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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL/6, Industrial Switchgear and Controlgear.

The objective of this Standard is to specify requirements and tests for proximity devices with an enhanced resistance to failure (PDF).

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1.1 Scope

This part of IEC 60947 applies to proximity devices with an enhanced resistance to failure (PDF).

It specifies requirements for four different types of PDF.

NOTE – Due to their enhanced resistance to failure, PDFs apply for instance to:

- interlocking devices (see ISO 14119);
- the detection of the presence or absence of protective devices (see ISO/TR 12100-1).

For a PDF used in applications where additional characteristics, dealt with in other standards, are required, it will be necessary to satisfy the requirements of all relevant standards.

1.2 Normative references

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