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EN 60947-3:2009 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 60947-3:1999:

- alignment with EN 60947-1:2007;
- a switching operation without current allowed between making and breaking operation (Table 3);
- increased number of operations for AC-23 allowed with agreement of the manufacturer (Table 3);
- simplified test procedure amended, f) added to 8.3.2.1.3;
- temperature rise test shall be made at the rated operational current *l*e instead of the conventional enclosed thermal current *l*the (8.3.3.1).

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For the relationship with EU Directive(s) see informative Annex ZZ, which is an integral part of this document.

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IEC 60364-7-712:2002	NOTE	Harmonized as HD 60364-7-712:2005 (not modified).
IEC 60664-1	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 60664-1.

Annex ZA

(normative)

Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

NOTE 1 When 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: <u>www.cenelec.eu</u>.

Publication	Year	Title	<u>EN/HD</u>	Year
IEC 60050-441	1984	International Electrotechnical Vocabulary	-	-
+ A1	2000	(IEV) - Chapter 441: Switchgear, controlgear and fuses	-	-
IEC 60269	series	Low-voltage fuses	EN 60269 HD 60269 CLC/TR 60269	series
IEC 60410	1973	Sampling plans and procedures for inspection by attributes	-	-
IEC 60417-DB	2002	Graphical symbols for use on equipment	-	-
IEC 60947-1	2007	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear -	EN 60947-1	2007
+ A1	2010	Part 1: General rules	+ A1	2011
+ A2	2014		+ A2	2014
IEC 60947-2	2006	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear -	EN 60947-2	2006
+ A1	2009	Part 2: Circuit-breakers	+ A1	2009
+ A2	2013		+ A2	2013
IEC 60947-4-1	2009	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear -	EN 60947-4-1	2010
+ A1	2012	Part 4-1: Contactors and motor-starters - Electromechanical contactors and motor- starters	+ A1	2012
IEC 60947-5-1	2003	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear -	EN 60947-5-1	2004
-	-	Part 5-1: Control circuit devices and switching elements - Electromechanical	+ corrigendum Nov.	2004
-	-	control circuit devices	+ corrigendum Jul.	2005
+ A1	2009		+ A1	2009

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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) -	EN 61000-4-3	2006
+ A1	2007	Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques - Radiated, radio-frequency,	+ A1	2008
-	-	electromagnetic field immunity test	+ IS	2009
+ 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 61000-4-5	2014	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques - Surge immunity test	EN 61000-4-5	2014
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
CISPR 11 (mod)	2009	Industrial, scientific and medical	EN 55011	2009
+ A1	2010	equipment - Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics - Limits and methods of measurement	+ A1	2010
CISPR 22 (mod)	2008	Information technology equipment - Radio	EN 55022	2010
-	-	disturbance characteristics - Limits and methods of measurement	+ AC	2011

Annex ZZ

(informative)

Coverage of Essential Requirements of EC Directives

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Compliance with this standard provides presumption of conformity with the specified essential requirements of the Directives concerned.

NOTE: Other requirements and other EU Directives may be applicable to the products falling within the scope of this standard.

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