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IEC 60050-601	-	International Electrotechnical Vocabulary. Chapter 601: Generation, transmission and distribution of electricity - General	-	-
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IEC 61189-3	2007	Test methods for electrical materials, printed boards and other interconnection structures and assemblies - Part 3: Test methods for interconnection structures (printed boards)	EN 61189-3	2008
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**SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR POWER ELECTRONIC
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Part 1: General

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It has the status of a group safety publication in accordance with IEC Guide 104.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2012 and Amendment 1:2016. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) PECS emitting or receiving radio waves added in the Scope;
- b) simplification of the concept of DVC As including the voltage-time-zones;

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- c) improved consistency of the concept "protection" versus "insulation" according to IEC 61140;
- d) limits for touch current updated and limits for PE conductor currents added;
- e) thin sheet of tape materials reworked and tests added;
- f) inner layers of multi-layer printed wiring boards added;
- g) mechanical hazards updated;
- h) requirements for enclosures updated;
- i) requirements for wiring and connections updated;
- j) polymeric enclosure requirements updated;
- k) requirements for components added;
- l) several test added (e.g. UV, working voltage, SPD, preconditioning);
- m) information and marking requirements updated;
- n) requirements for the contrast of symbols added;
- o) several annexes updated.

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A list of all the parts in the IEC 62477 series, published under the general title *Safety requirements for power electronic converter systems and equipment*, can be found on the IEC website.

In this document, terms in *italic* are defined in Clause 3.

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INTRODUCTION

This document relates to products that include *power electronic converters*, with a rated *system voltage* not exceeding 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC. It specifies requirements to reduce risks of fire, electric shock, thermal, energy and mechanical hazards, except functional safety as defined in IEC 61508 (all parts). The objectives of this document are to establish a common terminology and basis for the safety requirements of products that contain *power electronic converters* across several IEC technical committees.

During the update of the document, feedback from technical committees which used the IEC 62477-1 as reference document has been taken into consideration.

Modifications have been made to 4.4.2 and Annex A considering the safe to touch voltage *DVC As* under normal operating conditions and *single fault conditions*. On request from TCs using this document as a reference document, the determination of *DVC As* has been simplified. The determination of *DVC As* in IEC 62477-1:2012 and IEC 62477-1:2012/AMD1:2016 was developed based on IEC TS 60479-1:2005¹ and IEC TR 60479-5:2007 and in details taking different environmental condition, size of body contact area and body reaction into consideration. This change also included time-voltage zones in Annex A for relevant body reactions, environmental conditions and contact area.

NOTE See IEC 60479-1:2018 for further information about effects of current on human beings and livestock.

This document follows the simplified concepts of the basic safety standard IEC 61140:2016, 5.2.6, considering two situations in Table 2 of this document:

- a) dry and large contact areas;
- b) all other cases.

For the temporary increase of voltage during *single fault conditions*, it was decided to use the more simplified approach to limit the voltage to the maximum voltage of *DVC B* which is also used by other committees.

This document has been developed with the intention

- to be used as a reference document for product committees inside TC 22 in the development of product standards for *power electronic converter systems* and equipment,
- to replace IEC 62103² as a product family standard providing minimum requirements for safety aspects of *power electronic converter systems* and equipment in apparatus for which no product standard exists, and

NOTE The scope of IEC 62103 contains reliability and electromagnetic compatibility aspects, which are not covered by this document.

- to be used as a reference document for product committees outside TC 22 in the development of product standards of *power electronic converter systems* and equipment intended renewable energy sources. TC 82, TC 88, TC 105 and TC 114, in particular, have been identified as relevant technical committees at the time of publication.

Technical committees using this document should carefully consider the relevance of each paragraph in this document for the product under consideration and reference, add, replace or modify requirement as relevant. Product specific topics not covered by this document are in the responsibility of the technical committees using this document as reference document.

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SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR POWER ELECTRONIC CONVERTER SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT –

Part 1: General

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62477 applies to *power electronic converter systems (PECS)*, any specified *accessories*, and their *components* for *electronic power conversion* and electronic power switching, including the means for their control, protection, monitoring and measurement, such as with the main purpose of converting electric power, with rated system *voltages* not exceeding 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC.

This document also applies to *PECS* which intentionally emit or receive radio waves for the purpose of radio communication.

This document can also be used as a reference standard for product committees producing product standards for:

- adjustable speed electric power drive systems (PDS);
- standalone uninterruptible power systems (UPS);
- *low voltage* stabilized DC power supplies;
- bidirectional power converters.

For *PECS* and their specified *accessories* for which no product standard exists, this document provides minimum requirements for safety aspects.

This document has the status of a group safety publication in accordance with IEC Guide 104 for *power electronic converter systems* for solar, wind, tidal, wave, fuel cell or similar energy sources.

According to IEC Guide 104, one of the responsibilities of technical committees is, wherever applicable, to make use of basic safety publications and/or group safety publications in the preparation of their product standards.

Guidance for use of this group safety publication for product committees is given in Annex S.

This document

- establishes a common terminology for safety aspects relating to *PECS*,
- establishes minimum requirements for the coordination of safety aspects of interrelated parts within a *PECS*,
- establishes a common basis for minimum safety requirements for the *PECS* portion of products that contain *PECS*,
- specifies requirements to reduce risks of fire, electric shock, thermal, energy and mechanical hazards, during use and operation and, where specifically stated, during service and maintenance, and
- specifies minimum requirements to reduce risks with respect to *PECS* designed as pluggable and *permanently connected equipment*, whether it consists of a system of interconnected units or independent units, subject to installing, operating and maintaining the *PECS* in the manner prescribed by the manufacturer.