 2	2004	Standardization and related activities - General vocabulary	–	–

Annex ZB
(normative)

Special national conditions

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Clause	Special national condition
J.1	**Austria, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland** The upper limit of current for use of screwless terminals is 16 A.
J.3.3	**Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Sweden** Only universal screwless type terminals are accepted.
K.1	**Belgium, Italy and Spain** The use of circuit-breakers with flat quick-connect terminations for rated currents up to and including 20 A is accepted.
K.8.2.2	**Belgium, Italy and Spain** The use for rated currents up to and including 20 A is accepted.

Annex ZD
(informative)

List of clauses that require retesting

1) Application of EN 60898-1:2019

   Based on EN 60898-1:2003, EN 60898-1:2003/A1:2004, EN 60898-1:2003/A11:2005, EN 60898-1:2003/A12:2008 and EN 60898-1:2003/A13:2012, the following tests and/or requirements have been technically modified and may require retesting or inspection as applicable:

   — 9.5.2 in 9.5 Tests of reliability of screw-type terminals for external copper conductors;

   — 9.7.4 Insulation resistance and dielectric strength of auxiliary circuits;

   — 9.10.3 Test of instantaneous tripping of correct opening of the contacts and of the trip-free function;— 9.15 Test of resistance to abnormal heat.

2) Application of Amendment 1 of EN 60898-1:2019

   Based on EN 60898-1:2019, tests and requirements have not been significantly modified from a technical point of view. Products already complying with EN 60898-1:2019 do not require retesting or inspection, Modified Annex J allows screwless terminals up to 40A when EN 60898-1:2019 allowed them only up to 20A. Technical changes in Annex J apply to products with rated current above 20A.

Annex ZZ
(informative)

Relationship between this European standard and the safety objectives of Directive 2014/35/EU [2014 OJ L96] aimed to be covered

This European standard has been prepared under a Commission's standardisation request relating to harmonised standards in the field of the Low Voltage Directive, M/511, to provide one voluntary means of conforming to safety objectives of Directive 2014/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits [2014 OJ L96].

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Table ZZ.1 — Correspondence between this European standard and Annex I of Directive 2014/35/EU [2014 OJ L96]

Safety objectives of Directive 2014/35/EU	Clause(s) / sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks / Notes
(1)(a)	4, 5, 6 - 9.3	
(1)(b)	8.1 - 9.4 and 9.5 Annex J, Annex K	
(1)(c)	7 - 9.1 and 9.2, Annex I	
(2)(a)	8.2 – 9.6, 8.5 – 9.9, 8.6 – 9.10, 8.7 - 9.11, 8.8 - 9.12, Annex H, Annex C ,	
(2)(b)	8.4 – 9.8, 8.5 – 9.9, 8.6 – 9.10, 8.7 - 9.11, 8.8 – 9.12, Annex H, 8.13 – 9.8.5, Annex C	
(2)(c)	8.1.2 – 9.10.3	
(2)(d)	8.1.3 – 9.7, Annex B, 8.3 – 9.7	
(3)(a)	8.9 – 9.13, 8.12 – 9.16,	
(3)(b)	8.10 – 9.14, 8.11 – 9.15, 8.14, 8.15	
(3)(c)	8.6 – 9.10, 8.8 – 9.12, Annex H	

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a) Revision of 9.5 Terminals

b) Revision of the test of glow wire

c) Simplification of the figures for short circuit tests.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

〖A1〗 The following differing practices of a less permanent nature exist in the countries indicated below.

– Annex J, Clause J.1: Upper limit of current for use of screwless terminals is 16 A (CZ, DK, NL and CH; upper limit of current for use of screwless terminals is 30 A (Japan).

– J.3.3: Only universal screwless-type terminals are accepted (AT, BE, CN, DK, DE, ES, FR, IT, PT, SE and CH). 〖/A1〗

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Part 1: Circuit-breakers for a.c. operation

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60898 applies to a.c. air-break circuit-breakers for operation at 50 Hz, 60 Hz or 50/60 Hz, having a rated voltage not exceeding 440 V (between phases), a rated current not exceeding 125 A and a rated short-circuit capacity not exceeding 25 000 A.

As far as possible, it is in line with the requirements contained in IEC 60947-2.

〈A1〉 NOTE 1 Additional requirements are necessary for circuit-breakers used in locations having more severe overvoltage conditions. 〈A1〉

These circuit-breakers are intended for the protection against overcurrents of wiring installations of buildings and similar applications; they are designed for use by uninstructed people and 〈A1〉 do not require maintenance. 〈A1〉

They are intended for use in an environment with pollution degree 2 〈C〉 and overvoltage category III. 〈C〉

〈C〉 For an environment with a higher pollution degree, enclosures giving the appropriate degree of protection are used. 〈C〉

They are suitable for isolation.

〈C〉 Circuit-breakers of this standard are suitable for use in IT systems provided that the requirements of HD 60364-4-43 are complied with. 〈C〉

This standard also applies to circuit-breakers having more than one rated current, provided that the means for changing from one discrete rating to another is not accessible in normal service and that the rating cannot be changed without the use of a tool.

This standard does not apply to

– circuit-breakers intended to protect motors;
– circuit-breakers, the current setting of which is adjustable by means accessible to the user.

For circuit-breakers having a degree of protection higher than IP20 according to IEC 60529, for use in locations where arduous environmental conditions prevail (e.g. excessive humidity, heat or cold or deposition of dust) and in hazardous locations (e.g. where explosions are liable to occur), special constructions may be required.

〈A1〉 This standard does not apply to circuit-breakers for a.c. and d.c. operation,which is covered by IEC 60898-2. 〈A1〉